

Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2014

In Attendance: Kim Bartkowiak, Kelly Mahadev, Doreen Ocampo, Julie Mondy, Denise VanDeViere, Lisa Tingler, Julie Keen, Laura Marler, Martne McCoy, Laura Gampfer, Kathy Webster, Jennifer Lycan.

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

*We received a very special presentation from some of Ms. Owen's fifth grade students at tonight's meeting. The students showed parents some of the computer programs they are currently using on items purchased with KBC PTO funds (Chrome books and mini-iPads). Many thanks to those that participated!

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. **Secretary's Report:** a motion was made by Kathy Webster to waive the reading of the April 2014 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:** Laura Marler reported for Lola Salamon that the KBC PTO has raised \$23,481.10 to date this school year.
3. **Faculty Report :** None.
4. **Principal's Report:**
 - Many thanks from Mrs. McCoy and KBC staff for the great teacher appreciation luncheon.
 - Mrs. McCoy discussed the district's Barnes and Noble fundraiser that will include purchases of books, magazines, music, food, coffee, etc., from the Geneva location or online with code. A percentage will be donated back to Kaneland's elementary schools. Teachers, staff, and future educators from high school will be there. The dates are May 29 – June 1. See flyer on KBC PTO website for details and online code.
 - 2014-2015 Dates for PTO Events: Mrs. McCoy has requested dates for the KBC paper handbook/calendar for printing in early June. As of now, Butter Braid will be in November and April, Manna will be the 15th of every month, Family Knight Out and

McCare dates are typically the third Thursday of each month, Spring Fling social event in May. For the holiday shop, a janitor is required if food is present (that the PTO would have to pay for).

NEW and OLD BUSINESS

1. **Buddy Bench:** Lisa Tingler reported that the Buddy bench should be delivered in the next week. Third and fourth grade students did the artwork that will be put on the bench.
2. **2014-2015 Board Elections:** the following parents will make up next year's Executive Board. All in favor, none opposed, all positions accepted.
Kathy Webster, President
Julie Keen, Co-President
Denise VanDeVeire, Vice-President
Kim Bartkowiak, Secretary
Laura Marler, Treasurer
Lola Salamon, Co-Treasurer
Laura Gampfer and Brandie Kottmeyer, Communications.
3. **Committee Chair Needs for 2014-2015:** Laura Marler reported that the following committees need chairs for next year: Assemblies co-chair, Family Bingo and Auction Night – Bingo/Games Chair, and Kindness Campaign.
4. **Volunteer Appreciation Knight Out:** if you have volunteered this year, please join us for this fun knight out to thank our many volunteers on Thursday, May 29th, at Schmidt's in Elburn from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Appetizers, soda, coffee, and tea will be provided.
5. **Summer Budget Meeting:** this meeting will be open to everyone and the executive board needs to be present. Discussed the week of August 11th to meet as a board and to meet with Mrs. McCoy to discuss next year's events and fundraisers.
6. **Class Field Trip Budget Update:** First grade has approximately \$400.00 left to spend, fifth grade has not spent any of their \$1,000.00 to date.
7. **Classroom Coordinator for 2014-2015:** Kelly Mahadev and Mrs. McCoy discussed how this will be handled next year. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out immediately after school starts for parents to sign-up for Classroom Coordinator or Yearbook Photographer positions (only one and only one class per family). If coordinators choose to collect money for games, prizes, decorations, etc., then any money left at the end of the school year will need to be spent back on that classroom. There will be no snacks or drinks at class parties starting next year (district change).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Box Top\$:** Julie Mondri reported that last year, Box Tops had raised \$1,923.50 by the end of the school year, and this year we have raised \$2,316.50. Over \$100.00 was turned in from

yesterday to today for the pizza party contest. Julie requested a budget increase by \$100.00 for prizes. Motion by Kathy Webster for \$100.00 budget increase. Second: Kim Bartkowiak. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

2. **Community Giving - Sack Lunch Build:** Laura Gampfer reported that this event was a huge success, with over 90 meals packed for a women and children's shelter in Elgin, IL. Students had a great time, parents and staff also pitched in to help. It was suggested that we offer more dates for this event next year.
3. **Kane County Cougars Game:** Julie Keen reported that despite the fact that it was a rainy game, the students and families still enjoyed themselves.
4. **Run for Fund:** discussed donating a percentage of funds to specials classes for future Runs.
5. **Yearbook:** Jennifer Lycan reported that yearbooks are in and will be delivered to students on May 23rd. Discussed a "yearbook club" next year to work with Tammie Metz after school. Yearbooks can still be ordered online through the end of the school year, but a shipping fee will be added.

The next meeting will be in September 2014.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webster at 8:03 p.m.

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