

Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2014

In Attendance: Lisa Tingler, Julie Mondì, Rachel Innis, Tammy Metz, Laura Marler, Miranda Middona, Martne McCoy, Laura Gampfer, Kathy Webster, Brandie Kottmeyer, Lola Salamon.

As a reminder, all parents who have children attending Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School are members of the PTO and are invited to attend meetings. Meetings are held on a Thursday each month during the school year in the school library at 7:00 p.m. Please visit the KBC-PTO website to verify meeting dates.

The January 2014 Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO meeting was called to order by Kathy Webster at 6:59 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. **Secretary's Report:** a motion was made by Laura Gampfer to waive the reading of the October 2013 PTO meeting minutes. Second: Laura Marler. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. A reminder that all KBC-PTO meeting minutes are on the PTO website: <http://kbcpto.org/pto-meetings/>
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Lola Salamon reported that a check from Box Tops was received for \$1,410.00 (from May through October submissions). McCare Night totals have been very low. Kathy Webster will look into this. A check from Meijer was received for \$104.00 and a check from Paisano's was received for \$67.53. To date, kindergarten, second, and fourth grades have used their field trip money from the PTO. Also, great job to the Family Bingo & Auction Night committee!
3. **Faculty Report :** Tammy Metz said thank you to the PTO for all they do.
4. **Principal's Report:** Mrs. McCoy is looking for parent volunteers to discuss how they use writing in their jobs or in day to day life. Please check your e-mail for more information on this and contact Mrs. McCoy if you are interested in participating.

NEW and OLD BUSINESS

1. **KBC Sign:** the electricity has been turned on and the sign looks great. Many thanks to parent Paul Ross of Ross Electric in Kaneville for donating all of the electrical work for this project! We will work on a thank-you for their business.
2. **Building/Principal Wish List:** discussed setting aside \$20,000.00 to put towards new technology purchases. Mrs. McCoy said there are several pilot programs at school right now to test different tech items, and once the staff has made some decisions, Mrs. McCoy will report their findings back to the PTO. Kathy Webster motioned \$20,000.00 towards building technology. Second: Lola Salamon. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
3. Tammy Metz reported Tim Wolf with tech department discussed paying for a Chrome books cart. She will follow-up on this.
4. **Kindergarten Registration Table:** Volunteers are still needed on February 8th from 8 a.m. til 1 p.m. for one hour shifts. If you are able to help, please e-mail kbc_pto@yahoo.com.
5. **Buddy or Friendship Bench:** Lola Salamon suggested purchasing this bench for use on the playground. If a student needs someone to play with or is looking for a friend, they sit on this nicely painted bench. Mrs. McCoy will look into having a location approved, Lisa Tingler will talk to parent Erin Livermore, and Tammy Metz will talk to Kara Berth in regards to artwork on the bench. Lola Salamon motioned \$2,000.00 for purchasing the bench, paint, supplies, and installation. Second: Kathy Webster. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
6. **Playground Equipment:** Laura Gampfer reported that several students have requested more snow blocks for recess. Laura Marler will ask playground monitor, Linda Vaughn. Follow-up: Linda Vaughn reports that more blocks are needed.
7. **Vaughan Athletic Center:** Laura Gampfer reported that the VAC will again be offering a discounted membership rate for parents in the Kaneland School District. Renewing members: Fitness – \$15.00/month or \$180.00 annually. All-Inclusive – \$22.00/month or \$216.00 annually. New members – \$25 initiation: Fitness – \$18.00/month or \$216.00 annually. All-Inclusive – \$26.00/month or \$312.00 annually. All registrations and payment can be turned in to Hayden Howes (hhowes@fvpd.net) at the Vaughan Athletic Center by the end of February.
8. **Volunteer Appreciation Knight Out:** Lola Salmon suggested a fun night out for KBC PTO volunteers in May. The PTO would cover appetizers. Lola will look into a date and location and report back at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ***After School Enrichment***: Classes start next week. Parents can wait in the foyer area for pick-up at 4:30 p.m. Please remember to send a note in your child's backpack.
2. ***Anytime Committee***: Volunteers are still needed for the Family Bingo and Auction Night on February 1st. Please sign-up for a 30 minute shift.
3. ***Assemblies***: Kathy Webster reported for Wendy Beck that the Wheel of Wisdom assembly was in December at a cost of \$1,195.00. On February 18th, the Child's Play Theatre will perform and the cost is \$1,500.00. Wendy is looking for one more assembly this year.
4. ***Box Tops for Education***: Julie Mondri reported that Box Tops collections are doing well and that a check for \$1,400.00 was just received.
5. ***Bulletin Board***: the winter new bulletin board looks great. Many thanks to Lynn Gares and Christine Issacs. If committee chairs have flyers or information for the bulletin board and are unsure where to put it, please contact Lynn or Christine.
9. ***Class Party Reimbursement***: it was discussed that due to the large amount of work involved in this and the small number of participants, to not offer this again for the Valentine's Day party. We could instead allocate the remaining funds towards a "buddy or friendship bench". We also discussed for the 2041-2015 school year, having a Sign-Up Genius for classroom parent coordinators. This person would then send a letter home requesting a donation of \$10 per student to cover all class party supplies for the school year. Mrs. McCoy also mentioned that food may not be allowed at class parties next year due to food allergies. Kelly Vohs and Kelly Mahadev have offered to co-chair this for next year.
6. ***Community Giving***: Kathy Webster reported for Rhonda May that she is going to coordinate a food drive and meal-making event to help homeless people in Chicago. More details coming soon.
7. ***Family Bingo & Auction Night***: Kathy Webster reported for Lisa Brown that we are expecting 250+ in attendance, a catalog of all auction and raffle items was sent home last week, additional items are still coming in, bidding numbers will be available for all KBC families, all are welcome to attend. Concessions will consist of cake pops, popcorn, candy bars, and lemonade. A magician will be on hand to entertain. Volunteers are still needed during the event, and help with clean-up is still needed. Bingo cards will be given to children only. Kathy Webster reported for Julie Keen that all of the classroom baskets are wrapped and turned in, there will be pictures of each basket in the corresponding classroom, parent coordinators did an awesome job, and that there will be a class reward for the class with most raffle tickets in their basket.
8. ***Family Knight Out***: Laura Gampfer reported that the next FKO will be at Potbelly in Geneva Commons on February 20th from 4-8 p.m. No coupon or flyer required.

9. **Family Movie Night:** Miranda Middona reported that the next movie night will be on February 21st at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2”. We will need to keep children off the stage and off the cords, discussed using gym cones and rope with signs to do this.
10. **Holiday Shop:** Kathy Webster reported for Lisa Siblik that we earned \$500.00 in free books and they have been ordered. Lisa worked with the LRC to order grade level books for 3-5th grade and they will be delivered to school soon.
11. **Kane County Cougars Reading Incentive:** this will start January 24th and end on March 21st. Forms are on the PTO website and are due by March 26th. Ticket order forms will be sent home in April, the game is scheduled for Friday May 2nd.
12. **Manna:** Lola Salamon reported that \$64.50 was raised for December Manna. Laura Marler mentioned that other schools offer Manna purchases year-round, and the parents pay for shipping. She will discuss this with Julie Weintraub.
13. **School Directory:** we are getting questions about class lists for birthday parties. Please direct any questions to Mrs. McCoy.
14. **Sports Skills and Games Nights:** Laura Marler reported that 25 students attended the last gym night. The next one is scheduled for February 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at KBC.
15. **WatchDogs:** Laura Marler reported that volunteers are still needed. Please visit the KBC PTO website to sign-up.
16. **Yearbook:** Kathy Webster reported for Jennifer Lycan that she needs pictures from specials and recess. Tammy Metz’s students may be able to help with this. For the fifth grade parent letters with baby pictures, Mrs. McCoy can send an e-mail to all fifth grade parents, and a flyer can be posted on Konnect. Forms cannot go home in the backpacks.

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the KBC library.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webster at 8:13 p.m.

The meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Laura Gampfer, Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO Secretary.

