

Monday, 11/3/25

General Membership: Margherita Gallina, Dena Tomsic, Kira Botha, Alice Chung, Aundrey Kemmerer, Caitlin Servian, Veronica Rute, Susy Whitney, Christina Rosario, Heather LaBar, Jessica Parsons, Keri Velopolcak, Meg Besterce, Justin Winig, Crystal Camilo, Samantha Ondilla, Lindsay VanAssen, Debra Polise, Surgiom Purdy, Melissa Mushko, Amy Bondl, Rebecca Schoenberger, Meghan Kurpat, Kara Wiley, Brenna Kern, Lisa Farley, Karisa Butler, Kate Pursel-Farrell, Jessica Korpics, Jessica Russell

KBES Representatives: Kelly Apruzzi

KBES Board Members: Jennifer Franke-president, Yana Kalmatsky -treasurer, Andrea Fisher-fundraising coordinator, Brianna Villani- VP of fundraising and Courtlynn Lawler -secretary

1. Call to Order at Jennifer Franke @ 641pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Principal – Mrs Appruzzi

- Thank pta and volunteers for a great day on with character parade and fall celebration.
- Fall fest was 10/25 by nazareth science project – they had a great turn out and was a great event
- Nazareth Science projects next event is December 6, 2025 from 4p-7p and will include photos with santa. The PTA holiday shop will also be going on.
- Esu students completed their advocacy project which included hands on the side walk on the side of the building, sensory walk ,4 square games, snakes and latter, hopscotch in the back of the building. The kids are loving these additional games to play with.
- No school tomorrow for elction day (11/4) and next Tuesday (11/11) for Veterans day
- The School is supporting Food and supply drive with the kindness squad and high school athletes which benefits LVHN Hackerman-Patz house. We are collecting food pantry items for the next two weeks. Which ever class fundraises the most items gets pizza party.
- Fall picture retake is 11/19

- Scholastic book fair starts 11/19 through 11/25 for students to shop in school with their class. The book fair will also be open during conferences in the library.
- Giving tree selection will start on 11/19 when all the tags are given out the remaining students who want to participate can bring in a toys for tots.
- Early dismissal will be 11/21, 11/24, 11/25 and 11/26. Parent teacher conferences are open for sign up on sign up genius which can be accessed through the school website. They are held 11/21, 11/24 and 11/25. The night option for conferences is 11/ 25.
- School will go to High school on 11/24 to watch the performance of Alice in wonderland.
- Chacter trait for November is honesty and showing integrity.
- Math grade 2, 3, and 4 are working on student specific concepts during WIN time (what they need). During this time students will be pulled by the math specialist and given extra attention in whatever area of math they need. Whether it be challenge them or further clairification instruction.
- Reading has a new program benchmark advance- some classes have this in place but not all of them. It would be help if at home parents can work on building back ground knowledge. This is done with conversation about any subject and use vocabulary that will challenge them. The current focus the students are focusing on is government from local to national. First segment of the year they worked on was animals.

6. **Be Safe:** Mrs. Gallina

- Thank you to esu students for their advocacy project. Be safe is also using and enjoying their project.
- Krispy cream fundraiser will be running 10/30 -11/14 with pick up 11/20. Profits will be used for supplies and books. We receive 50% profit from everything that is sold.
- Parent teacher conferences for Be safe will be 11/19 for 3 day program and 11/18 for the 2 day program.
- During the half days the afterschool program will utilize the building to have activites for the children to participate in such as kick ball tournament and Perler beads. A notice will come out by 11/10 and they will need to know by 11/17 who is attending.
- Picutres for the preschool will be on 11/24 and 11/25.
- There will be no Be Safe and Afterschool program on 11/26.

7. **Secretary Update:** Courtlynn Lawler

- Requested approval for October meeting minutes. Susy Whitney approved, and Audrey seconded.
- Teacher favorite docment and student directoy will be sent to Mrs. Apruzzi for distribution

8. Treasurer update: Yana Kalmatsky

- Reviews the budget thus far this year
 - Downward trend with fitness walk-2 years ago we raised 10,000, last year we raised 8,000 and this year we raised 6,100
 - Goal for next year is for more parents to show up at fitness walk for support
 - Bingo 2600 in sponsors
 - Tshirts 6000
 - Grant for teacher and principal
 - Membership 650- we get 4 per membership
 - RIF out 2000
 - Checks for k and 4th field trip written
 - Brought in about 11,000 and spent 21,000
- Opened a CD for left over money 3.5 for 13 months
- Filing tax return will go out on time
- Increasing scholarship for seniors 1-1000 and alton mann scholarship for 1000

9. Vice President of Volunteers Update: Andrea Fisher

- Looking for co-chair for bingo -someone to shadow and take over in the future
- Looking for chair for 4th grade moving up ceremony. This would involve decorations and setting up water and snacks and helping with Christmas city.

10. Committee Updates:

- Lisa Farley – fitness walk
 - Went well aside from being cold
 - Proceeds down from last year
 - Brainstorming for next year-initial letter 4 weeks out- doing a flyer weekly aside from social media to promote donating
 - Putting out a big water bottle at event to collect change
 - Prime material arts was good addition
 - Schaffer elementary does limbo and hopscotch while walking
 - Another idea for next year potentially is Parent/child face off to bring more parents out

for participation

- Could ask all the teacher to include QR code and flyer in their daily email to parents
- Dena and Lindsay-teacher lunches
 - Looking for help with clean up
 - Sign up genius will go out again but is mostly filled
- Sam-holiday shop
 - Theme this year is Mrs Claus Sweet Shop- candy land with gingerbread
 - Set up dec 1 -at 830 would be done by 130
 - Family shop night Dec 6 which is a co-event with Nazareth area science project. Will include train rides, photos, hot chocolate. The kindness squad is doing a cookie walk. Chorus may sing. Teachers may read around the school. Hoping to have a lego gingerbread building.
 - Plan to Auction off gingerbread house
 - If interested in being a shopper for next year reach out. Meeting on Nov 12 on zoom – will review pricing, sticker tags, package ideas—at drop off things should be shelf ready.

11. Fundraising Update: Brianna Villani

- Moving ahead with restuarnat week start on 11/11 tues and through sat. Kick back 10-20% on dine in and take out depending on the restaurant.
- Bingo still looking for sponsors and raffle donations –prices of tickerts go up in the new year to \$30.
- Also doing night at the races looking for basket raffle items worth \$150+
- Sign up genius out to sign out for basket raffle
- Sponsors can donate as tax deduction
- Looking for STREAM and art night station sponsors
- Night at the races horse race is a 2 part fundraiser. Part 1st in school teachers will race
 - Part 2 is April 17 adult only horse races with awards -ticket to come to the phoenix. Can be a stable or horse owner. Bet on the races. Drinks and food provided at extra cost.

12. President Update: Jennifer Franke

- Principal appreciation was in October -gift given to Mrs. Apruzzi

14. Adjourn – 740pm, Courtlynn motioned to adjourn. Sam Ondilla approved, and Susy Whitney seconded. Our next meeting is Monday, Dec 8, at Catty Corner.

Next General PTA Meeting, Monday, December 8 at Catty Corner Restaurant

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN YOUR PTA!