

MS PTO General Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, April 18th, 2017, 10:30am.
Conference Hall @ G building**

Attendance: Dr. David Lovelin, Mr. Eric Majors, Ms. Kelley, Mr. Hernandez, PTO board members, and about 50 KIS MS parents.

Welcome By PTO president

- MS President greeted all attending parents and faculties.

This Month MS PTO

- The new KIS catering company - Hyundai Green Food
 - What's new?
 - More food choice : Korean, Western, Burger/Pasta, Vegetarian, and Halal menu
 - Free Salad Bar with meal purchase (salad bar only 2,500 won)
 - More deli items with lower price
 - Cafeteria renovation over the summer break
 - Convenience store beginning Fall 2017
 - Daily/monthly menus, online payment, purchase records, suggestions
- www.h-kis.com
- KIS Food Committee 2017-2018
 - KIS Food Committee is composed of ES/MS/HS PTO Lunch committee chairs, a faculty member, 3 staffs from school business department, and cafeteria manage.
 - They meet regularly for food survey sessions by outside company and cafeteria/store monitoring.
- MS PTO Mini-Grant Program
 - 6 Teams applied MS PTO Mini-Grant for the school year of 2016-17.
 - Principal evaluated and decided to provide the grants for all 6 teams.
 - Compared to last year, new ideas and projects were introduced.
 - 4 out of 6 projects were related to the environmental issues.
 - ACO Plan (Animal Care Organization) was exceptional in respect to the emotional development of each student.
- Event Report
 - Library
 - Spring Book Fair - PTO provided lunch coupons to the What The Book staff members.
 - March Madness - PTO provided gift cards and pizzas to the winners.
 - Library's Fantastic Party- PTO is planning to support the party foods.
 - Jamborees
 - KIS hosted Table tennis and Volleyball jamborees in March.
 - Total of 560 players and coaches were attended.

- In April, KIS hosts Girls' and Boys' Basketball Jamboree, and Hyundai Green Food and PTO are planning to have snack sale for those days.
 - Upcoming Events
 - Teacher Appreciation day, Spring EE Trip, Fun Run Co-host, 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Highlights from the MS - Dr. Lovelin

- Many new programs were built for next school year
 - Collaboration works
 - Students like variety and it makes KIS different.
 - Literacy Lab - to support all students who are struggling with English
 - English teachers will be teaching these courses for semester long.
 - For Theater Art program, we combined high school and middle school and they do collaboration works. Very unique compared to other schools
- EE Trips
 - Rustic Pathways
 - Few years ago, only 8th grade went for the spring break EE trip. It was fun, but no educational impact for students.
 - Now all 6,7 and 8th grade are getting something out of Rustic Pathways program through spring EE trip.
 - Allow your students to attend. - It is worthy.
 - May EE Trip
 - Students can have the information about May EE Trip on April 27th.
 - School will be having an information meeting for parents about that time.
- Twitter - # KIS Pride
 - School posts on Twitter daily life on campus.
- Dr. Lovelin introduced a video clip - Effective Teamwork and Collaboration

Fun Run Charity - Ms. Kelley

- May 22 and May 23
- Money raised over the past 3 years : 40,005,292 KRW
- Goals
 - Have fun
 - Empower our students to be global citizens
 - Help others that are less fortunate and in need
 - Encourage healthy habits that will last a lifetime
 - Support each other and encourage each other to do well
- Same with last year
 - Having parents supports
 - Bouncy obstacle course and slip n' slide to get students excited and motivated to run
 - Fun Run wristband for all of the students
 - Mini fun run for the 5th grade students
 - Student prize
- New prize for this year
 - Top fundraiser and top runner from each grade level get to take a trip to Sports Monster in Hanam Starfield

- Special visitor this year - Jackson Kugari, founder of Nyaka Foundation, will join for the Fun Run.
- The fund will be used for Nyaka, Laos orphanage, Korean orphanage, and other local charities.

2017 KIS Summer Programs - Mr. Majors

- Online application posted on www.kis.kr with camp description on each session.
 - Session 1 (June 12 - June 23) Ready, Aim, Fire!
 - Session 2 (June 26 - July 07) Swiftly on our appy ways
- Tuition covers all necessary costs including off campus tours, lunch, snacks, T-shirts, and etc, only except for transportation fee.
- To enroll :
 - Online application Form
 - Printable application Form (Korean/English)
 - Email for any questions : emajors@kis.or.kr

Invited Talk - Mr. Hernandez (Social studies department)

- Mr. Hernandez went through the questions from the parent.
 - How are the topics in social studies divided among 6,7 and 8 grade?
 - The curriculum is divided chronologically
 - 6th - They study the Middle East, China, India, Greece, Rome and Africa.
 - 7th - They study the ancient Romans, the Byzantine Empire, the rise and spread of early Islamic Civilization, Korean History, pre-Columbus Americas, and medieval and renaissance Europe.
 - 8th - They focus on the history and geography of the United States from the Age of Exploration through Civil War.
 - How many projects are there throughout the academic year?
 - Mostly 1 project per 1 unit
 - For both individual and group project
 - For collaboration project, teachers provide class time to work together.
 - Even in group project, individual effort will be considered.
 - Are students required to buy the Cornell notebooks?
 - They use the Cornell notebooks because it is the effective way to study.
 - What are the topics covered in the curriculum?
 - Students will learn chronological relationship and patterns, historical perspective, how and each civilization developed interrelationships with peoples of the area, technological and cultural innovations and changes and the basic geography of these regions.
 - They learn contemporary issues to connect the contents, and learn to have critical eyes to all the current circumstances.
 - Are the lessons textbook based?
 - Textbook sources combined with outside sources such as research, cartoons and etc.

- What are the books that social studies teacher can recommend the rising 9th grade students?
 - East Asian studies : Boxers & Saints

The MS PTO general meeting was followed by the grade meetings and were adjourned around 12:00 PM.

Parents' feedback and suggestions at the grade meetings will be collected by each grade representative and will be used for the school improvements.

Light lunch from Hyundai Green Food was served especially for this meeting.