

# KMPTO Meeting Minutes 9/17/13

## Executive Board

- President – Steven Bigden-Russell
- VP – Lisa Garcia
- Treasurer – Kim Rossman
- Secretary – Dawn Sekulich
- Teacher Liaison – Ms. Suzanne Rivera

## Sign-Up Genius

- Since we only have PTO meetings 3 times per year now, we'll rely more on Sign-Up Genius to get volunteers for events.
- More people can be informed about volunteer positions – not just people at the meetings.
- Volunteer positions can be broke down into smaller tasks so people are less intimidated to take a task.

## Movie Night – Co-Chairs Dawn Sekulich & Jennifer West

- Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Food for purchase 5:30pm. Movie starts at 6:30pm
- Hotel Transylvania (PG, 91 minutes) – Rebecca Carpenter has a DVD for us to use.
- Hotdog/chips/drink meal will be \$4.
- Chili cook-off – details to be finalized once we know how many contestants will be participating.
  - Contestants given a number & will serve samples in little cups with their number on it.
  - Possibly \$1 for 3 samples.
  - Each person sampling gets one vote for their favorite chili.
  - Once voting closed, remaining chili will be sold for \$1/bowl.
  - Prize for winner

## Fall Festival – Dr. Batz

- Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> during school hours (as with all events during the school day, please bring your state ID & check-in in the school office).
- Parents needed for different stations (games & activities)
- The staff was hoping to have a gourd (mini pumpkin) for each student to decorate – 500 needed. A motion was proposed & passed to use PTO funds to purchase 500 gourds from 4H through Rebecca Carpenter at 5/\$1 totaling \$100.

## Holiday Shop – Chairperson Jennifer West

- Possibly Dec.9-14.
- Several companies are being considered. Most provide fliers, money envelopes, item lists with prices, cash register, scanner, decorative bags,& overnight restock of items selling fast. Some offer lesson plans if teachers are interested.
- Open a couple days immediately before school, a couple after school, & at the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade evening concert.
- We can adjust how much we want to mark up the merchandise up to 20%.
- Items from about 50 cents to \$12.
- 3 to 4 volunteers will be needed per shift.
- Dr. Mayer said we can use a display case in the lobby to display all items w/prices before the sale.

- Request for help will go out in early November.

#### BoxTops – Chairpersons Angela Perry & Kristen DePerte

- A new contest will begin soon.
- Campbell's labels can be sent in too, but a separate box is needed in the classroom for them.
- Campbell's labels will be handed by a high school volunteer.

Easy, Ongoing Fundraisers – Dawn Sekulich will be putting together a list of shopping programs parents can easily participate in that produce an ongoing income of donations to KM. These are all as simple as signing up for a card or choosing KM as your school of choice with the programs. Please email Dawn ([dawnsekulich@gmail.com](mailto:dawnsekulich@gmail.com)) with any suggestions you may have. So far, our suggestion list includes:

- Target Redcard – This is a debit or credit card from Target. When you make purchases on it, KM receives donations from Target.
- GFS – This is a mini “Sam's Club” type store in Kenosha. You would need to sign up for a card which would identify KM as your school of choice. PTO still needs to get KM on their list of schools.
- Shoparoo – This phone app has you scan your store receipts to earn KM money. Sign up is simple. Most grocery receipts, or receipts from stores like Walmart, Target, or Sam's Club are accepted. Any receipt can be scanned, then the app will tell check to see if it's acceptable. KM is already on their list of schools.
- Pick-n-Save
- Schoola Stitch – Kristen Deperte will look more into this program to see if it is a good fundraising source.
- It was suggested that once the list is completed, the links to these programs be added to our KMPTO website.

#### School Needs

- Mr. Stuebner & Mrs. Shanteau are requesting help getting new stage/choral risers for school events. The risers KM has now, used for concerts & other events, are very old & need to be replaced. They will get back to us with an idea of cost involved.
- Dr. Mayer has suggested that PTO might help with landscaping for the front of the school. Something planted this spring would be a goal.
- A book room for the teachers is also in the works. Anything PTO could contribute towards this would be useful. Books available for teachers now are outdated. New, level readers would be appreciated.

#### Culver's

- Those at the meeting agreed that we do not want to participate in Culver's Nights if possible. Most people felt it was too much work for what was earned.
- Mr. Bidgen-Russell will be looking into doing 3-4 Culver's lunches through-out the year.
- Members had mixed views about whether the Culver's lunches last year went well or not.
- The suggestion was made that we consider other restaurants for lunches.
- Dr. Mayer is waiting to hear from the food-service staff about our requirements for lunches offered to students. The Free & Reduced Lunch program has specific requirements that may need to be met.
- It was agreed to revisit the idea of restaurant lunches later.

#### Textile Recycling

- We were offered the Beach Park Middle school band uniforms for recycling if we want them.

- The suggestion was made to have a recycling event this fall as well as in the spring. Movie Night was a suggested kick-off night for the collection.
- Dawn Sekulich will contact Chicago Textile Recycling to see if the date is free, & Kristen DePerte will contact a second company (Schoola Stitch) for information.
- If the collection truck was placed in KM's west parking lot (out of the way), we may be able to leave it there longer.
- The suggestion was made to put our recycling collection event in the local papers to encourage more donations from the community.
- About \$130 was raised from our last event textile collection (1301 lbs of clothing).

#### Finances – Kim Rossman

- The balance is \$1124.15. \$100 for the gourds will be deducted from this.

#### Textile Recycling Event – Dawn Sekulich

- About \$130 was raised from our 1<sup>st</sup> textile recycle event last spring. This only involves locking & unlocking the collection truck daily.
- KM staff & general PTO agreed the event was doable again for next year.

#### Potential Fundraisers

- Pie-In-the-Face! – Lisa Garcia suggested this fun event. Staff would volunteer to be voted on by the KM students to receive a pie in the face. Votes would be in the form of coins. The teacher with the most coins at the end of the week gets the pie in the face. All coins collected are put towards one of the PTO fundraising goals.
  - Dr. Mayer will speak to the staff to see if there is interest.
- Penny Wars – this is tentatively on the calendar for November. Pie-In-the-Face is an alternate.
  - Students are divided into groups (possibly by grade). Each group tries to collect the most pennies. The other groups put silver coins (nickels, dimes, & quarters) in the other groups' jars to deduct from the total. The group with the biggest total wins a prize (to be determined). All coins collected are put towards one of the PTO fundraising goals.

#### Study Island – Steven Bigden-Russell

- Volunteers are still needed! Please visit Sign-Up Genius to see spots that need filled. [www.signupgenius.com/go/805094CA9AB29A75-kmstudy](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094CA9AB29A75-kmstudy).
- Many volunteer spots still need to be filled. Volunteer spots are 1 hour a week – more if you can!
- The Kindergartners & 1<sup>st</sup> graders need more individualized attention while they learn how to use and navigate the computer.

#### Meeting Attendance

Dawn Sekulich  
 Jennifer West  
 Lisa Garcia  
 Kim Rossman  
 Kristen DePerte  
 Angela Perry  
 Steven Bigden-Russell  
 Rebecca Carpenter  
 Suzanne Rivera  
 Karen Bareika  
 Bryan Bareika  
 Brenda Teigland

Tabatha French  
 Valarie Bell  
 Leslie Wooldridge  
 Heather Sanders