



Kenneth Butz Elementary School

KBES PTA Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2022

General Membership: Angela, Brittany Christman, Meghan Jordan, Jessica Dieck, Miranda Smith, Nicole Pile, Shannon, Paukovitch, Tina Kontorosis, Katie Burzynski, Samantha Ondilla, Kate Soporowski, Margherita Gallina, Jamie Iorio

KBES Representatives: Susan Klotz, Kelly Apruzzi

Board Members: Melissa Curtis, Renee Solderitch, Julie Kaniper, Paul Soporowski, Susy Whitney, Wendy Juniper

1. Call to Order at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Principal Update - Mrs. Apruzzi

- Important dates - all will be posted on the school website and sent via Schoology
 - Parent Teacher Conferences are March 15-17
 - Evening conferences are available on Wednesday
 - Zoom and in-person conferences are available, which is great for accommodating people who might otherwise not be able to attend.
 - Half Day Early dismissal on March 15-18. Dismissal is at 11:15.
 - Scholastic Book fair opens Thursday, March 10 at Reading night. It will remain open for students to shop in school on Friday, and during conferences as well.
 - School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) reward is coming soon. When grades earn enough blue tickets for good behavior, they earn a prize. The prize this term will be a movie which will be shown on one of the half days next week.
 - Bus evacuation drills are happening
 - Spring Photos from Christmas City will be taken on March 29
 - Mad Science Assemblies will be on March 30. There are 2 assemblies tailored to grade level.
 - Kindergarten Parent Orientation is on April 5 at 6:30
 - PSSA testing for grades 3 and 4:
 - ELA testing begins on April 25
 - Math and Science begin on May 2 (only 4th graders take the Science PSSA)
 - Make up testing the following week.

- Spring Chorus Concert will be held in May, date TBA.
- Intermediate school visit: 4th graders will visit the IS on May 11 for a 2 hour tour of the building and to meet teachers and the principal
- First grade field trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo is May 11
- Third grade field trip to Quiet Valley Farm is May 12
- Evening of the Arts with the theme “What Lifts You” is May 12
- Election day is May 17, so there is no school that day.
- Fourth grade is going to the Franklin Institute on May 25
- Memorial Day program is May 27. There is a possibility that 2 performances will be held.
- Fourth grade moving up ceremony is Friday June 3
- Last day of school is June 7
- Thank you to PTA for supporting the field trips
- Clubs:
 - Currently offered: Art club, Chorus, STEAM
 - Soon to be offered: Nature club, Homework Club, Fun and Games club
 - ESU education students who intern at the school are opening a photography club for grades 1&2, and their work under the theme “What lifts you” will be featured in the Art show.
 - Next year, the hope is to run clubs throughout the year so they don’t overlap as much.
- Students are now allowed to play with kids in their entire grade at recess.
- Cafeteria tables have been moved back together so students can face each other while they eat. They are still spaced 3 feet apart both across from and next to each other.

Question from Zoom: Does 2nd grade have a field trip planned?

The answer is Yes, but it’s not on the calendar yet

4. Teacher Update - Mrs. Klotz

- 2nd grade is planning to go to LV zoo, no definite date yet.
- Kindness Squad has been meeting and planning. They have things planned for families coming in during conferences and will have a table families can check out when they visit. They have created a project in the showcase by the front office as well.
- Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents to discuss student progress

5. Be Safe Director Update - Melissa Curtis

- The preschool 2 and 3 day spaces are all filled.

- Incoming Kindergarten afterschool program spots are still available - if you need an afterschool spot, contact Mrs. Rossi.
- Mrs. Rossi would like to attend the Kindergarten orientation on April 5 and invite newcomers to BeSafe to check out the aftercare space and meet the staff.
- BeSafe received grant money from the American rescue act and will be using it next week to take some of the kids in the afterschool program bowling and roller skating, and will be offering a spaghetti and salad lunch one of the days.

6. Secretary Update - Wendy Juniper

- Craig Williams approved the February meeting minutes, and Kate Soporowski seconded.
- Current Communications - information about PTA events and fundraisers can be found on Schoology through Mrs. Apruzzi, on the KBES PTA facebook page, through the remind app, on the website and in the newsletter. KBES PTA also sent information to be included in the Bushkill township newsletter

7. Treasurer Update - Julie Kaniper

- Deposit and Expense Review
 - Holiday shop disbursement: \$2800 shopping sales for next year's inventory
 - RIF disbursement: \$1645 for books.
 - Mad science assembly payment.
- KBES PTA earned a \$900 gift card kickback from Barnes & Noble night, which will go to the library to support reading programs in the school

8. Vice President of Volunteers Update - Susy Whitney

- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - Book fair is fully scheduled, thank you for volunteering
 - Variety show April 1
 - Spring Fest April 8

9. General Vice President Update - Renee Solderitch

- Field Trips
 - Teachers are handling chaperone selections. You will receive information on that from individual teachers.
 - Kindergarten is going to Zoellner to watch the play "Matilda" on May 19.
 - First grade is going to the Lehigh Valley Zoo on May 11.
 - Second grade is going to the Lehigh Valley Zoo, date TBA
 - Third grade is going to Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm on May 12.
 - Fourth grade is going to:

- Jacobsburg Park on April 5 & 6 (two classes will go each day)
 - Franklin Institute on May 25
 - Chaperone lists for the 4th grade field trips have already been sent out
- Mad Science Assemblies will be on March 30
 - Kindergarten & First grade will see the “Sounds of Science” program
 - Second through Fourth grade will see the “Marvels of Motion” program

10. President Update - Paul Soporowski

- Volunteer recognition and thanks
- Current/Ongoing fundraisers - Melissa Curtis
 - Vermont Syrup Sale starts next week - syrup comes straight from VT
 - We are still waiting for Rita’s cards because there was such a high demand.
 - Chocolates on Broadway is ongoing until March 10
 - Coin Wars will be held at the end of the month.
- Fundraiser outcomes
 - The Barnes & Noble fundraiser was very successful, bringing in \$901.47 to be used to support the library and reading in the school
- Upcoming PTA programs
 - Variety Show - April 1 in the gym
 - Signups for rehearsal dates will be sent out. You only need to sign up for one. Parents need to stay for rehearsals.
 - If you have any questions or suggestions, please email kbesptafundraising@gmail.com
 - Acts should be under 2 minutes so everyone can participate.
 - Spring Fest - April 8, 4-8pm
 - An Easterbunny, egg hunt, games, relays, facepainting, decor for the train area, crafts and train rides are ready to go.
 - Six food trucks have been confirmed and there will possibly be two more.
 - 18 prizes have been donated for raffles
 - There might be a DJ at the event
 - We need more volunteers for pie in the face
 - Flyers will be going out the week prior as a reminder and advertised on social media
 - We are waiting to get our gaming license
- General PTA business updates
 - Chocolates on Broadway distribution will likely happen the week of March 29.
 - Potential movie night - Mrs. Apruzzi suggested sending out a survey to see how many people would be interested in coming to see how much space has to be allocated.

- Staff luncheons: There are 3 themed days - 3/15 is pasta day; 3/16 is “S” day (sandwiches, salads, sides and sweets); and 3/17 is brunch for lunch day
- Nominations are now Open for the School Year 2022-2023 PTA Board
 - There are two known vacancies, President and Secretary, but nominations are accepted for all positions.
 - The nominations committee is Kari Oswald, Craig Williams, Nicole Pile, Natalie Klockars
 - March 28 is the deadline to send your nominations to the committee at the email address: kbesptanominations@gmail.com
 - The Nominations Process: After a person is nominated or nominates themselves, the committee contacts that individual to see if they are interested in the position. At the April PTA meeting the committee will put forth a slate of nominees for the board. If an individual was not put forward by the committee, they can nominate themselves from the floor and there will be a runoff vote.
 - The election will be held in person and online at the April PTA meeting.
 - Information about the nominations process will be posted on Facebook, Schoology and the PTA website

11. General membership comments/concerns/suggestions from the floor

12. Adjourn Craig Williams motioned to adjourn and Samantha Ondilla seconded.

Next General PTA Meeting Monday, April 4th, 2022

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!

Post Meeting Note:

The Board accidentally omitted the following information:

The board was pleased to present Mrs. Stack’s fourth grade class with a pizza party to celebrate the class having the highest level of participation at Barnes & Noble Night.