



Kenneth Butz Elementary School

General Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025

General Membership: Audrey Kemmerer, Brianna Villani, Margherita Gallina, Sarah Strubhar, Yana Kalmatsky, Katie Smith, Kate Hopkins, Samantha Ondilla, Courtney Magditch, Renee Solderitch, Andrea Fisher

KBES Representatives: Kelly Apruzzi, Susan Klotz, Isabel Resende

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

1. Call to Order at 7:03 by Jamie Iorio

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Principal – Kelly Apruzzi

- Welcome Dr Resende. She will be here afterwards if you want to talk to her.
 - Dr Resende thanked us for all we do. Thank you for all you do for what you do! Happy to have such a hard-working PTA that gives our staff and students so much. Dr Resende has been in the district almost 17 years. Her daughter went to Shafer and graduated from NAHS.
- Thank you to volunteers for December activities. Thank you to Giving Tree, Holiday Shop, Polar Express, Yule Log and Winter Celebration. Outdoor winter celebration was pivoted last minute due to cold weather. Hot chocolate got moved inside but got to keep the train rides. Teachers and staff did an underground spirit week. Pajama day, anything but a cup, etc. Some kids did catch on!
- Holiday Shop nice to have it accessible to all families.
- Steam club had 88 kids sign up. We are running it for 3 weeks so that everyone can participate. Tuesdays will be when the clubs are held for STEAM and Science club.
- The science club (run by Mr. Hausman) will be for 3rd and 4th where they will prepare for the science fair. Talk to them about planning and the scientific method. NASP (Nazareth Area Science Project) has a science fair in March. If you scan the barcode that was on Schoology, it will take you to a google doc to see the areas you can do a project in. Help

to get the word out. The sign up will be extended until the end of January. NASP will give you a scholarship for college every year.

- Reminder no school on the 20th for MLK Day.
- Friday the 24th is the Barnes and Noble Night.
- STAR assessments are held from now until the end of the month for all grades, math and reading. 4th graders made goals this year so they own the score, and they can improve their own score. Two things to help work on in math to help improve the scores from the start of the year. Have them take ownership of their learning. The test is timed and
 - Maybe get the goals and scores to the parents at the end of the year.
- Staff donation for the Bingo collected \$400.

5. Teacher Update: Susan Klotz

- Reiterate the thanks to all the December things! We are lucky to have the space to do the outside activities. A couple parents have shared that their older children remember these events that they get to do at Butz.
- Kindness Squad will be working with HS students for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The classroom has a box that all coins/bills will be dumped into when the money is sent in.
- There will be a whiteout coming up to help Mrs. Youngkin fundraise for the Special Olympics in the Polar Plunge.
- Random act of kindness week is Feb 10.

6. Be Safe: Margherita Gallina

- In December we were state inspected. I am happy to announce that our certificate of compliance has been renewed for another year. We had a few violations that I quickly addressed and the only violation that incurred a cost was the need to purchase 4 new trash cans with lids. Anyone interested in looking at our violations along with the plan of corrections can stop by the modular, they are posted there. In addition, the total capacity decreased by 41 children since losing the classroom in the building.
- Fundraisers –
 - Second chance goods totaled \$785 in sales and the profit was \$243.
 - Twisted Twins Salsa begins today and will end 1/24. All orders will be delivered by 2/5 or 2/6 just in time for the Superbowl parties. If you are interested in purchasing salsa, please reach out to any Be Safe preschool or after school family.
 - With the profits from our Krispy Kreme fundraiser and the second Chance fundraiser (and the salsa), we will be purchasing the much-needed walkie talkies. The final cost is \$2688.

- Last Friday was the first lunch bunch for preschool and it went well. Parents have the option of allowing their children to remain at school until 1:30 so they can eat lunch. It will prepare them for kindergarten.
- It is registration time. The first fifteen families have been emailed and invited to registration night on January 27th at 6 PM. After that night, waitlist families will be contacted to fill any open spots. There are currently 22 families on the waitlist for only 15 spots.
- An after-school employee has taken a full time job, if you know anyone looking to work 2-3 hours every afternoon and is great with children, please have them contact Margherita Gallina at 610.759.1118 ext. 5512 or besafe@nazarethasd.org

7. Secretary Update: Susy Whitney

- Requested approval for December meeting minutes. Katie Smith approved, and Yana Kalmatsky seconded.

8. Treasurer update: Julie Kaniper

- Holiday Shop brought in just under \$13,000 which is over budget! Shopping has started and will continue for a few months.
- We got a kickback from the Donut Envy truck for \$65.
- Purchases for Bingo.
- Any questions let Julie know.

9. Vice President of Volunteers Update: Jennifer Franke

- This is a quieter month. Volunteer spots are open for Barnes and Noble Night. Welcome desk.
- Later this week, purse Bingo volunteers and donations will go out.
- RIF coming up at the end of February

10. Committee Updates:

- Holiday Shop (Samantha Ondilla) – For next year, she decided on a Mrs. Claus sweet shop. Thinking about putting extra things in that week. So, volunteers can help with all sorts of things. Maybe an outdoor market one night. Do gift wrapping as a fundraiser. Gingerbread building contest, crafts, could coincide with toys for tots, or a coat donation. Could be connected with NASP. Raffle off nutcrackers/gingerbread houses. Family shopping night could go with something that NASP does.
- Bingo (Brianna Villani) – Prices did go up in the new year. We sell bulk of tickets right before. Thank you to the staff for the donation!! FBLA will be doing a bake sale and water sale the day of the event. They are fundraising for their trip. We are about \$4000 positive going into the event! Hoping to exceed last year. Looking good so far! Get on the district site. Getting shirts made for all the team.

11. Fundraising Update:

- Barnes and Noble coming up. Name the drink contest. Mrs. Rizzolino will help. There will be a scavenger hunt. Class with the most attendance will win a prize.
- Greeting cards fundraiser coming up at the start of February. Boxes of cards with 30 cards in them.

11. Vice President: No update

12. President Update: Jamie Iorio

- Committee Chair positions next year are opening up. Holiday Shop, Sam is leaving next year so if you are interested, you can partner with her next year. Same for STEAM Night. All board positions are open every year but we are losing our current treasurer and fundraising spots.

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

- None

14. Adjourn – 8:02 pm, Jamie Iorio motioned to adjourn. Brianna Villani approved, and Sarah Strubhar seconded. Our next meeting is Monday, February 3, 2025 in the LGI Room.

Next General PTA Meeting, Monday, February 3, 2025

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!