



Kenneth Butz Elementary School

General Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2024

General Membership: Yana Kalmatsky, Audrey Kemmerer, Brianna Villani, Samantha Ondilla, Courtney Magditch, Lisa Farley, Delia Peluso, Andrea Fisher, Christina Rosario

KBES Representatives: Kelly Apruzzi

KBES Board Members: Jamie Iorio, Susy Whitney, Jennifer Franke, Melissa Curtis

**1. Call to Order at 7:02**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Welcome and Introduction of PTA Board Members, Representatives, and General Membership**

**4. Principal – Kelly Apruzzi**

- Thank you for the STEAM night. It was well attended as usual. It was a fun night and great to see the teacher's running events so parents could enjoy it.
- Thank you for the RIF book distribution. We do this twice a year. All kids get a book from the PTA.
- Completed World Series of Reading. Mrs. Fehr came up with the idea to have teachers reading aloud more. It was 6 days (lasted longer than the Yankees). Kids all received bookmarks and the kids who won received extra recess. Mrs. Kennedy's class was the winner with 72 read alouds, followed by Mrs. Klotz and Ms. Rabeh.
- Reminder that there is no school for staff and students tomorrow. Office is open. Also closed on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the veterans.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> is the end of the trimester. Report cards are ready for the conferences. They start on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and end Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Scholastic Book Fair November 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be open in the afternoon and evening for conferences. Great prices for great books.
  - Conferences begin Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reminder that there is no lunch served on half days. Half days the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> all students go to the High School for the play. It something related to Pinocchio. No backpacks needed that day.
  - No school Thursday for Thanksgiving, Friday and Monday.
  - Kindness Squad is doing a collection for the Dominican Republic.

- On Kindness Day, Wednesday November collecting money for a high school impacted by hurricane Helene. And wear green and yellow. The money will go to the High School in Ashville. NC.

**5. Teacher Update:** None provided by Mrs. Apruzzi

**6. Be Safe:** Jamie Iorio for Margherita Gallina

- November is a busy, busy month. Today starts our Krispy Kreme fall fundraiser. It will run from today until November 18<sup>th</sup>, with a pick-up date of November 26<sup>th</sup> (Just in time for Thanksgiving). All profits are used to purchase any school supplies, books, manipulatives, etc.....for the Be Safe program so we are looking forward to a successful fundraiser from our preschool and afterschool families.
- We will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> parent teacher conference on 11/20 for our 3-day students and on 11/21 for our 2-day students.
- Afterschool ½ day activities are currently being finalized and parents will receive an email by 11/18. All forms will be due back to Be Safe by 11/18.
- Preschool pictures will be taken on 11/25 for our 3-day students and on 11/26 for our 2-day students.
- All Be Safe will be closed on 11/27 (preschool and afterschool).

**7. Secretary Update:** Susy Whitney

- Requested approval for October meeting minutes. Yana Kalmatsky approved, and Christina Rosario seconded.
- The KBES directory is open until November 6th. If you want to be included check FB page or the parent page for KBES. It is completely voluntary.

**8. Treasurer update:** Julie Kaniper

- Classroom grants and STEAM Night pay outs.

**9. Vice President of Volunteers Update:** Jennifer Franke

- The sign-ups for the rest of the events for this year will go out before our next meeting. There are the events:
  - Scholastic Book Fair – 11/19 - 11/26, this one is out now.
  - PTA Sponsored Staff Lunches during conferences 11/22-11/26. We ask for donations.
  - Holiday Shop 12/6 – 12/12
  - Outdoor Winter Celebration 12/13
  - Polar Express (1<sup>st</sup> grade) 12/17
- Yule Log (4<sup>th</sup> grade) 12/18

**10. Fundraising Update:**

- Coin Wars wrapped up at \$1986, third grade won. Got extra recess and used it today!

**11. Vice President:** No update

## **12. President Update:** Jamie Iorio

- No updates.
- Committee representatives:
  - RIF (Renee Solderitch) – We had a successful distribution. Thank you to volunteers who helped. Over 600 books were given out including Be Safe students. Feb 24-25
  - Coin Wars (Yana Kalmatsky and Audrey Kemmerer) – It was a great success! Had 4 \$100 bills. Kids were very excited into it!
  - Staff luncheons (Delia Peluso) – The committee is getting menus together. Going to be homestyle day. Trying to get Texas Roadhouse to donate rolls.
  - STEAM Night (Samantha Ondilla)– thank you to everyone who helped or came to STEAM Night. Special thank you to Ms. Shields, the maintenance staff, and Mrs. Apruzzi.
  - Holiday Shop (Samantha Ondilla) – The theme is nutcracker this year. Envelopes are ordered, letters going home are on nutcracker stationary. Things are ready to go. Just need a crew for set up. Will try to reserve some items to put out later in the week. Potential for an “e-wallet” option, maybe with Givebacks? Send home the gift tags with kids to fill out for people they are buying for to reduce the wrapping crowds.
  - Bingo (Brianna Villani) – Still looking for sponsors. Have some raffle items secured. Have sold tickets already. Tickets are cheaper before the end of the year. Boy scouts can sell water and bake sale. We are low on sponsors. One sponsor is now going to sponsor the Variety Show. Try to get signs out early. Possibly have churches advertise the bingo.

## **13. General membership comments/concerns/questions from the floor**

- Considering ways to monetize events like STEAM Night since so many kids/families attend. Voluntarily have people contribute money. Possibly have Davinci Science Center or other businesses sponsor things.
- Should we extend the time for STEAM Night? Make a longer window to spread out crowds.
- Reminder that Dr Resende is attending the December meeting.

14. **Adjourn** – 8:15 pm, Jamie Iorio motioned to adjourn. Brianna Villani approved, and Audrey Kemmerer seconded. Our next meeting is Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the cafeteria.

**Next General PTA Meeting, Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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