



Kenneth Butz Elementary School

General Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2024

General Membership: Yana Kalmatsky, Christina Rosario, Samantha Ondilla, Audrey Kemmerer, Brianna Villani, Shevelle Scaffer, Keri Velopolcak, Tom Ehrlich

KBES Representatives: Kelly Apruzzi, Susan Klotz

KBES Board Members: Jamie Iorio, Susy Whitney, Karen Janis, Jennifer Franke, Julie Kaniper

1. Call to Order at

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome and Introduction of PTA Board Members, Representatives, and General Membership

4. Principal – Kelly Apruzzi

- 4th graders take a short field trip to Jacobsburg in the fall, Bird watching, look at tadpoles in the creek.
- Thank the PTA for a great Fitness Walk. We had to do the rain date and it was a smart move.
- Reminder no school on October 14th, offices should be open but staff may take the day off.
- Fun and Games club has started. 52 students from 3rd and 4th grader They play Yahtzee and Scrabble. Chorus is for 3rd and 4th graders; there are about 115 students.
- Tom Ehrlich, owner of Brown Daub Chevy will be donating \$1500 to the PTA.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Reminder for STEAM Night next Thursday 6-8 pm. RIF coming up in LGI on the 21st and 22nd. The PTA provides a book for each student. 22nd Kindergarten goes to Valley Fruits and Veggies for their field trip.
 - Red Ribbon week is the 21-25, Thursday the 24th is picture day and hat day. We are going to see if we can change picture day. If not, we will switch hat day to dress your best day or something. Oct 25 is the book character parade at 1:30. Students parade outside weather permitting. It is open for parents to watch outside.

- Oct 26 5-8 pm is Halloween night by the Science committee. Our students get to provide the luminaries. You can see them when on a train ride.

5. Teacher Update: Susan Klotz

- Teachers are looking forward to the Book Character Parade.
- We are in the swing of things in school. Everything is set. Schedules are set and we are in it now!

6. Be Safe: Jamie Iorio for Margherita Gallina

- Currently in our second month of school. Children are now beginning to be assessed on various topics. Teachers will gather information and begin to group the children in order to work on their individual needs. Children who struggle with a skill will receive assistance in order to master the skill while those who are already mastering the skill will be moved to more challenging skills.
- We have our Fall Fun scheduled for Oct 30th and 31st. We have fun filled days for both our 2 day and 3 day programs.
- Thanks for a very generous donation to our program we have been able to replace our filters for our purification system, as well as replace the signs on the ramp.
- Our 3 day preschoolers have a field trip scheduled for this Wednesday that we are looking forward to typing into our learning of pumpkins and all this fall!
- We are working on our 1st fundraising for this year which will be Krispy Kreme donuts with a delivery right before Thanksgiving.

7. Secretary Update: Susy Whitney

- Requested approval for September meeting minutes. Yana Kalmatsky approved and Susan Klotz seconded.

8. Treasurer update: Julie Kaniper

- Update Met with audit and we passed! Hand over binders to accountant and get 990 prepped.
- Fitness Walk is on the line items Fitness Walk was about \$8000.
- Pampered chef was about \$300. Questions let Julie know.

9. Vice President of Volunteers Update: Jennifer Franke

- **Grade Level Representatives** - active until Saturday. Names go in randomizer and then notify people.

- **STEAM Night** - Still looking for 7 volunteers - volunteers will either help with greeting and directions or support a teacher with a specific activity. Sam will talk about it coming up.
- **RIF** – Will be sent out shortly. Just waiting for the schedule.
- **Book Character Parade and Classroom Party** - Request will be sent out this week. Discussing possibility of changing how we select people.
- **Chairs are still need for Raise Right (gift cards for the holidays)**. STEAM Night there is a co-chair, it is mostly done but a great opportunity to learn about it, Tricky tray cochair and a vitrual outreach spot available. Feel free to reach out to Brianna. Also need a membership chair, reach out to Karen. There is a list of chairs and co-chairs that are still needed.

10. Fundraising Update: Jamie Iorio

- Fitness Walk total \$8000 ish, a lower than typical
- Thank you to everyone that came out and helped make the event a success
- Save your coins....Coin Wars start October 28th!

11. Vice President: Karen Janis

- Membership 11 staff and 57 parents, lower than this time last year. No clear winner with classes. 4th grade is the lowest grade. Karen will send out another reminder. Oct 15th is the end. The \$10 is split, \$5 goes to the state PTA and \$5 comes to us as a fundraiser. How to increase membership will be a discussion.....come next month to find out about it. Possible fast pass for events. Priority access to events, priority parking. Community discounts.

12. President Update: Jamie Iorio

- Brown Daub Chevy Donation Keri Veli and Tom Ehrlich, donates a lot locally. Sponsored Touch a Truck, Chevy allows them to spend money in the area. Offer lots of perks, free pick up and delivery, want to help people.
- Committee representatives:
 - STEAM Night- Samantha Ondilla – still looking for parent volunteers. Theme this year is around the world. Same for art night and reading night. Continue doing things like Mr. Mann did. Balloon powered cars! Volcanos with pumpkins, fan powered sailboats, shot put, maple syrup viscosity. Everything is set up for volunteers. You do not need to do anything, it is given to you like you need it. Experiments are tested by kids. Each volunteer gets a folder of information for the station they are on. There will be ice cream for students who participate and finish X number of events. FREE! Hosted by Ashlin (company Samantha works for).
 - Community Connection/Bingo- Brianna Villani - Possibly have boy scouts selling food/drinks, letter is available for sponsors, variety of opportunities (Holiday Shop, Movie Night) If you have businesses that you frequent, you can ask them or provide them the letter. Ticket sales are moving to a new platform. Sponsorship can run through the website. Looking to capture early sales tickets will be \$25 until the end

of 2024, then \$30 until the day of, day of will be \$35. Sponsors at a certain level will be on the town billboard.

13. **General membership comments/concerns/questions from the floor**

- None

14. **Adjourn**—8:17 pm, Jamie Iorio motioned to adjourn. Brianna Villani approved and Christina Rosario seconded. Our next meeting is Monday, November 4, 2024 in the LGI Conference Room.

Next General PTA Meeting, Monday, November 4, 2024

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!