

KMPTO Meeting Minutes 12/18/12

Executive Board

- Co-President – Jennifer West
- Co-President – Steven Bigden-Russell
- VP – Christine Avona
- Treasurer – Kim Rossman
- Secretary – Dawn Sekulich
- Teacher Liaison – Ms. Suzanne Rivera

Co-President

- The general meeting agenda will now be posted on the PTO website before the meetings.
- Literacy/Catch Family Night – Good turn out.
 - On the student survey, the kids voted to keep the Book Fair
 - Kids danced, but we need more parents participating too!

Finances

- Current balance is \$467.75.
- The PTO account is charged based on the number of transactions. If we know we will have more transactions, such as the deposit of many checks, we can have the allowed transactions increased to avoid extra charges.
- Kim looked into getting a tax exempt (501c 3) # for the PTO, but it was too expensive (\$500+) & time consuming. We do, however, have a tax ID #.

Membership

- Joneen Lannon is our new Membership Chairperson! Thanks for volunteering Joneen!
- Dawn Sekulich will get together with Joneen after Winter Break to discuss the details of the position further.

PTO/Catch Family Game Night – Chairpersons: Dr. Batz (Catch) & Suzanne Rivera

- January 31st (Thursday) from 5-6:30pm – Mr. Bigden did look into a different date to avoid a conflict with the BPMS Band Dinner Concert, but there was nothing suitable.
- Committee: Kim Rossman, Jen Walsh, Mary Abrego
- Dr. Batz will contact Kristen DePerte about possibly being the Healthy Snacks Chairperson for this event (Kristen had given some great snack suggestions).
- Dr. Batz hopes to have board games & word games (maybe using the interactive whiteboard projector).
- To get the parents more involved, Dr. Batz will have the kids be the PE instructors & teach the parents some of the activities they have been doing in class.
- Closer to the event (early January), an email will go out asking for volunteers to donate healthy snacks for the sale.

Family Dance – Chairpersons: Christine Avona & Steven Bigden

- NEW DATE – Thursday, February 21st.
- Everyone should wear their Sunday best.
- Mr. Bigden is contacting KM parents to be the photographer (Zsarina Amador) & the DJ (Mateo Jasso).
- Newport asked KM to distribute a flier for their January dance. Our PTO voted to not circulate the fliers to KM students since their dance was so similar to ours & so close to

the date of our dance. Mr. Bigden will contact Newport to explain our decision.

- A suggestion was also made to look for donations of flowers, cookies, etc. rather than outright purchasing them.
 - If donors ask for a tax exempt # to write off their donation we'll have to use KM School's tax exempt#.
 - Rebecca Carpenter will look into flower donations.
- The suggestion was made to sell a family ticket to include several family members (maybe 4) in one ticket. This would pay for admission, a photo, flower, a drink & snack for each person. For larger families, there could be an additional fee for each person added on.
- Cake walk? Maybe 50 cents per try?
- Voted to move the discussion of further dance details to a dance committee meeting.
- Dance Committee members include Rebecca Carpenter, & Gregory & Taneeka Hawkins.

Administration – Dr. Bieneman

- Boxtops (Angela & Kristen were unable to be at this meeting)
 - KM will receive a \$1075 check this month!
 - Another competition will begin after the holidays. The classes will be divided up into groups of K-1, 2-3, 4-5. Seven classes will win a prize!
- Dr. Batz & Ms. Meyer both received Trustmark Insurance grants! Dr. Batz will use hers to bring geocaching to KM. Ms. Meyer will use hers to expand the garden.
- Surveys will be sent out again after Winter Break.
 - Parent Surveys – about 45 (10%) parents have taken the survey. Their #1 pick was to update the computer lab. Parents' #2 included buying e-readers.
 - Student Surveys – about 385 students have taken the survey. Their #1 pick was for a climbing wall. Their #2 pick included field trips.

PTO Roster/Email List

- We discussed the best way to maintain the completed KM PTO membership roster.
- One of the Co-Presidents will email the PTO members in May to ask if they want to stay on the roster (email list) or be removed. It was suggested that the members pay a fee to stay on the roster.
- From now on, all emails sent to the general PTO members will be sent as a blind copy.

2013-2014 PTO Calendar

- Any ideas for PTO events are needed asap so a calendar can be prepared to present to Dr. Bieneman. New ideas as well as ideas to expand upon existing KM events would be appreciated!
- A committee (Dawn Sekulich, Steven Bigden, & Taneeka Hawkins) will meet in February to organize.

January Movie Night – Chairpersons Rebecca Carpenter & Jen West

- January 17th. We will start serving food at 4:30pm. Movie will begin at 5:30pm.
- This movie night will be a fundraiser to go towards the payment of a late bus for kids staying after school to be tutored. The kids cannot be charged for the transportation. The tutoring is for 4th & 5th graders, with the hope of expanding to 2 & 3rd graders in 2013. \$440 per month is needed to have a bus for Tuesday & Thursdays.
- Hotdogs were suggested because they are easy & less expensive to buy than pizza.
- Popcorn will be allowed in the gym during the movie again since we did a good job

cleaning up after the last movie night. Let's keep up the good clean-up!

- Since this movie night is to benefit transportation needs, Cars 2 was suggested as the movie with a drive-in theme.
- A best-decorated-car contest was suggested. The kids can make cars out of cardboard boxes at home, & bring them to watch the movie in!

Event Suggestions

- Chuck E. Cheese, Sweet Tomatoes, Unos, or Oberweis – These restaurants offer fundraising nights that would create minimal work on our end. None of them require us to provide staff to attend. We would simply send out fliers telling KM families we are having a KM night at one of the restaurants, & we earn something for whoever shows up. Even if we only get a small payout (low attendance), it's better than nothing. We would have done very little & had no risk to get it.
- Chili Cook-off
 - Sell tickets to allow for tasting several of the chili entries + get a bowl of your favorite + drink. Have toppings like cheese, sour cream, & corn chips for the chili.
 - Maybe with a movie night.
 - Dr. Bieneman will check to see if PTO is covered under the school's insurance. If so, there may be allergy restrictions.
- Holiday-grams – sell for different holidays
 - Candy grams
 - Smencil grams – scented pencils
- Penny Jar
 - Each group has a jar they collect pennies in. Whoever collects the most wins a prize like a pizza party. Silver coins take away from the groups total so other groups try to sabotage each other by putting silver coins in each others jar (that's where the real \$ is collected!).
 - Maybe combine grades to make groups K-1, 2-3, 4-5.
 - Keep jars in office or lunchroom.
 - Great Lakes Credit Union is one location that does not charge to count change.
- Fundraising committee – Mr. Bigden & Taneeka Hawkins. Please contact Mr. Bigden if you are interested in joining this committee.

Meeting Attendance

Dawn Sekulich

Steven Bigden

Jennifer West

Jennifer Walsh

Michelle Batz

Suzanne Rivera

Sara Schutz

Elise Drinkwine

Dr. Bieneman

Kim Rossman

Taneeka & Gregory Hawkins

Rebecca Carpenter