

## Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2012

In Attendance: Laura Gampfer, Kathy Webster, Lola Salamon, Brandie Kottmeyer, Bill Bicker, JoAnn Tierney, Brandon & Margaret Fox, Jenn Rosati, Lisa Kirkwood, Sue Erickson, Jennifer Lycan, Danni-Lynn Korpela, Susan Hazen.

*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.*

The January Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO meeting was called to order by Susan Hazen at 7:04 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

1. **Secretary's Report:** a motion was made by Laura Gampfer to waive the reading of the November 2011 PTO meeting minutes. Second: Bill Bicker. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. A reminder that all KBC-PTO meeting minutes are on the PTO website:  
<http://www.kbcpto.org/>
2. **Treasurer's Report** from Lola Salamon: please see budget printout.
3. **Faculty Report** from Mrs. Tierney:
  - A reminder that all teachers can join the PTO e-mail list by signing up on the PTO website, or by e-mailing [kbc\\_pto@yahoo.com](mailto:kbc_pto@yahoo.com)
  - Students can access the Pebblego website at home by going to <http://pebblego.com/login.php>. The username is blackberry and the password is school.
4. **Principal's Report** from Mr. Bicker:
  - The library is in need of volunteers. Please see the flyer in the Virtual Backpack on Konnect if you are able to help out.
  - The ELMO's purchased by the PTO have arrived and will be installed soon!
  - Discussed possibly having the Kid's Korner Holiday Shop on a Saturday for the next school year. The idea of making it a community event with breakfast, elves, etc., was discussed.

### **NEW and OLD BUSINESS**

- Brandon and Margaret Fox presented information on an assembly called "Opera for the Young". This would be an all-school assembly involving students. The fee is \$785.00. Motion made by Susan Hazen for \$785.00. Second: Kathy Webster. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. The assembly will be held on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

- Sidewalk signs: Susan Hazen discussed purchasing signs to be used on sidewalks outside of the school for announcements and activities. Susan Hazen motioned \$500.00 to purchase sturdy signs. Second: Lola Salamon. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- Playground equipment: installation was done at no charge by Paul Ross of Kaneville. Our students will sign a thank-you letter during lunch. The funnel ball will be installed this spring. Thank you to Mr. Ross and his employees for donating their time and talent to our school!
- Thank you from Tammie Metz for the Kids' College computer program. It is available online for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Login info is on each child's class page.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Adult Dinner Dance & Silent Auction:** Susan Hazen reported that the Adult Dinner Dance & Silent Auction letters will be going out soon. Last year's profit was \$8,300.00. It will be **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** at Hughes Creek Golf Club in Elburn. As this is one of the PTO's two main fundraisers, we need to get the word out to increase attendance. Donations and sponsors are still needed. For more info, go to: <http://www.kbcpto.org/dinnerdance.pdf>
2. **After School Enrichment:** volunteers are still needed for after school supervisors. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Webster.
3. **Box Tops for Education:** Kathy Webster reported for Julie Mondt that \$964.00 has been earned so far this year. The next submission date is the end of February. Incentives were discussed to increase collection.
4. **Family Knight Out:** **The next date is the whole month of February for the Chili's in Batavia.** See the PTO website to print out your form.
5. **Fun Run:** Lola Salamon motioned a fun run fundraiser for this fall. Second: Jenn Rosati. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. This event would be done during the school day (similar to Jump Rope for Heart). Discussed having music, bottled water and water bottles, popsicles, raffles, etc.
6. **Junior Achievement:** Danni-Lynn Korpela reported that she will be coordinating volunteers soon.
7. **Manna Gift Cards:** Remember to buy your Manna Gift cards for restaurants participating in the Family Knights Out to double-up on the amount the PTO earns.
8. **McDonald's McCare Night:** the next date is **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Join the specials teachers for this fun fundraiser! Remember to put your receipts in the collection container at McDonald's.
9. **Meijer Rewards:** if you shop at Meijer, you may want to sign up for the free Meijer Rewards program and designate KBC as your school. Please ask at customer service or visit <http://www.meijer.com/rewards>
10. **Publicity:** a chairperson is still needed! If you are interested, please contact a PTO board member!
11. **School Directories:** if you ordered a paper copy, they have been sent home.
12. **Spiritwear:** Jenn Rosati and Lisa Kirkwood brought colorful samples from a new company. Ordering info to come soon.

13. **Target RedCard Rewards:** According to the Target RedCard rewards website, we currently have 26 people enrolled. To date, Target has donated \$4,858.65 to KBC. The last check for \$806.41 was mailed to Mr. Bicker in September. Since September, we have accrued another \$362.72. If you would like to participate in this free program, please go to:  
<https://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-005158>
14. **Yearbook:** please e-mail Halloween and/or holiday class photos to Heather Partoll at [jhmpartoll@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhmpartoll@sbcglobal.net) . If you volunteer for a class party, please remember to bring your camera.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webster at 8:21 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the KBC Library.

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