



Kenneth Butz Elementary School
General Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023

General Membership: Britany Christman, Audrey Kemmerer, Jamie Iorio, Brianna Villani, Katie Smith, Craig Williams, Sam Schwarze, Kate Hopkins

KBES Representatives: Susan Klotz, Margherita Gallina

KBES Board Members: Renee Solderitch, Susy Whitney, Courtney Fitch, Julie Kaniper

1. Call to Order at 7:00

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome/PTA Board Members, Representatives, and General Membership

4. Principal Update

- We are in the 2nd week of PSSA testing. ELA is done except for makeups. Math and science coming up. 3rd and 4th grade students will have an ice cream treat on 5/18 to celebrate being done. Ice cream cups will come from The Spot, as a parent of a Butz student owns this and is giving a good deal. As always, there will be vegan and dairy free, and all allergy options.
- On field day, there will be a station for Rita's for all grades.
- The last fire drill and ALICE school drill will be in mid-May. Kids will practice following their teachers.
- Kellen Foundation is coming to meet with 4th grade to plant in the garden. Families will need to sign up to help take care of over the summer.
- Only 22 days left of school, but many events on the calendar.
 - Upcoming field trips
 - 3rd grade going to Quiet Valley 5/15
 - 1st grade going to the Lehigh Valley Zoo 5/18
 - 4th grade will visit the Intermediate school to see classrooms, meet teachers, and may also see a part of the play being put on.
 - School closed 16th
 - Art show 5/18.
 - Volunteer Breakfast 5/19 at 9 am
 - Kindergarten Earth Day Celebration 5/11, rain date 5/12. Kindergarteners from all Nazareth elementary schools will participate.
 - Spring Chorus concert 5/11
 - End of reading challenge 5/12, log all books into Bean Stack
 - All library books due 5/12

- Field Day and class picnic 5/23
 - Memorial Day Program 5/26 at 9 am, only one session this year instead of morning and afternoon
 - Demonstration of instruments for 3rd graders if they want to learn to play next year, 5/30
 - 4th grade moving up ceremony 6/2
 - Met with Mary Pritchard, a school psychologist who retired from high school, to discuss Little Avedium, which is a program at the middle and high school level. The Little Avedium motto is “I’ve got your back.” They promote being there for friends, noticing if they are sad or are not themselves and telling an adult. A 5K fundraiser will be held on May 26th at high school from 1-3pm. They will sell bananas and a sharpie can be used to write a positive message to give to someone. The banana was chosen because it sticks out and we don’t want those dealing with mental illness to blend in.
 - May 15-19th the banana fundraiser will occur here – order forms for bananas for donations of \$1. The kids can write kind messages for friends, teachers, parents, etc.
 - Little Avedium program will be added to the Kindness Squad next year. On May 22nd, the high school students from this club will come and talk to classes here about being kind and being a good friend.
 - As of today 107, students registered for Kindergarten
 - Breakfast program approved for next year for free. Still figuring out logistics. Breakfast bar/juice/milk and potential for free lunch to come back.
5. **Teacher Update** – Mrs. Klotz
- Kindness squad—Mrs. Rizzolino and Mrs. Klotz took all the donations to Peaceable Kingdom today. They have morning greetings on the schedule for the 18th and 25th by kindness squad. Earth day celebration next week.
6. **Be Safe Director Update** – Margherita Gallina
- Be Safe Iron Pigs night sold more than expected and were able to accommodate all families. 2/3 day school have a few spots first come first serve. All students for after school program have re-enrolled and will start taking additional students from kindergarten and then go to grades 1st-3rd. May 25th preschool celebrations. After school staff planning half-day activities and forms will go home soon with information.
 - Thank you to BUTZ PTA and Mrs. Apruzzi for all assistance navigating this new position. Everyone has been kind and gracious. Looking forward to year 2.
7. **Secretary Update** – Courtney Fitch
- Requested approval for March meeting minutes. Craig Williams approved, and Margherita Gallina seconded.

- We received thank you cards from Joanne for the tree and plaque planted in her honor; and from Trudy Shields, and Elena Farina for the lunch and treats for administrative professionals' day.

8. Treasurer update – Julie Kaniper

- Disbursement/Reimbursement Review
 - Total \$15,438.24 updated for Bingo (givebutter earnings had been left out previously)
 - Field trip disbursements are being made.
 - Hershey ticket sales in process
 - Our old Fulton bank account (with about \$17,000) is staying open till the end of the fiscal year to make sure everything clears.

9. Vice President of Volunteers Update – Susy Whitney

- Thank you to all who helped with the spring celebration. All the crafts were fun! Small ice creams were served.
- Upcoming Volunteer Needs
 - Art show set up and break down.
 - Field day
 - Memorial Day program sign-in
 - Moving up ceremony
- Chairs and co-chair positions – anyone who will no longer have a student at Butz will be removed. Then emails will be sent to all others to see if you want to say on that position. Any empty slots will be sent out to see who would like to volunteer. At first, we ask that no one has more than 3 positions, but come September any empty spots will be open to anyone.
- Yearbooks- had 360 total orders and quite a few people missed the deadline. Ordered some extras but may not have enough for everyone. Not sure if we'll be able to order online as we were able to do last year.
- Teacher favorites were a big hit and many teachers filled them out. They are available on our website and facebook page.

10. General VP/Fundraising Update – Renee Solderitch for Melissa Curtis

- Rita's cards have all gone out and sold 280 with another 40ish free; profit of about \$1400
- We got the cards from Wind Gap Rita's and were not charged for them.

11. President Update – Renee Solderitch

- Moving up ceremony 6/2. Julie and Jennifer are taking care of that.
- Susy presented Mrs. Appruzzi with bamboo plant for Principal Appreciation Day and thanked her for all she does for the school and our students. Also presented Mrs. Klotz with flowers and a basket of favorite things for Teacher Appreciation which is next week.

12. **General membership comments/concerns/questions from the floor**

13. **Adjourn** – Adjourn 7:30pm, Renee Solderitch motioned to adjourn. Brianna Villani approved, and Audrey Kemmerere seconded. Our next meeting is Monday, September 11th in LGI Conference Room.

Next General PTA Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!