

# Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO

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## Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO Meeting April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 PM, LRC

*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.*

In Attendance: Kim Bartkowiak, Laura Gampfer, Christine Isaacs, Julie Keen, Jennifer Lycan, Laura Marler, Martne McCoy, Miranda Middona, Julie Mondì, Brook Noring, Diane Pierson, Erin Slattery, Kathy Spence, Amanda Tarnow, Lisa Tingler, Denise VanDeviere

- I. **Call to Order:** Julie Keen called the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- II. **Introductions:** Julie Keen started the introductions, welcoming new faces to the meeting.
- III. **Executive Board Reports:**
  - a. **Secretary's Report:** *Motion by Kimberly Bartkowiak to waive the reading of the February, 2015 PTO meeting minutes, and to be approved as written and distributed. 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/>.
  - b. **Vice President's Report:** Denise VanDeViere stated there was nothing to report, at this time.
  - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Laura Marler reported recent expenses and income.
    - Recent Deposits are as follows:
      - ❖ Bingo Night Current Net – \$15,279.16 (still waiting on some teacher time reimbursements)
      - ❖ Potbelly – \$222.85.84
      - ❖ McCare - \$50.32
      - ❖ Manna - \$617.12 year to date collected
      - ❖ Butterbraid - \$655.60
      - ❖ Teacher Appreciation - \$195.00
      - ❖ Spirit Wear - \$111.00  
~ \$45 from PTA Fair & \$76 Open House
      - ❖ Spring Fling – \$262.00  
~ \$222.00 for dinner pre pay & \$40 family dance
    - Recent Expenses are as follows:
      - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade budget - \$212.43  
~ Iditarod: \$170.00 & staplers \$42.43
      - ❖ Specials – \$592.86
      - ❖ Box Top Prizes - \$104.92
      - ❖ Playground Equipment – \$136.09
      - ❖ Run Club T-Shirts - \$132.00
      - ❖ After School Enrichment - \$648.26
  - d. **Communications Report:** Laura Gampfer stated there was nothing to report, at this time.

**IV. Principal's Report:** Mrs. McCoy reported the following:

- a. Mrs. McCoy requested input on the paper calendar. There is discussion that only the handbook will be on paper and distributed for the next school year. The calendar will be available through Google Calendar. Dates should be submitted to Martne McCoy.

**V. Faculty Advisor's Report:** Miss. Pierson stated there was nothing to report, at this time.

**VI. Old and New Business:**

- a. **Run Club Shirts:** Laura Marler reported they are purchased. There will be a new order going in, since new registrants have been added.
- b. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Photo:** Julie Keen reported the photos are done and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will each receive one photo. Julie Keen will be taking this over next year. The display for the photo should be done soon.
- c. **Committee Chair Openings/Changes:** There are several board and committee openings for the coming 2015/2016 school year. Current openings and changes to date are as follows:
  - \* *After School Enrichment* – 2 chairs needed
  - \* *Assemblies* – 2 chairs needed
  - \* *Box Tops/Tyson/My Coke* – NEED chair for training
  - \* *Butterbraid* – Jen Rosati and Kathy Spence
  - \* *Calendar Raffle* – Julie Keen and Lisa Tingler
  - \* *Family Fun Knights / Social events* – Christine Isaacs and Erin Slattery
  - \* *Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation* – Gwen Martin and Angela Rising
  - \* *Kane County Cougars Reading* – Julie Keen and Denise VanDeviere
  - \* *Kaneland Arts Initiative* – 1 chair needed
  - \* *Spring Fling* – Christine Isaacs and Lisa Tingler
  - \* *Walk/Bike to school* – Miranda Middona and Laura Marler
  - \* *Yearbook* – Jennifer Lycan and Kimberly Bartkowiak
- d. **Family Fun Knights/Social Events:** Julie Keen expressed, with Family Movie Nights on hold for next year, a need for family social events. Many ideas were expressed and Christine Isaacs and Erin Slattery will look into heading this committee.
- e. **Event Dates:** Julie Keen requested all dates for next school year be submitted as soon as possible for review. These include, but are not limited to, Fun Lunch, Butterbraid, and Family Knight Out, etc.
- f. **Meeting Change:** Julie Keen reported that the May meeting has been changed to Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the LRC. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- g. **Board Nominations for the 2015/2016 school year: \***
  - President:* Denise VanDeviere nominated Julie Keen. Kimberly Bartkowiak second.
  - Vice President:* Julie Keen nominated Denise VanDeviere. Laura Gampfer second.
  - Treasurer:* Denise VanDeviere nominated Laura Marler. Laura Gampfer second.
  - Secretary:* Denise VanDeviere nominated Kimberly Bartkowiak. Laura Gampfer second.
  - Communications:* Julie Keen nominated Brook Noring. Kathy Spence second.
  - Communications:* Julie Keen nominated Kathy Spence. Laura Marler second.
  - Fundraising:* Julie Keen Nominated Lisa Tingler. Kimberly Bartkowiak second.

*\* All nominations approved. None opposed. Nominations accepted. Nominations are open until voting at the May 13<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting.*

**VII. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Box Tops / Tyson / My Coke:** Julie Mondy reported a change in My Coke submission. Only 75 points per week/per account may submit. Julie Mondy requested help in entering codes to get all

points possible. Several members in attendance took some home. My Coke also now gives back cash instead of prizes.

- b. **Fun Lunch:** Christine Isaacs inquired on the possibility of using the remaining budget for a special treat for all students at the last Fun Lunch. Martne McCoy stated that the school would not be able to approve that request. Remaining money from the fun Lunch budget will roll into the PTO budget for the following year and used to be redistributed in the next school years budget.
- c. **Kane County Cougars:** Julie Keen reported that the Cougar Reading tickets were placed in teacher mailboxes today. Students should receive them soon.
- d. **Special Needs:** Miranda Middona reported that the Special Needs PTA is sponsoring a “make-and-take” clinic for sensory items on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, at Harter Middle School from 6:30-8pm. There is a \$20 fee. May 16<sup>th</sup> is a non-verbal seminar.
- e. **Yearbook:** Jennifer Lycan reported that the yearbook order has been placed. It was discussed that, possibly next year, the yearbook cover contest winner could receive a prize, like a free yearbook. Families may still order yearbooks, but they will be shipped to home and families will be responsible for paying shipment fees.
- f. **School Toolbox:** Kimberly Bartkowiak reported that sales are currently open. The change to Ziploc bags being used in the supply list will not occur until next year. Fliers and posters should be in the next few newsletters and blasts to inform families. For any teachers interested, the company offers a Teacher Wish List section. Teachers are invited to check it out on their website.
- g. **Spring Fling:** Brook Noring reported that River View Banquets would be catering the dinner. They require a minimum of 50 orders for their catering. More publicity for the event is welcomed.
- h. **Teacher Appreciation:** Angela Rising reported the list for the activities has been posted. It was suggested that a reminder to the room parents to send an email to families about the events taking place. May 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Chipotle will cater a lunch for the teachers. Angela Rising asked if teachers could please take photos and post on Facebook for families to see what they help donate to. Chipotle lunch will run about \$780.00. There have been about \$195.00 in donations through the webstore to date. The committee should stay within or under their \$600.00 budget.
- i. **Family Knight Out:** Kimberly Bartkowiak and Lisa Tingler inquired about a Knight Event at California Pizza Kitchen for the coming year. They offer a free Pizza Party Lunch for the class with the most students in attendance. It was requested to have this during lunch hours for the winning class. Martne McCoy stated that was possible. Martne McCoy also approved stickers to be given to teachers to pass to students for publicity of the Family Knight Out events.

### **VIII. Open / Additional Discussion:**

- a. A volunteer appreciation night is in the works. More details to come. May 28<sup>th</sup> is a possible date.
- b. Kimberly Bartkowiak reported on the joint PTO meeting. Some important KBK dates and information include:
  1. May 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> grade Step Up Knight
  2. Jump Start program for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders on webstore – dates run 8/10/15-8/14/15
  3. Knight Run date is June 19<sup>th</sup> – registration coming soon
  4. Summer school recommendations out and on webstore now
  5. NIU to host STEM retreat in the late summer
  6. Parent preview for next year curriculum is May 14<sup>th</sup> for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade
    - A special 5<sup>th</sup> grade preview will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> (both at Harter Middle school)
  7. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the internet safety program – incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade families receive a \$55 tech credit on their next year fees.
  8. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the first session of “You, Your Child’s First Teacher”. Anyone interested in attending still can contact Dr. Mumm.

9. Student Directory discussed. Many PTO's in the district are looking into an App. This may cost a fee to parents. This may be a possibility for us.
10. A summer online program to aid in keeping kids learning over the summer is being looked into. A program that was used in the past looks good. The fee for use would be the responsibility of the parents. How families would sign up and the PTO's helping aid families with the cost was discussed. Details on this still to come.
11. This year's Parent Survey is available. Please fill out!

Next meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00pm in the school library.

Julie Keen adjourned the meeting, at 8:06 pm.

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Kimberly Bartkowiak, Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO Secretary, respectfully submitted the meeting minutes.