

November 27, 2018 KHS PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Albert Tien, Megan Roche, Lynne Hamilton, Allison Kure, Julie Voudris, Laura Selent, Mary Toth, Marcy Gurd, MaryAnne Klank, Lynnette, Marcie Adante, Tom Grabram and Christine Riscili

10:02 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

Lynne Motioned to Approve October Minutes, Marcy seconded. Minutes Approved.

PTO Council Update – Megan (see attached talking points)

Reports on events throughout Kenston Community and PTO Communication

Silver Bells – Megan

Meg Noah is stepping down because working. She will help but we need someone to fill this role.

Principal's Report – Tom

Friday's Playoff Game Information given. Specific schedule for kids. 4 blocks short and end at noon. We currently have sponsorship for 250 kids for spirit bus. No classes for football team who are pulling out of lot at 11 and open to community to send off. Band/Bomberettes leaving class at 8:45.

Pep Rally – No. Coach wanted kids focused so doing drum out at all schools at 1:15 on Thursday.

Testing – Next week, end of course exams, test schedule via email, scores show up on transcript, issue of motivation for kids once they have their 18 graduation points but scores affects state report card for school

Dec 20/21 finals then 2 week break

Winter Holiday Concert – change by having 2 performances

Sporting Events moved this week due to football playoffs – Basketball, hockey, wrestling and swim affected

Bomber Hangar – Christine

We have ordered new items for the Holidays, including Silver Bells.

Exciting new items debuting at Silver Bells. Special 3-D patches on adult ½ zips, 6,000 embroidered stitches on Kids' fleeces

We started introducing other new items at Holiday Sneak Peak which was a success. Kids PJs, Long sleeve hooded tees, and new sweatshirts were popular.

Other items will be in prior to Silver Bells.

We have 3 order forms. 1) Holiday Order Form with Cutter & Buck (Clique) and Nike items requested by customers but more expensive so hard to carry in store. Our hottest selling sweatshirt and Tie Dye for kids and adults are available. 2) Business Order Form – our customized tie is in, business shirts, polos, etc. 3) Sport specific forms – includes all sports including bowling and diving! All forms offer extended sizes.

Sales tend to be low at beginning of year so we are giving out Bomber Bucks with \$50 purchases to be used in January. In January, must spend \$20 to get \$10 off. We hope this will boost sales and move inventory. Customers are loving this!

Care Blue – Megan

Cards sent to Football team – Congratulations, Cross Country on performance, Becca Rengers – student for surgery, Ted Krejsa's – father's death, Spencer Cook - surgery

Celebrate Blue – Laura

Dec. 19 Ice Cream for end of semester

Raised prices of ice cream so trying to look elsewhere for better pricing, possibly Giant Eagle

Membership – Megan

197 members (53 staff, 144 families) - \$2,366

Last year -- 209 members (35 staff, 174 families)

Directory – Lynne

Everyone gets directory. Trying to get as PTO Council role rather than high school.

Suggestion made to ask for \$10 instead of \$6 for PTO membership which will defray cost. (This is PTO Council decision to make)

Census online so number in directory is down because of failure to fill out by some

Awaiting reports from Board Office so can get directory together. Can't move forward until have report.

Sr. Breakfast

Nothing to Report

Staff Appreciation

Nothing to Report

Afterprom- Mary

Afterprom Fashion Show March 15

Class of '19 v. '20 – Fashion Showdown, pizza party for winner immediately after

Silent Auction – Different baskets, trying to get excitement

Band and Sparklettes coming

Theme and class pride

American Commodore – will rent dresses and tuxedos in Mentor

20 girls, 20 boys

Prom Package – Will have at Silver Bells, packages were described, \$10 tickets, winner drawn at fashion show

No meeting yet to determine merger of Afterprom and PTO. Will occur soon.

Bomber bash – Report later

Beautification – Marcy

Took down fall decorations

Next Wednesday putting up Christmas decorations

Treasurer's Report – Albert

Expenses (this year) - \$4,320.74

Last year expenses needed to be paid - \$1,231,28

Bomber Bash, Directory, and Cash still need to be tallied

See Treasury Reports

Budget without Bomber bash is \$8,881

Had \$7,000 leftover in funds from last year to start up this year (high number due to Bomber Bash start-up expense).

Technology Lab – Tom

Looking at tools for library and will have request in couple of months when know what need is

Bomber Bash – Allison

Went well.

174 registrations. 73% increase from first year which had 116 registrations

153 showed (first year 85 showed)

If students had not raised \$50, they were called to office to ask if coming and raising money

Having it on Saturday made a huge difference because kids slept in then came. Better for set-up too.

Saturdays for future.

Alumni came (on crew)

Next year – Will work with athletics to avoid conflicts. If had conflicts, athletes could sign in/sign out.

Aux Gym open with tricycles, dodge ball, etc.

Donations and Parent Volunteers about the same as past years

Family from Kid Again there and impacted the kids. They nagged less and actually got the need to stand and were thankful.

Success of event depends on kids.

\$815 parent raffle donations – down from last year because donations requested electronically

In-kind donations - \$640 (gift cards, water bottles)

Other food donations - Cowboy donated dinner of pasta and meatballs that the kids loved. Pizza and pulled pork donated, raised and glazed Donuts

Different Committees for food, public relations, fundraising, etc. kids set these up

Allison and Lynne put in over 200 hours on this. Kids all put in 50 plus hours each. Met with Lynne and Allison for 1 hour meetings starting in summer

PTO Council has 10 day fundraising rule but needs to be better way to raise money so kids are not confined to 10 days if can't get to businesses in that time frame.

80% of parents just write \$50 check

Fundraising debate occurred. Asking too much of parents and businesses. Same businesses getting hit up.

The Bash builds great spirit within the school, getting students involved. Need a fundraiser to cover the budget.

Raised \$16,402 (last year \$19,129)

Expenses were \$5,987

Profit \$10,415 (last year \$12,500)

Member requested a formula to determine how much goes to PTO, each class, and charity.

Large discussion took place discussing the distribution of funds, future of event, pros and cons of the event and its effectiveness for the kids involved v. the all of the students. How can the event be changed to attract more kids and more volunteers. Should this become a Club rather than a PTO fundraiser given PTO fundraising restrictions.

Since there was not a quorum present to vote, discussion was set to continue to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



PTO Council Meeting

Talking Points for Building Presidents

November 2, 2018

- I. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Athletics
 - i. Football team won its first play-off game on Friday. Next game is November 9 vs. Buckeye.
 - ii. Members of the Cross Country Team will compete at the State competition on November 10
 - b. Events
 - i. National Mix It Up Day
 1. Students across the district participated
 2. This international campaign encourages students to move out of their comfort zone and connect with someone new over lunch
 3. This simple act can have profound implications that promote year-round efforts to promote a healthy, welcoming school
 - ii. Candidates Night
 1. Kenston hosted Candidates Night in conjunction with the Geauga County League of Women Voters
 2. This event provides candidates a forum to present themselves to the voters and offer pertinent information about the issues and candidates
 - c. Safety and Security Update
 - i. Retired Mentor Fire Chief, Richard Harvey, will be leading the district team on practical incident management for school emergencies, including:
 1. Successful communications in stressful times
 2. Decision making when time is short
 3. Community partner relationships and expectations
 4. Potential challenges and solutions
 - ii. ALICE training available for parents on Thursday, November 8th
 1. Host is Sgt. Frank Chickos of the Bainbridge PD
 2. Register FREE through KCE
 - d. School Funding
 - i. Mrs. Santilli and other superintendents met with State Representatives regarding school funding
 1. They want to find a funding formula that measures the cost of educating a student in Ohio and distributes state funding fairly among Ohio school districts
 - ii. Kenston Citizens Advisory Committee is encouraging citizens to reach out to their elected officials to advocate for increased state funding for our school district. Because of the phase out and Tangible Personal Property (TPP) taxes on business inventory, machinery &

equipment our state funding has decreased 24% amounting to a \$1.7 million loss.

- II. PTO Communication
 - a. Kenston Website
 - i. KCAC survey results show that a majority of parents want a more user-friendly website
 - ii. Changes will be coming, including the PTO site
 - b. Social Media
 - i. PTO Council discussed using social media as a communication tool
- III. Events
 - a. **Parent Engagement Series: Mental Health – It’s Time To Talk About It**
 - i. When: Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.
 - ii. Where: Kenston High School Auditorium
 - iii. Topics
 - 1. Warning Signs of Mental Illness in Children and Youth
 - 2. Dealing with Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 - 3. Treatment Options and Preventative Tips
 - 4. Programs Available in Our Community
 - iv. Presenters
 - 1. Jim Adams, Chief Executive Officer, Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services
 - 2. Kathleen Poe, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Health & Wellness Initiatives
 - v. Q & A session to follow the presentations
 - vi. Resource Fair to follow Q & A session with representatives from:
 - 1. Catholic Charities
 - 2. Family Pride
 - 3. Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services
 - 4. National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) of Geauga County
 - 5. Ravenwood Health
 - 6. Womensafe
 - b. **Bomber Hangar Holiday Sneak Peak**
 - i. Thursday, Nov. 8 — 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
 - ii. Friday, Nov. 9 — 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
 - iii. Hosted by The Bomber Hangar’s chairperson, Shelly McDonough, the event is located at 18185 Moss Point (off Route 306 in the Laurel Springs development)
 - iv. New items for infants, toddlers, youth and adult, plus specials to kick-off your Holiday shopping
 - v. Specials
 - 1. Personalize any hoodie or t-shirt for \$5
 - 2. Place your order for a Kenston sport-specific hoodie or t-shirt
 - 3. Special orders for Big & Tall
 - vi. Refreshments will be served and you’ll also have the chance to win prizes throughout the event
 - c. **Silver Bells Holiday Boutique**
 - i. When: Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm
 - ii. Where: Kenston High School
 - iii. Enjoy a Holiday one-stop shopping experience, featuring:
 - 1. Free admission

2. Over 85 professional vendors
 3. Holiday cookie sale
 4. Jingle Bell Alley with Kindergarten through 8th Grade vendors
 5. Raffle gift baskets
 6. Food and refreshments
 7. Lil Grandpa's Kettle Corn
- iv. Sponsored by KHS PTO will all proceeds supporting KHS AfterProm