

KETTLE LAKE PTO

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Laura Gifford, President

November 1, 2021

In person meeting and Zoom

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:

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| Megan Ballmer | Laura Gifford |
| Ginger Schmidt | Amanda Rasche |
| Erin Hendges | Christy Morehouse |
| Laura Durham | Lisa Pyper |
| Mary Frey | Cindy Keson |
| Amanda Theisen | Leah Austin |
| Valerie Brooks | Courtney Van Hagen |
| Jessica Wood | Andrea Schaaf |
| Missy Visser | Kelli Bonnell |
| Jamie Ryder | Holly Blough |
| Julie Warners | Stephanie Doody |
| Enneesa Ewing | Jenn Putnam |

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting were approved and are now on the KL website.

Updates from Mrs. Ballmer:

Mrs. Ballmer said that they have been talking about allowing volunteers into the classrooms soon. They will be meeting in November about ways to do that safely. Communication about that will go out to parents as soon as they know more. A background form will be necessary to volunteer once parents are able; a link for this will be sent soon.

PTO Budget (Erin Hedges) :

The Walk-A-Thon raised \$26,725.85. The costs for the prizes for the walkathon were \$3,548.86, which brings the net money raised for the PTO to \$23,176.99

Committee Reports :

-Cougar Kids Care Club - Cindy Keson - Cindy said she was very excited at the participation this year, they already had 35 students attending from 3rd and 4th grades. They have an upcoming meeting and will be planning their first 'Treats and Trinkets' sale. The sale will happen on 11/18 and 11/19. They will also host a hat day on 11/19. The money they raise during these days will go towards Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary, which was chosen by the students. They are looking for donations of pre-packaged treats and trinkets for their sale. She also said that the first blood drive was a huge success. They had 54 people donate (their goal was 50) and 16 first time donors. They will hold another blood drive on 2/18.

- Walk-a-thon - Jen Putnam - The Walk-A-Thon was a huge success. Jen said that all of the prizes have been sent home and all of the money has come in. Everyone was very supportive of the event and the hard work that she and Leah put into the event.

- TerraCycle - Jamie Ryder - TerraCycle is doing great so far. Jamie continues to do weekly FB posts to remind families what they are collecting. Mrs. Pyper suggested that they have some type of poster they can keep in the classrooms so that they know what is recyclable and Jamie said that she will get that to the teachers.

- Book Fair - Leah Smith and Kelli Bonnell - They were very excited that the book fair will have an in person option this year. Money raised goes directly towards the library. Parents also have the option of buying online and providing their child(ren) with an E-Wallet.

- Spirit Wear Sale - Amanda Theisen - There will not be a sale this Fall, there are too many supply issues and items that are back ordered. Amanda is committed to doing a sale in the spring. She will use the same vendor that Emmons used, as it is an easy vendor to work with and a local one as well.

- Reading Month Update - Laura Durham - We are looking for members, we need to start planning. The reading month will look different this year, as there will no longer be an overnigher, so we will meet with Mrs. Ballmer to see what this will look like.

- Daddy/Daughter Dance - Enneesa Ewing - Proposed Date of 5/6/22 - No updates at this time. Also unsure about Moms and Misters. We need to reach out to Cal PTO to check on this.

- Teacher Appreciation - Laura Durham - Things are going well, a lot of donations have been received. Teachers got coffee and breakfast in October, they will get a catered lunch in December.

- Direct Your Dollars - Amanda Theisen - Things are going well, the school is close to getting \$1,000. Amanda is promoting it on the PTO site, hoping parents bring in receipts at conferences.

- Talent Show - Ginger Schmidt - Talent show is on for this year. We are looking for more helpers with this. Ginger is going to meet with Mrs. Ballmer to figure out how it will look this year.

- Learning Garden - possible PTO project - Mrs. Ballmer explained that we need help taking care of the Learning Garden and planning for future years. There are PTO funds already in place for this, so we will need a committee to oversee this. Mrs. Carl is helping at this point. Holly Blough mentioned Hope Gardens as a possible resource to help with lessons and plans for the garden.

2022/2023 PTO Board Positions :

Laura G. spoke about the importance of getting more people on the PTO, especially shadowing current members. Many of our members will not be

at Kettle Lake next year, and it would be very helpful to get people shadowing this year to learn the ropes.

To Do:

Get PTO shadows

Committee members needed for:

Moms and Misters

Coupon Book (Christy and ??? said they would do it)

Family Fun Night - to replace Carnival. An outside family night with baskets as a fundraiser

STEM Night (Possibly? May be a district wide event)

Watch Dogs may be started again. PTO will support this as needed. We will wait for an update from Mrs. Ballmer.