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Kenneth Butz Elementary School

KBES PTA Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022

General Membership: Craig Williams, Jessica Dieck, Kate Soporowski, Courtney Fitch, Audrey Kemmerer, Brittany Christman, Michelle Stouffer, Nicole Pile, Tara Sakasits

KBES Representatives: Kelly Apruzzi, Susan Klotz

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

- Happy 100th day of school. Thank you to the PTA for sidewalk chalk. They loved seeing how many seconds, hours, days they've been in school. Third graders dressed up as 100 year olds and first graders shared 100 things projects. Other grades did activities throughout the day to celebrate
- This week is National School Counselors Week. Mr. Gridley's role has grown in the past few years as he has established lunch bunches and social skill groups with students, and takes time talking with families about issues and concerns and, setting up resources for families to seek out after school. He has been instrumental to the emotional and social health of the student body.
- Barnes & Noble Night is this Friday, February 11 from 6-8pm.
- Valentine's Day is coming up. Please do not send in any homemade baked goods. Packaged candy treats are fine.
- There is no school on February 21 in honor of presidents day
- Chorus registration is open again for grades 3 & 4. About 50 kids were in chorus in the fall, and about 70 students have registered for the spring. There will be a chorus performance at the end of the year.
- Other clubs will be starting again soon - kids will have to pick and choose because the times they meet might overlap. Right now, plans are underway for a Nature Club, a STEAM Club, an Art Club, and Game Clubs. More clubs and intramurals will be coming next year.

- Thank you to Steven Brown who works for M.S. Techz in Bath for making the beautiful sign to celebrate the 100th day of school. Mrs. Apruzzi called him last Friday to inquire about one, and it arrived by Monday!
- Kindergarten parent orientation is April 5, 6:30-7:30 at KBES. Orientation is for parents only. Registration is currently open, so please spread the word.

4. Teacher Update - Mrs. Klotz

- Thanked the PTA for chalking the sidewalks.
- Kindness club had its first meeting last month and will be meeting for a second time very soon. The children who were elected are an amazing group. They have lots of ideas and excitement

5. Be Safe Director Update - Melissa Curtis for Mrs. Rossi

- The 2 and 3 day preschool for next year are already full. They are taking waitlist names now. Contact Mrs. Rossi to be added to the waitlist. Be Safe was hoping to have an open house in January, but it was pushed back and might happen towards the end of the school year.
- Salsa sale has ended and salsa will be delivered this week.

6. Secretary Update - Wendy Juniper

- Craig Williams approved the January meeting minutes, and Kate Soporowski seconded.
- Current Communications: In addition to normal communication, we will be emailing minutes to PTA membership. The PTA will also be submitting information for inclusion in the Bushkill township newsletter.

7. Treasurer Update - Julie Kaniper

- Deposit and Audit Review - The Holiday shop crew is shopping holiday deals, so there was a disbursement for that as well as the for the ugly sweater contest.
- The 990 Filing is in process.

8. Vice President of Volunteers Update- Susy Whitney

- Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - School Book Fair
 - Reading Night in March
 - Variety Show in the beginning of April
 - New Fundraiser - Spring themed egg hunt

9. General Vice President Update - Renee Solderitch

- Field Trips
 - K, 1st and 2 grades are still deciding
 - 3rd grade is going to the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm
 - 4th grade is going to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia

10. President Update - Paul Soporowski

- Volunteer recognition and thanks
 - Thanks to those shopping deals for holiday shop .
- Current/Ongoing fundraisers - Melissa Curtis
 - Rita's Card Sale will be occurring February 22-26
 - Vermont Maple Syrup Sale information will be going out soon
 - Chocolates on Broadway is March 7-22
 - Spring Coin Wars will be March 21-25
- Fundraiser outcomes
- Upcoming PTA programs
 - Staff Luncheons will be occurring during conferences
 - Barnes & Noble Night on February 11 will include a chorus performance and games and prizes
 - Variety Show will be held on April 1 - logistics are being worked out
 - Spring Festival - Samantha Ondilla will take the lead on a Spring Festival event with egg hunt, food, prizes, train rides on April 8 from 4-8pm. This event will possibly include a table for parents to register their clearances.
- General PTA business updates
 - PTA Board Elections:
 - Nominations are in March, and the election will be during the April meeting.
 - We can continue to vote both in person and remotely this year. You must be a member to vote.
 - Two positions will be open next year (President and Secretary) but nominations can be submitted for any position.
 - A volunteer appreciation lunch will be planned for May

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

12. Adjourn - Craig Williams motioned to adjourn, Courtney Fitch seconded.

Next General PTA Meeting Monday, March 7th, 2022

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!