



**Meeting Minutes**  
**King Middle School PTSA Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**KMS Cafeteria**

Welcome (Constance)

Introductions:

Constance Franklin, President

Ali Noack, VP of Parent Engagement

Ashley Dyson, Communications Secretary

Holly Wilhelm, Recording Secretary

Rebekah Tiller, Treasurer, and Muffy Leven, VP of Fundraising (unable to attend)

PTA Support and Committee Sign-Ups (Ashley)

Stay connected on social media!

- On Facebook:
  - Martin Luther King Jr. PTSA page
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School page (admin-led)
- On Instagram:
  - kingmiddleptsa and Apsmlkjaguars
- On Twitter, follow:
  - @APSMLK and @kingibbs

Support us by joining the PTSA, and consider making donations through the King Cares fund on MemberHub. King Cares donations will be directed to the PTSA general fund, which will be primarily used for teacher appreciation efforts and for fulfilling teacher requests. Look out for specific donation requests throughout the year to support teacher requests and other needs. Ms. Gibbs pointed out that she can use APS and Title I funds to support students and parents, but she depends on the PTSA to show love to the 100 staff members currently employed at the school.

Consider joining a PTSA committee – we're forming committees for Hospitality, Fundraising, and Wellness. Sign-up sheets are available at the meeting, or anyone can email [kingmiddenews@gmail.com](mailto:kingmiddenews@gmail.com) to volunteer.

#### Budget (Holly, filling in for Rebekah)

Projected fundraising for the 2022-2023 school year is \$5100. This will come mainly from merchandise sales, parent donations, and business sponsorships. PTSA members who own or work for a neighborhood business and might be interested in sponsoring the PTSA are encouraged to contact a board member about donations. Merchandise sales do help contribute to PTSA revenue, but the aim is to keep merchandise affordable to allow all to show school spirit.

Projected spending is currently \$7980, mostly on teacher appreciation and support and on purchasing merchandise for sale.

This does represent a budget shortfall. PTSA will offer updates throughout the year and will ask membership to vote on amendments to the projected budget.

There were no questions about the budget. Holly asked for a motion to approve. Jeanne Fore made the motion, Beth Hayden seconded, and the members unanimously voted to approve the budget.

#### Principal's Chat (Ms. Gibbs)

Ms. Gibbs introduced the staff who were attending the meeting and thanked them for giving their time.

She explained the new bathroom/hall pass policy that has been implemented. In the interest of keeping students in class and focused on learning, each student will receive 5 hall passes per class period per 9-week grading period. Teachers have been instructed not to withhold bathroom privileges from students who have used all their passes, and caregivers of students with special circumstances should contact their teachers about exceptions to this policy.

She next discussed the cellphone policy, which is that phones should be turned off and put away during school hours to prevent distractions from learning. Caregivers who need to reach their students in an emergency can call the front office and a message will be delivered.

Ms. Gibbs explained that uniforms are required this year on Monday through Thursday of each week. Students may wear khaki, navy, or black pants, skirts, or shorts, or jeans. Length of skirts and shorts will not be policed at school, but parents are asked to make sure lengths are appropriate. Collared polo shirts should be worn, preferably in the uniform colors of burgundy, gold, or black. Students not in uniform will be required to change.

A new dismissal policy was just introduced; this should help the students get on the busses more quickly.

Principal Gibbs encouraged parents and caregivers to email her with any other questions they might have. She does read all emails, but receives a LOT of them so please allow up to two days for a response.

She finished with a brief announcement about what it means to be a Title I school.

Adjourn for Family Bingo and Dinner