

KETTLE LAKE PTO

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Holly Blough, Co-Vice President

November 15, 2022

In person meeting - Cafeteria

Mission Statement:

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

In Attendance:

Megan Ballmer
Amanda Rasche
Holly Blough
Kelli Bonnell
Nate Asper
Elena Noakes
Kate Nankervis (virtual)

Leah Smith
Amanda Theisen
Amy Hoss
Amanda Theisen
Lindsey Grysen
Jen LaPorte

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 2022 meeting were approved and are now on the KL website.

Updates from Mrs. Ballmer:

Mrs. Ballmer thanked everyone for coming! They are still loving Capturing Kids Hearts. They had a Professional Development day on Halloween to focus on implementation. She has even brought this into her own home and created a social contract with her family; she loves seeing this in

action. Everyone is enjoying sharing the “good” and finding their sense of belonging.

The Halloween parade and festivities were so fun. They are excited for the holiday parties on December 16th.

The FROYO machine is a hit. It's available for purchase every Friday. They have implemented a once a month free treat for 5 kids from each class. This is for Cougar Cool behavior and is on the last Tuesday of each month (started in October). Each student selected gets their picture taken and is displayed in the cafeteria. She has ordered a book/cougar stuffie that will be given to one of these students each month through a drawing.

She introduced the third grade teachers - a new team together. Elena holding down the fort; Nate was new last year and welcomed Kate this year.

They thanked us for Teacher Appreciation. Talked about their “Dont Eat Turkey” activity - what to eat instead; check it out displayed in hallways. For math they are going strong with multiplication and division. They are doing timed tests; get an ice cream party with prizes being ice cream toppings. Kids are loving it and are really competing with themselves.

PTO Budget (Erin Hendges - not present, sent update) :

Erin proposed to move the \$350 allocated to the Watchdog program to Learning Garden. Discussed that the money for training and more for Watchdog won't officially come back this year. Dads are welcome to contact office/teachers if they would like to volunteer more informally. Many parents would love for the Watchdog program to come back more formally next year.

Erin Hendges motioned to approve the move of funds (via email). Kelli Bonnell approved the motion; Amanda Rasche and Holly Blough seconded.

Confirmed not talent show this year - funds not needed

Committee Reports :

- Book Fair (Oct. and Feb.) - Leah Smith/Kelli Bonnell
 - ◆ We raised nearly \$7,900 in sales; 50% of this goes straight to the library in Scholastic Funds
- Spirit Wear- Amanda Theisen
 - ◆ \$438 made for the school (about \$500 last year). Loved the new vendor. Prices were higher, but quality and options were greater. The sale will stay open through December, and will just have to ship to home (just \$6 for shipping).
 - ◆ Sold a lot of the quarter zip and dri-fit
 - ◆ Would like to have a table out next year at the open house with samples!
- Direct you Dollars- Amanda Theisen
 - ◆ Not going awesome - she has about \$40,000 in receipts so far (for every \$150,000 in receipts, we receive a \$1,000 check)
 - ◆ There is a competition within the classrooms right now. Winners will get a “prize” or “activity” - teachers choice! i.e. pizza, ice cream, movie, etc. Planned to run again in Spring, but won't if participation continues to be so low.
 - ◆ This may be a program that does not continue; may want to look at something else?
- Key Communicator- Amanda Theisen & Leah Smith
 - ◆ October 3rd was the first meeting and Leah Smith went. A lot of talk about the new bond (not yet voted on)
 - ◆ The majority of the bond is for the new Dutton Elementary (\$40 mil) - see below for rest:

Supplemental Bond
Admin Priority List Considerations

Complete the Vision	Facility Reinvestment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Dutton Elementary<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$40 Million• Stadium Renovation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$6.5 Million• Calplex (Phase 2)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$3 Million	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DLMS 7W Entry/Cafeteria<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$1.2 Million• DLMS/Early Childhood Center Roof<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$1.5 Million• Scotland Yard Replace Turf<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$1.4 Million• Kettle Lake Parking Lot<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$0.75 Million• Paris Ridge Playground<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$0.4 Million• Band Storage<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$0.3 Million• New Buses<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$1.6 Million• Technology Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$3.6 Million• Demolition of Old DE<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$0.75 Million

*All cost estimates are based on a May 2023 Election

Total Bond Request:
\$61 Million

Complete the Vision Facility Reinvestment

- ◆
- ◆ Some are concerned that it would not pass if it wasn't just for Dutton, but there is a lot of support for it. They can go up to

\$120 mil, so they feel the \$61 mil is actually conservative. Everyone at Dutton supports it. The principal from Dutton spoke at the meeting and is in favor of the additions that are being proposed.

- ◆ There are several deadlines of course and there is also some concern in having two different boards when voting. One vote will happen before 1/1 and another after (with new board), but it is impossible to get it in before ...
- ◆ They will also need the village to give them some land in goodwill in order to make some of these things happen/use the bond money. Caledonia village is not using the land, so the school does not think it will be an issue to get the land, but overall - everyone needs to know how important it is to vote yes on the bond!
 - The idea behind key communicators is to have a bridge between each building and the district.

→ Shop with Script- Erin Hedges

- ◆ This is a no sale fundraiser. NO UPDATE

→ Learning Garden- Molly Carl, Erin Hedges, Amy Hoss

- ◆ Amy Hoss gave an update - CKCC will take over the 5 beds in the spring. Needs budget for soil and gravel - can this be used with existing budget? Money being moved here from Watchdogs will be for mulch beds out front.
- ◆ Boy Scouts are going to take out current bamboo
- ◆ Eagle Scouts (Erin) are in talked with Megan about creating a shed/shelter to house tools to make all these projects happen

→ Walk-a-thon - Christy Morehouse (Amanda Theisen gave update)

- ◆ \$20,000 earned! - less than hoped for and in years past.
- ◆ Less hands on computer next year - a few items were mixed up.
- ◆ Beanie was not good - huge - had to have her redo - not happy with vendor for prizes and would plan to switch to one doing Spirit Wear sale next year
- ◆ A few people mentioned trying new things next year ie. pledge based on distance, using online formats, seeking local business as sponsors, etc...

→ Coupon Books (Key Card) - Christy Morehouse

- ◆ Christy has been in contact - NO UPDATE

→ Room Parent Coordinator- Kelli Bonnell

- ◆ NO UPDATE

→ Moms and Mr.'s- Needs Volunteers

- ◆ Need to find date and will solicit help (need KL point)

→ Carnival/Family Night- Jenna Hurless and Niki Frontjes

- ◆ NO UPDATE

→ TerraCycle - Jamie Ryder

- ◆ Jamie needs shadow
- ◆ Megan indicated this gets a lot of participation in school - maybe Jamie could make a "job description" to help get someone interested?

- After the meeting Amy Hoss expressed that she may be able to help with this - Kelli will put her in touch with Jamie
- Cougar Kids Care Club - Amy Hoss (needs another volunteer)
 - ◆ The kids have their first trinket and treats sale this week Thursday and Friday (25 and 50 cent tables)! As well as bring your stuffie to school day for \$1 on Friday - all proceeds benefiting Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary (kids first pick)
 - ◆ She may need another hand on Thursday for a table - Jen Laporte has offered to help.
- Teacher Appreciation- Jen LaPorte
 - ◆ December 14th will be boxed lunches for the staff. Money is coming in better than last time.
 - ◆ We had two people interested in helping - kelli will email them to connect with Jen and the team and get them involved in events after the new year.
- Daddy Daughter Dance- Needs Volunteers
 - ◆ Need to find date and will solicit help (need KL point)
- Reading Month- Needs Volunteers
 - ◆ Librarian and parents work together - should there be a teacher point as well? Really just needs parents for ideas/planning and then school takes it from there.
 - ◆ Leah Smith volunteered, as well as Kelli Bonnell
- Blood Drive - Lindsey Gryen
 - ◆ Very successful! There were some school incentives - fidget for every first person a student brought in and piece of candy for any additional. Mrs Dryburgh's class won a donut party for the most people brought in (13)! Mrs French was second (8) - second grade must be a sweet spot ;)
 - ◆ Goal was 30 - had 41 attempts and 38 successful.
 - ◆ The next drive is scheduled for February 23rd - this one will be around 10:30am - 7pm in hopes of getting people after school/work. This is a Thursday; Megan is planning to be able to support teachers who want to go out during the school day by getting them coverage if it runs over their lunch/planning time.
- Fourth Grade Year End Celebration (add on agenda item!)
 - ◆ Jen Laporte would like to lead this, with help from Amanda Theisen, Leah Smith, Amanda Rasche
 - ◆ Megan and the fourth grade teaching team will work with a point parent(s); thinks it went well last year and can bounce off that.

Suggestion from Amanda Theisen - not sure if its budget or can be, but what about giving all the incoming Kinders a Kettle Lake t-shirt as an incoming gift. Most kinders don't have a shirt to wear for the beginning of the year's events, so it would be nice if they had something for Walk A Thon,

spirit week, etc... since those are all before the Spirit Wear sale. Everyone loves this idea - just need to work it into the budget for next year.

Website Updates:

If anyone/committees have updates for website please send to Kelli Bonnell

To Do:

Continue working on the 2022-2023 events - need leads or help for a couple of events still!

- Daddy Daughter Dance - find out dates - needs chair
- Moms and Misterys - - find out dates - needs chair
- Teacher Appreciation - have two interested - will only need more if they decide they are not able
- How can we bring WatchDog program back more officially next year
- Set up a table at school during holiday parties to get parents involved (Leah Smith will sit at it)? How else can we entice people to help?