



Kenneth Butz Elementary School

General Meeting

Monday, December 9, 2024

General Membership: Yana Kalmatsky, Audrey Kemmerer, Brianna Villani, Lisa Farley, Margherita Gallina, Laurie Nelson, Sarah Strubhar, Renee Solderitch

KBES Representatives: Kelly Apruzzi, Susan Klotz

KBES Board Members: Jamie Iorio, Susy Whitney, Jennifer Franke, Melissa Curtis, Julie Kaniper

1. Call to Order at 7:07 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Principal – Kelly Apruzzi

- Holiday shop looks fantastic, kids are excited. Thanks to parents who set it up. Thursday is the first family shopping night. Today a Bushkill officer was here for the Holiday Shop and helped wrap.
- This Friday is the Santa visit. He will go around on the gator. Kids will be outside. He makes a video and teachers share that in the classroom.
- Winter celebration is this Friday. This tradition goes back many years. The kids get a ride on the train, cookies and chocolate milk, and sing by the fire. Yule Log is next week, the 18th. Custodian hides a log, The fourth graders go out and search for the Yule Log. They find it and drag it back. They saw it in half and it starts the fire. Polar Express for first grade is the 17th. They wear pajamas and hear the story. High school singers are coming that day to sing to the kids as they come in that morning. Ugly Sweater contest is the 19th. Classroom winners and then winners on the 20th for the school.
- Half day on the 20th.
- Character Trait is kindness in December. Each classroom has one student who wins for that month.

5. Teacher Update: Susan Klotz

Thank you for staff luncheons. As always were very good!

6. Be Safe: Margherita Gallina

- Krispy Crème fundraiser was a big success. Made over \$1000. Have a new fundraiser that just ended.
- Looking to purchase 4-way radios. Current ones are in bad shape. Fundraiser profits will go to pay for these. They are about \$3000. Salsa fundraiser is coming up in January. Goes up until Superbowl.
- 1/2 day Be Safe is open until usual 5:30. There are activities planned..

7. Secretary Update: Susy Whitney

- Requested approval for November meeting minutes. Yana Kalmatsky approved, and Margharita Gallina seconded.

8. Treasurer update: Julie Kaniper

- System upgrade so new format. The first 5 transactions are student activities account that Mrs. Apruzzi handles.
- Paid for the 4th grade field trip....buses and Franklin Institute.
- First day Holiday shop was a little over \$3000

9. Vice President of Volunteers Update: Jennifer Franke

- Most slots are filled but there are a few spots available. It was just sent out last night. Polar Express is full as is Yule Log. Holiday shop spots are still open. If you have time to help Wednesday or Thursday.
- Chairs for groups. When we are running multiple events, chairs/coordinators need to take more responsibilities. Things are falling through the cracks.
- Best place to go for PTA information is the PTA page and the PTA website. The parent page is not the best place to go for information.

10. Fundraising Update:

- November and December are quiet months for fundraising. January is quiet too. We just have Barnes and Noble night coming up at the end of the month.
- Sky Zone tickets sent home. Not a fundraiser.

11. Vice President: No update

12. President Update: Jamie Iorio

- No updates.
- Committee representatives:
 - Bingo (Brianna Villani) – Sent out little campaigns home this week. Prices go up at the end of the year. Thursday night she will be at a local bingo to prospect selling tickets. We have some sponsors but still need more. We procured all of

the purses. Under budget! 37 bags are donated. It is a little lower than normal. Probably another dozen in progress. No advertising in the Key. Put our spend into yard signs. Increase social media spend. Kindness squad making thank you notes. Personalized and coming from kids. You will see QR codes around town.

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

- Reminder that Dr Resende is attending the January meeting.

14. **Adjourn** – 7:33 pm, Jamie Iorio motioned to adjourn. Brianna Villani approved, and Sarah Strubhar seconded. Our next meeting is Monday, January 13th, 2024, in the cafeteria.

Next General PTA Meeting, Monday, January 13th, 2025

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!