

Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2013

In Attendance: Laura Gampfer, Kathy Webster, Brandie Kottmeyer, Jennifer Lycan, Julie Mondt, Lola Salamon, Andy Gibbs.

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 February Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO meeting was called to order by Kathy Webster at 7:02 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. **Secretary's Report:** a motion was made by Kathy Webster to waive the reading of the November 2012 PTO meeting minutes. Second: Laura Gampfer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. A reminder that all KBC-PTO meeting minutes are on the PTO website: <http://www.kbcpto.org/>
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Lola Salamon reported that the Potbelly Family Knight Out raised \$338.44 and the last McCare Night raised \$169.85.
3. **Faculty Report** from Mrs. Tierney:
 - Kathy Webster reported for Mrs. Tierney that a building "wish list" for purchase ideas/requests was e-mailed to staff. Discussed smart boards, more laptops for classroom use, more playground equipment. The table is open for discussion on this and ideas are always welcome.
4. **Principal's Report** from Mr. Gibbs:
 - Thank you from Mr. Gibbs and the KBC staff for the new Nooks.
 - According to Sarah Mumm, KBC school has to put out a handbook, not a paper calendar. In the future, the school will pay for the handbook, and they will have a "save the date" section for important events. The PTO will no longer pay 50% of this total. Discussed why having an updateable calendar, such as the PTO Google Calendar, is valuable because dates/times do change and the paper calendar is a static document.

NEW and OLD BUSINESS

1. In the past, field trips were \$500 per grade level. Due to a fluctuating number of students in different grade levels, \$7.50 per student was suggested by Kathy Webster. Motion by Kathy

Webster for \$7.50 per student. Second: Laura Gampfer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

2. Jamie Holubecki is requesting white boards for PE classes. Two boards would cost \$931.90. Motion by Kathy Webster to allot \$1,000.00 for two white boards. Second: Lola Salamon. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
3. Jump Rope for Heart budget: the PTO pays for prizes every year. Jamie Holubecki has requested an increase to \$350. Motion by Kathy Webster for \$350.00. Second: Brandie Kottmeyer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. Family Movie Night: no volunteers as of yet. Lola Salamon offered to coordinate, with help from Kathy Webster and Laura Gampfer. Discussed date of February 22, 2013.
5. Kindergarten Registration Table: Lola Salamon and Kathy Webster will be working this event at the high school. Kindergartens can preorder classroom supplies there. The date is March 16, 2013, from 8-12 at the high school.
6. Spring Open House: the PTO will have several tables set-up. Kathy Webster will check with Lisa Kirkwood to see if we can sell spirit wear that night. The date is March 14, 2013, from 6-8 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Adult Dinner Dance & Silent Auction:** Laura Gampfer reported that the **Adult Dinner Dance & Silent Auction will be Saturday, March 16, 2013**, at Hughes Creek Golf Club in Elburn. Donations and sponsors are still needed. For more info or to purchase tickets for the Dinner Dance, Cash Draw Down Fundraiser, and Raffles, go to: <http://kbcpto.org/adult-dinner-dance/>.
2. **After School Enrichment:** Kathy Webster reported that ASE is almost completed and that it was difficult this year to get parent volunteers to supervise. Discussed having more classes on fewer days next year to help with this problem.
3. **Box Tops for Education:** Julie Mondri requested an additional budget of \$200.00 for prizes to finish this school year and use for next year. Kathy Webster motioned a budget of \$200.00. Second: Laura Gampfer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
4. **Family Knight Out:** Laura Gampfer reported that the next date is **February 21, 2013, at California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva Commons from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.** This can be used for lunch, dinner, snacks, whatever! Present the flyer to your server and 20% of your total will be donated to the KBC PTO: <http://kbcpto.org/family-knight-out/>.
5. **Junior Achievement:** Kathy Webster reported that the following classes still need parent volunteer instructors: Buhrt, Momich, Reuter, Messina, Unger, Johnson, and Eichman needs a co-teacher. Please contact Danni-Lynn Korpela if you are interested in volunteering.
6. **Kane County Cougars Reading Incentive:** the game date is scheduled for May 31, 2013 . A new co-chair is needed to train with Jacquie Grytza and Melanie Pettry. Please contact them if you are interested.
7. **Publicity:** a chairperson is still needed! If you are interested, please contact a PTO board member!
8. **Spirit Wear:** We are looking for a new company. If you have any ideas, please e-mail kbc_pto@yahoo.com .

9. **Yearbook:** a reminder that 5th grade photos/letters are due by February 20, 2013.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 28th, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the KBC Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webster at 7:56 p.m.

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