

Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2012

In Attendance: Andy Gibbs, Erin Slattery, Lisa Pearson, Julie Mondy, Jennifer Rauwolf, Lisa Siblik, Sue Erickson, Laura Gampfer, Jenn Rosati, Kathryn Rossi, Kathy Webster, Brandie Kottmeyer, Lola Salamon, JoAnn Tierney, Jennifer Lycan, Tracy Healy.

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 September Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO meeting was called to order by Kathy Webster at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. **Secretary's Report:** a motion was made by Laura Gampfer to waive the reading of the May 2012 PTO meeting minutes. Second: Kathy Webster. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. A reminder that KBC-PTO meeting minutes are on the PTO website: <http://kbcpto.org/>.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** the following amounts were allocated for each committee for the 2012/2013 school year:
 - Box tops: \$150.00
 - Manna: \$25.00
 - Beautification: \$350.00
 - Directory: \$300.00
 - Family Fling Spring Dance: \$650.00
 - Yearbook: \$100.00
 - ASE: \$500.00
 - Family Fun Knight: \$500.00

A motion was made by Kathy Webster to approve. Second: Jenn Rosati. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

3. **Faculty Report** from Mrs. Tierney:
 - Linda Zurkowski has requested \$350.00 for author/musician Lisa Coleman to provide three performances for grades K, 1, and 2. Motion by Kathy Webster to approve. Second: Jenn Rosati. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- “Miles for Meals” was discussed, where students would collect points for each lap walked or run at recess. Points would then add up to donate to local food pantries. Kathy Webster will contact the PTO “Community Giving” committee. They would want the PTO to purchase food for food pantries when kids walk a certain distance. Mrs. Tierney will find out more specifics and report back at the October meeting.
- A reminder that students can access “Pebble Go” from their home computers. The website is <http://www.pebblego.com/login.php> and the Username is **blackberry** and the Password is **school**. This is a great program for students to use at home!

4. **Principal’s Report** from Mr. Gibbs:

- Many thanks to Ken Larsen of “Something’s Cooking Custom Catering” for sponsoring the ice cream social at Curriculum Night in August, and many thanks to the PTO for coordinating this fun event for families.

NEW and OLD BUSINESS

- Bike rack: we discussed purchasing another bike rack for approximately \$550.00 and the consensus was to put this on hold until the spring.
- School handbook/calendar: the PTO spent \$552.00 on the school handbook and calendar this year. It was discussed that since this is a static calendar that cannot be updated or changed, that the PTO does not want to continue funding this material. Motion by Laura Gampfer to discontinue providing PTO funds for this document. Second: Lola Salamon. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- Teachers’ gifts have all been distributed. Teachers use this money to restock classroom, buy supplies, etc. Full-time teachers receive \$50.00 each, part-time teachers receive \$25.00 each. The total amount spent this year was \$2,000.00.
- The first “Run for Fund” fundraiser will be held on October 12th during specials. This will be the main fall fundraiser. Families can donate online also. Tee shirts are one of the prizes when students have reached a certain level, and extra tees are \$8.00.
- Family Fun Knight: volunteers are still needed.
- Website: many thanks to parent Sean McGinnis for revamping the KBC PTO website.
- Please e-mail website, newsletter, or FaceBook information to Laura Gampfer or Brandie Kottmeyer.
- “Kids College” computer program: renewal request from Tammie Metz for \$2,220.00 for grades 3-5. Including 2nd grade would be \$2960.00. Mrs. Tierney will check for participation last year to see how many students used this. Motion by Kathy Webster to approve for grades 3-5. Second: Tracy Healy. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- LRC/4th grade Glogster request: computer program that teaches students to create web page and improve online skills. \$99.00 for whole program, all classes, all school year. Motion by Lola Salamon. Second: Jenn Rosati. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Adult Dinner Dance & Silent Auction:** Sue Erickson reported that the committee chairs are discussing what would be the best event for the spring and they will report back at the October meeting.
2. **Box Tops for Education:** Julie Mondri reported that they committee would like to implement prize incentives (such as extra PE/music/etc.) to increase participation. Discussed purchasing \$75.00 in gift cards for raffles and small prizes. Sets of 25 box tops can be submitted in an envelope with the student's name and teacher, and there will be three deadline collections (first will be after November 1st). Mr. Gibbs will make announcements over the PA.
3. **Butterbraid:** Jenn Rosati reported that Butterbraid order forms will go home around October 15th and orders are due by November 1. Delivery is November 13 from 3-5 p.m. There will be a Butterbraid taste testing table at the Family Fun Knight. \$12 per Butterbraid, PTO makes \$5.
4. **Family Knight Out:** Laura Gampfer reported for Laura Marler that the next FKO is Thursday, October 18th at California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva Commons. This can be used for lunch, dinner, snacks, whatever! Please see the PTO website for forms and more info:
<http://kbcpto.org/family-knight-out/>.
5. **Manna Gift Cards:** Tracy Healy reported that the next order is due on October 15th. Orders can be place online at the PTO web store, or returned to school with payment.
6. **Recycling:** Mr. Gibbs will let Laura Gampfer know if more recycling bins or signs are needed.
7. **School Directory:** Beth Woods is almost finished with this document, waiting on finalized class lists from the school. The directory will be placed in the virtual backpacks on Konnect.
8. **Spirit Wear:** will be available at the Family Fun Knight on October 12th.
9. **Welcome Committee:** Lisa Siblik reported that they will have a letter completed soon, welcoming new families to KBC.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 25th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the KBC Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webster at 8:37 p.m.

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