

Kaneland Blackberry Creek Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

In Attendance: Laura Gampfer, Kathy Webster, Lola Salamon, Brandie Kottmeyer, Bill Bicker, JoAnn Tierney, Vicky Garifalis, Tracy Healy, Jennifer Lycan, Lisa Siblik, Robynn Pawlak.

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 November Kaneland Blackberry Creek PTO meeting was called to order by Kathy Webster at 7:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

1. **Secretary's Report:** a motion was made by Kathy Webster to waive the reading of the October 2011 PTO meeting minutes. Second: Lola Salamon. 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:
 - The Fall Fun Fair Raffle tickets sales have brought in \$3,250.00 so far.
 - The Conferences Dinner raised \$383.00. *Something's Cooking Custom Catering* provided a wonderful Mexican dinner to the teachers and staff.
 - The Webstore is up and running on the PTO website. Credit or debit cards are accepted.
3. **Faculty Report** from Mrs. Tierney:
 - The Reading Café guests will appear in March, April, and May. Stay tuned for guests to be announced.
 - Mrs. Tierney will let teachers know that they can join the PTO e-mail list by signing up on the PTO website, or by e-mailing kbc_pto@yahoo.com
4. **Principal's Report** from Mr. Bicker:
 - In order for each classroom to have an ELMO, nine are needed at the cost of \$600.00 each. A motion was made by Kathy Webster to approve up to \$5,400.00 for purchasing the ELMO's. Second: Lola Salamon. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
 - Thank you for the Conferences Dinner. The event and food were outstanding.
 - Stay tuned for new pick-up and drop-off procedures. There is a new painted blue line on the sidewalk to remind students to stay back from the curb.
 - All students need to be dressed appropriately for winter weather. If they are not, they will not be allowed outside for recess. See Konnect for winter outerwear guidelines.

NEW and OLD BUSINESS

- The fifth grade teachers have requested funds to be put towards a field trip to Midway Village in Rockford. The fee would be \$715.65. The PTO will give them \$500. Mr. Bicker will check with the district regarding the remaining amount and will report back at the December meeting.
- Playground equipment prep work should be completed this week and then installation will begin.
- Kelly Vohs is looking into signs for the sidewalks out front.
- Due to the district spelling bee on January 12th, the January PTO meeting date has been changed to Thursday January 5th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the KBC library.
- Kathy Webster discussed a possible night at Funway in March with the students of John Stewart. More info to come.
- The idea of a Fun Run fundraiser were discussed, with tentative plans for scheduling this next September.
- Thank you to the families who donated money for the Conferences Dinner!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **After School Enrichment:** volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, please see the PTO website.
2. **Assemblies:** Wendy Beck has scheduled two assemblies. The writing play is open to all students.
3. **Charity:** Deb Grigg will hold the Pajama Program PJ drive in the spring.
4. **Family Knight Out:** \$110.98 was donated by California Pizza Kitchen for October's Family Knight Out. **The next date is Monday November 14th at Buffalo Wild Wings in Geneva Commons.** See the PTO website to print out your form. Thank you to California Pizza Kitchen and those families who attended!
5. **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.
6. **Kids Korner Holiday Shop:** envelopes will be going home soon for this event scheduled for the **first full week of December.** The PTO gives each child \$1.00 to shop.
7. **McDonald's McCare Night** is **Thursday, November 17th.** Join the first grade teachers for this fundraiser.
8. **Publicity:** a chairperson is still needed! If you are interested, please contact a PTO board member!
9. **School Directories:** Terry Zimmerman will be getting printed copies to those who requested them.
10. **Spiritwear:** Jenn Rosati will have 'grab and go' items available for the spring.
11. **Yearbook:** please e-mail Halloween class photos to Heather Partoll at jhmpartoll@sbcglobal.net . Also, pictures from the Fun Fair can be uploaded on the PTO website. Heather has requested money to purchase CD's, envelopes, and a flash drive for yearbook photos. A motion was made by Kathy Webster to approve \$100. Second: Brandie Kottmeyer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
12. **The Anytime Committee** will be compiling committee information to place on the PTO website.

The meeting was adjourned by Kathy Webster at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the KBC Library. There is no December PTO meeting.

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