

# MINUTES

## Kettle Lake Elementary PTO

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*Date / time* 9/14/2020 - 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Enneesa, President

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### Mission Statement

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It is the mission of the Kettle Lake PTO to support quality education for the children of Kettle Lake Elementary School.

#### **Board in attendance:**

Enneesa Ewing, Laura Gifford, Jennifer Putnam

#### **Other attendees:**

Mrs. Rowley

Mrs. Ballmer

Mrs. Shrewsbury

Jason and Jennifer Gless

Sarah (?)

Ginger Schmidt

Laura Dunham

Lisa Dupis

(one other unidentified - it just said "iphone")

Introductions - PTO Board members were named and Mrs. Ballmer was welcomed

Principal's report - Mr's Ballmer introduced herself and shared that we are in week 4 and things are going well at KL thusfar despite all of the challenges with this year being so different from others.

Budget - Jenn went over the budget. Much of the budget has been halved for line items for this year, as less is needed due to the restrictions on involvement.

Fundraising Restrictions - Enneesa shared that some fundraising is not taking place due to district restrictions, but no-cost fundraising can still take place. Mrs. Ballmer spoke to this as well. See slide for which are going and which are paused.

Task/Activities Overview - Enneesa went through all of the tasks/activities listed on the slide. Points of interest: Enneesa relayed that Jamie who runs Terracycle has asked for families to hold on to their collections until the end of the year and there will be one big collection instead. Recycling from kid's lunch items will be the only Terracycle being collected onsite throughout the year.

Related to recycling, Laura Gifford mentioned that KL can still get Trex points if you notify Mrs.

Shrewsbury that you're recycling your plastic through Target or Meijer. Mrs. Shrewsbury said that yes, collections need to be dropped off at the store by families instead of bringing it into school like last year. If she is notified about how many bags you dropped off, she can log that toward Kettle Lake's contribution.

Also, Target will allow you to fill a whole shopping cart and leave it in the vestibule.

Enneesa inquired about whether anyone knew if Cougar Kids Care Club (CKCC) was still going (possibly virtual). Mrs. Ballmer said she would touch base with Cindy to find out. What can we do to be creative and figure out Blood Drive? Possibly the mobile blood drive bus or partner with a local church who can host it and we can support and have KL families donate there instead of the school since we can't do it at the school. Will CKCC still do their "quarter" item / bake sales?

Open positions - Enneesa highlighted all the open areas where volunteer support is needed. One of those is Spiritwear - Jennifer and Jason Gless spoke up that they would be interested in supporting with this as they have connections in this space with his work. Mrs. Ballmer has OK'd Spiritwear sales and agrees that Spiritwear is an acceptable fundraising option. Enneesa to reach out to the Gless's to get them the info needed so they can move forward with spearheading Spiritwear.

Laura Dunham asked about how eager parents can help teachers. There are a lot of parents who want to support the teachers and staff. Mrs. Rowley mentioned that stuff for the teacher's lounge is always welcomed and appreciated. Mrs. Rowley will help put together a wish list - Jenn Putnam and Laura Dunham will coordinate the process for helping parents figure out how to sign up for items to buy and donate and the process for getting those to the school, etc.

Room parents are not specifically needed this year - Mrs. Rowley says that reaching out to the specific teacher you want to support is the best way to help that teacher with upcoming parties and other classroom needs. Teachers are on board with this and aware that this is how we will proceed this year until further notice.

Lisa Dupis asked why CORE Overnighter is being cancelled altogether rather than just for this year. Enneesa explained it's very difficult to run the overnighter as many parents are not eager to volunteer. It's a very big logistical challenge to put on, and Mrs. Ballmer re-emphasized that we will get creative about how to celebrate reading month. We are all open to any new ideas for this...specifically ones that do not involve overnight.

Meeting closed with Mrs. Ballmer and Mrs. Rowley re-expressing how grateful they are for all of the support both from parents and PTO.

Meeting ended at 7:40pm.

Pre-Meeting topic of interest:

Mrs. Ballmer will get the PTO info on what playground equipment upgrades are needed. The soccer nets and the basketball hoop nets are shot.