

Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2012

In Attendance: Rhonda May, Jennifer Lycan, Sue Erickson, Julie Mondy, Lisa Pearson, Lisa Siblik, Laura Marler, JoAnn Tierney, Andy Gibbs, Kathy Webster, Brandie Kottmeyer, Laura Gampfer, Erin Schaefer, Susan Hazen.

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 the second Thursday of 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 October Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO meeting was called to order by Kathy Webster at 7:01 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. **Secretary's Report:** a motion was made by Kathy Webster to waive the reading of the September 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://kbcpto.org/>.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** please contact Lola Salamon if you have any questions. The last McCare Night raised \$144.96. The Run for Fund raised \$9,148.92.
3. **Faculty Report** from Mrs. Tierney:
 - A reminder that all teachers can join the PTO e-mail list by signing up on the PTO website, or by e-mailing kbc_pto@yahoo.com
 - Mrs. Tierney said that the students are excited to receive their Run for Fund prizes. These were ordered right after the Run and will be distributed as soon as they arrive.
4. **Principal's Report** from Mr. Bicker:
 - Mr. Gibbs commented that he received lots of good feedback on both the Run and the Family Fun Knight.

NEW and OLD BUSINESS

- Discussed a **Run for Fund committee** for next year. This committee would also have the date set and details finalized by the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Discussed keeping it on the Friday of Spirit Week, but having the Fun Knight at a later time. Lisa

Pearson asked if parents would be able to watch the Run, and Mr. Gibbs said he will look into that. Discussed fun “stations” throughout the run course, decorated flags that the students could make, etc.

- **“Run at Recess” program:** Mr. Gibbs reported that the recess monitors are on board for this program. A volunteer would be needed to work with recess monitors, specials teachers could help promote, etc. Myra Ottoson’s name was mentioned as someone who might be interested.
- **Staff drinking water renewal:** drinking water for teachers and staff costs the PTO approximately \$600/year. Fit Mama owner/founder Erin Schaefer offered to pay approximately \$400/year for the cost of water for staff, with the PTO then paying approximately \$200 year. Motion by Kathy Webster for \$200.00 for staff drinking water. Second: Susan Hazen. All in favor, none opposed. Many thanks to Erin Schaefer of Fit Mama!
- **Family movie night:** admission could be a non-perishable item or monetary donation to the Elburn food pantry. Popcorn and drinks would be served, all children must be accompanied by an adult, in the KBC multi-purpose room. Tentative date is Friday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m., rated G movie, open doors at 6 p.m. Movies will need to be decided. February 22nd would be the PG movie, same details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **After School Enrichment:** Kathy Webster reported for Robynn Pawlak that info will be on the website October 29th, November 12th instructor signup form is due, November 26th instructor’s students can register early, December 3rd is open registration, December 14th registration ends, January 7th email confirmations will be sent out, classes begin January 14th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at KBC.
2. **Box Top\$ for Education:** Julie Mondri reported that she sent in 200 Tyson labels, raising \$48.00. Mrs. Tierney is explaining and showing Box Top\$ to students. Julie is having prizes for kids that collect 25 or more labels, prizes will be available during fun lunch. Raffles, etc., will also be implemented to increase collection.
3. **Butterbraid:** a reminder that orders and payment are due at the same time.
4. **Family Knight Out:** Laura Marler reported that \$113 was raised at CPK on October 18, McDonald’s was \$144 for September. A new location for December 13th is still needed. Colonial, Golden Corral, Chik- Fil-A, Culver’s, Noodles were all suggested.
5. **Giving Back/Community Giving:** Rhonda may volunteered to chair this committee. Discussed food drives at the holiday shop and movie nights, book drives, etc.
6. **Holiday Shop:** Brandie Kottmeyer and Lisa Siblik reported that the date is set for Saturday, December 8th, from 9-12. Volunteers are still needed to be “elves” to help children shop.

7. **Junior Achievement:** two parents have offered to co-chair this committee.
8. **Manna Gift Cards:** \$110 was raised from the last Manna order.
9. **Planters Beautification:** many thanks to Wendy Beck for changing these with the seasons.
10. **School Directory:** is on Konnect, password protected, in the Virtual Backpack (will be there all year). It will be printed this year for those that requested, but in the future it will be only online and parents can print their own copy at home.
11. **Spiritwear:** a permanent link is on the PTO website.
12. **Welcome Committee:** Lisa Siblik reported that she created a welcome letter from the PTO to new families, which Jonna will hand-out to new parents. Discussed a sign-up authorization form that says “sign me up for directory”, etc.
13. **Yearbook:** photographers are still needed for Reuter, Bateman, and Welsh. E-mail Heather Partoll at jhmpartoll@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in helping out.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 29th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the KBC Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webster at 8:10 p.m.

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