

KETTLE LAKE PTO

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Laura Gifford, President

March 7, 2022

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 | Jessica Wood |
| Jenna Hurless | Niki Frontjes |
| Jenn LaPorte | Laura Pittman |
| Amanda Theisen | Kelli Bonnell |
| Holly Blough | Amy Hoss |
| Leah Smith | Jamie Ryder |
| Jenn Putnam (zoom) | Erin Hendges (zoom) |
| Kelly LaCroix (zoom) | Kelly Clark (zoom) |
| Eneessa Ewing (zoom) | |

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting were approved and are now on the KL website.

Updates from Mrs. Ballmer:

Mrs. Ballmer relayed how appreciative the staff is of all the PTO has done and all the support they have been given. They are excited to begin to welcome guest readers into the building. The end of the year will be busy with concerts, field day, and Family Fun Night.

Dr. Martin is going to host a meeting on April 12 for all PTO members and active participants to give updates on this year and next year.

Fourth grade is having a great year. They shared with us that they have been meeting with Kindergarten Buddies and the kids love it. They are also doing science switches each Friday which the kids are also loving.

PTO Budget (Erin Hedges) :

The budget is looking good so far this year. She reminded Moms and Misters and the Daddy Daughter Dance that they each get \$300 toward the dance if they need it.

Committee Reports :

-Cougar Kids Care Club - Amy Hoss - They are looking for one more leader for next year; Amy will help, but her child isn't yet old enough to be in CKCC. They are having another Treats and Trinkets Sale on 3/24 and 3/25 - they'll be collecting donations for that until right before the sale. She mentioned that Little Debbie type snacks are a big seller. This sale will support Be The Match. They are also going to have 'bring a stuffie to school day' on 4/14 for a \$1 donation. The club will be working in the Learning Garden on 4/14. The final meeting of the year will be May 6 where they will be doing a kick ball game. They also have a field trip on 5/12 to Kids Food Basket. CKCC T shirts are still available for \$10

- TerraCycle - Jamie Ryder - The cough drop collection is coming to a close. The last day to bring in cough drop items is March 18.

-Coupon Books - Christy Morehouse - The sale went really well, the estimated profit for the PTO is \$2700. Christy also chose a winner for a \$100 GC to Celebration Cinemas from a group of top families.

- Book Fair - Leah Smith and Kelli Bonnell - The Book Fair March 15 and 17 from 4-7, with student-only shopping on Friday, March 18 during lunch. They are looking for volunteers to help on both nights.

- Spirit Wear Sale - Amanda Theisen - She just submitted the orders, she is hoping to receive the orders back by spring break. She said about \$4,800 in orders were received, she is now waiting for the invoice to see what the profit is.

- Reading Month Update - Laura Durham and Jessica Wood - Reading Month is in full swing. Mrs. Ballmer mentioned how great it was to see everyone in their matching Reading Month t-shirts on Friday. The reading group donated 3 copies of each of the 8 books to the library. The end of the month reading celebration will be on Thursday, March 31. It will be a movie and popcorn, with the movie being the winner of the March Madness.

-Daddy/Daughter Dance - Enneesa Ewing -Planning is going well. It is going to be a glow/space theme dance. Melissa Persson is co-chair. Final plans are being made, and save the dates should be going out soon. The dance will be on May 6 in the HS cafeteria. The committee is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event.

- Moms and Misterys - Niki Frontjes and Jenna Hurless - Also a glow theme, the group would love more volunteers either to plan or at the actual event. The event will be either 4/30 or 5/7, they should know soon. The dance will be from 5:30 - 8 at Duncan Lake. It will be \$5 presale or \$10 at the door.

- Teacher Appreciation - Jenn LaPorte - Planning is underway for Teacher Appreciation Week. Our Teacher Appreciation team has been contacted for a feature in School News Network due to the success of their Amazon wish list.

- Conference Potluck - Conference potlucks are arranged by the PTO board. We will once again have a potluck for the teachers on Tuesday March 15 during conferences, and will send out a sign up for donations & assistance.

- Direct Your Dollars - Amanda Theisen - This is done for the year, we hit the \$150,000 goal which gives the school \$1,000. Amanda will continue to collect receipts this year which will go toward next year. She is also planning on doing a classroom contest in the fall and spring next year. The top class will earn an ice cream party.

- Learning Garden - Amy Hoss said that CKCC is planning on working on the garden during their April meeting. Erin Hedges also said that her scout troop will be helping in the garden as well to earn a badge.

- Family Fun Night - Niki Frontjes and Jenna Hurless - They've been doing a lot of planning already and are excited about the event! It will be on Friday, May 20 from 5:30 - 8 on the Kettle Lake playground. Wristbands will be sold for \$10 ahead of time and \$15 at the door. Wristbands would include popcorn or chips and a drink, cake walk, inflatables, balloon guy creation, face painting and lawn games. They will also have concessions (cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, chips, candy, pop) as well as Parliment Pizza for purchase. They are also planning on doing a 50/50 Raffle, a basketball shoot out and possibly a dunk tank if they can get a few more teachers to commit. As they get closer to the date, they will reach out with any needs they have in terms of volunteers or help or any kind.

2022/2023 PTO Board Positions :

Nominations and voting will occur at the next meeting May 2.

Co-President - Christy Moorehouse is still deciding if she will run. Holly Blough is considering it if she can do it alongside someone else, as she works full time and wouldn't be able to be at the school very often.

Co-VP - Niki Frontjes expressed some interest and is going to think about it. She would do it along with Amanda Rasche who has one more year.

Secretary - Kelli Bonnell has expressed interest in being secretary next year.

Treasurer - Still looking to fill this position. Erin will gladly help as will Jenn Putnam who was the prior treasurer.

To Do:

Support committees as needed.