



Kenneth Butz Elementary School

KBES PTA Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022

General Membership: Kate Soporowski, Jess Dieck, Michelle Stouffer, Audrey Kemmerer, Margherita Gallina, Courtney Fitch, John Zarzycki, Jami Iorio, Miranda Smith, Brittany Christman

KBES Representatives: Susan Klotz, Kelly Apruzzi, Mrs. Rossi

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**

- Teacher Appreciation week: Mrs. Apruzzi can't say enough good things about the staff, and hopes that parents feel the same. KBES staff are very supportive of each other and always put the students' needs first
- Nurse appreciation week is May 9-13. Our school nurses have had many new challenges in the past 2 years, and have met them with grace and skill.
- Calendar Updates:
  - 4th graders take Math PSSAs May 2 & 3, break on May 4, and take Science on May 5 & 6
  - 3rd graders take Math on May 4 & 5
  - Chorus concert is Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 in the gym
  - The Art show is Thursday, March 12. The students will be going with their classes during the school day, but there will be special things to see at the evening art show. The theme of the art show is "What Lifts You" and there will be interactive art throughout the hallways of the school.
  - Field trips: Thank you to the PTA for supporting the field trips
    - First Grade: Lehigh Valley Zoo on May 11
    - Third Grade: Quiet Valley Historical Farm on May 12
    - Kindergarten: Zoellner Arts Center to see Matilda on May 19
    - Fourth Grade: Franklin Institute on May 25
    - Second Grade: Lehigh Valley Zoo on June 2
  - No school on May 17, election day
  - An ALICE drill will be held in May - a schoology message will go out shortly after so parents can discuss the drill with students

- May 20 early dismissal at 11:30 (to accommodate prom)
- May 23 is the volunteer luncheon
- May 24 is Field Day: Kindergarten and First Grade will have field day in the morning, Second through Fourth grade will have field day in the afternoon. Lunch will be served under the pavilion. Ritas will be enjoyed by all grades.
- Memorial Day program: Mrs. Kocher will be sending out a request for pictures of people who have served in the armed forces, which will be put into a slideshow along with names, service and dates.
- No school Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day
- June 3 is the Fourth grade Moving Up Ceremony at 9am. More information will be going out soon. Parents can take students home after the event.
- Early dismissal at 11:30 on the last 3 days of school.
- Clubs are wrapping up right now. Next year, clubs will begin in the fall so kids can sign up for more than one.
- Class placements for next year: No parent requests will be taken. The teachers and administrators work hard to try to place students with the best teacher for them using reading data, math data, and behavioral data to make the decision. Feel free to send a request for more specific needs - such as my child needs a nurturing teacher, a structured classroom, etc. and these will be taken into account.
- Thank you to the PTA board. The last 2 years have been challenging with covid restrictions, and Mrs. Apruzzi appreciates the hard work the board has put into adapting to the changing restrictions. Particular thanks goes to Paul Soporowski and Wendy Juniper who will be leaving this year as their students are moving up to the intermediate school.

**4. Teacher Update - Mrs. Klotz**

- Kindness club: Mrs. Klotz is proud of the work they've done this year. Recently they went into the Kindergarten and First grade classrooms and read a kindness book to them. More is in store for the end of the year.
- Also thank you to the board for supporting the teachers and students.

**5. Be Safe Director Update - Mrs. Rossi**

- Be Safe is happy to be getting back to their normal end of the year activities. The 2 year old class is having a day-time moving up program, and the 3 day class has an evening moving up to kindergarten program planned. Parents and family are invited to the program which is occurring Thursday, May 26.
- American Rescue Grant Money is funding the following programs and activities:

- May 20 is a half day, and the students of Be Safe will be going to Mountain View for mini golf. Their rain plan is to make ice cream sundaes inside the restaurant
- Memorial Day Weekend, Be Safe will pay for student tickets to an Iron pig game. Families will purchase their own tickets to attend the game. They sit in the picnic patio
- Free tuition for families in the month of June
- June 3 - funnel cakes at BeSafe
- Mrs. Apruzzi is putting together an order to refurbish the playground outside the Kindergarten doors with a play train. She's also installing a nature-themed sensory hallway in the building which will be accessible for all students at KBES and Be Safe.

**6. Secretary Update** - Wendy Juniper

- Asked for approval of the April meeting minutes. Courtney Fitch approved and John Zarzycki seconded.
- See addendum to the minutes below re: thank you letters to the PTA

**7. Treasurer Update** - Julie Kaniper

- Deposit review
  - Spring Fest: \$3199 profit
  - Coin Wars: \$1895 profit (kindergarten won and had ice cream during lunch)
  - Maple Syrup sale: \$700 profit
- Disbursement review
  - Staff luncheons
  - Variety show
  - Linda Achenback memorial fund for the library
  - Adopt A Senior - our senior was a Butz graduate
  - Springfest kickback to NASP
  - KBES PTA Scholarship check has been written and will be presented on behalf of the PTA by Wendy Juniper

**8. Vice President of Volunteers Update** - Susy Whitney

- Upcoming Volunteer Needs
  - Field Day & Class Picnics - these signups will be separated by grade level, staff will be cooking, volunteers will serve and assist students
- Volunteer luncheon is May 23 - please let Susy know if you've volunteered in the school this past year and didn't get the invitation
- Thank you to the volunteers who honored our administrative professionals

**9. General Vice President Update** - Renee Solderitch

- 2022-23 Transition Plans: Current and future board members have met and will meet again to transfer information. By July 1, all will be transferred over, including banking.

**10. President Update** - Paul Soporowski

- Volunteer recognition - Thank you for the excellent volunteerism this year. Together it's been possible to bring back so many of the things we used to do before covid, but safely under new guidelines
- Dr. Riker will be invited to the volunteer luncheon
- All fundraisers are complete for the year.
- The PTA got an extension on its 990 form, which will affect our standing until it's complete. We are working on getting that done.

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

**12. Adjourn.** Adjourn 7:29, John motioned to adjourn, Michelle Stouffer.

**Next General PTA Meeting Monday, September 12, 2022**

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!**

**Addendum:** KBES PTA received official notification of Carol Franco's retirement as a teacher at Be Safe.

The PTA received 4 letters of thanks that from the following people:

Thank you from Mrs. Rizzolino for the funds allotted to the library from the success of Barnes & Noble night.

Thank you from Michele Danyi for the luncheons during conference week.

Thank you from Trudy Shields for the gifts on Administrative Professionals Day

Thank you from LouAnn Fehr for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair.