

**Kaneland McDole Elementary School  
Parent Teacher Organization  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2009**

Attendees: Laura Long, Kathy Zoppa, Sally Baldwin, Brenda Gonzales, Fan Eggleston, Martne McCoy, Amy Talbot, Heidi Kintz, Marguerite Ledone, Robyn Lycan, Cheryl Wheatley, Nancy Schreiber, Jen Stoll, Laura Somerlot, Teri Wimberger, Jill Roderick, Jenny Wold, Jennifer Steimel, Vikki Moeller, Rick Scott, Kindra Schumacher, Shanna Piccony

**The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Laura Long**

**Secretary 's Report:** The Reading of the minutes from the February 18, 2009 meeting was waived and a copy of the minutes was provided for everyone to read. Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sally Baldwin provided copies of the current budget. It was reported that there is \$2965.87 in our checking account and \$32,060.49 in our savings account. Kathy Zoppa and Sally Baldwin reported not all expenses have been accounted for, subtract another \$6,000.

**Business:**

Yearbook update: Yearbook is at the vendor ... looking good.

Wendy's Night Update: Wendy's fundraiser did so well in February, another night has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Hoping it will do great again.

Culver's Night Update: Amy Talbot reported that evening went well. She is still waiting for the report on the total \$ amount from that night. She is trying to plan another Culver's Night for September 2009.

Family Fun Night Update: Marguerite Ledone reported all had fun that evening. The extra food she has left will not go to waste. It will be passed on to the 5th graders for their field day lunch. She is planning to run family fun night 3 or 4 evenings for the '09-'10 school year. Dependent on the volunteers; will do 4 nights.

Daddy Daughter Dance Update: Ana Arrendondo-Garcia sent "save the date" cards to all the girls at the school. Deposits have been sent to the photographer and the D.J. She needs help with the invitations, set-up and decorations for Friday and Saturday of that weekend.

Aurora Skate Date: Laura Long apologizes to the parents and kids of the school, on behalf of the board. That day they had 2 school buses and over 400 kids that attended the skating rink. It was way too crowded to enjoy the event. It was decided to cancel the next skate date.

BoxTops/Soup Labels Update: Jen Stoll reported we have earned \$2042.00 this school year by just collecting 10c boxtops. The 2nd round of soup labels will be submitted soon and she suggests that art supplies be purchased from the list of items that we are allowed to purchase.

Booklets for parties: Jen Stoll reported that she is putting together a booklet to help room coordinators get ideas and aid the new room mothers with suggestions. She is looking for suggestions from teachers and current room mothers as to what works and what does not work for the holiday parties. She is planning on distributing the booklet on curriculum night or supply drop off day of the coming school year.

Kindergarten Registration at KHS: Laura Long reported it went well but she wished we could have given the children something. ie: tattoos from the 4th grade store or Smencils. Shields gave their kindergartners a t-shirt and Stewart gave them a book. We now know for next year.

Committee Chairs: Laura is asking the current chairpersons, to please let her know if you are planning on staying on that committee. She needs to know what chairs need to be filled for next year. Currently looking for someone to chair FunLunch and the annual Fundraiser.

FieldDay Update: Field Day scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009. They are working with Mr. Maveus and looking to do much of the same events as last year.

### **Old Business:**

Junior National Young Leaders Conference: Cheryl Wheatley reports the 10 minute video is finally finished. Mr. Burger to receive the DVD to be shown on MTV.

Elections - To be held next month at the April 15, 2009 meeting. If you are interested for any position on the board, please let a board member or chair know.

The April monthly meeting will be held at the Wendy's on Orchard in Aurora to start at 6:45pm. Due to the fact that this is the same night as the Wendy's fundraiser it was decided by all in attendance to hold the meeting at Wendy's.

Thank-You Notes: 3rd graders and Mrs. Lannert's 5th grade class wrote thank-you cards for the water and snacks provided for the ISAT week and for bringing the Author to McDole.

### **New Business:**

A proposal was made to purchase 500 "McDole Magnets" at \$82.00 plus S&H. Three years ago the PTO purchased the magnets that go into the registration packet and the office is running out of magnets. A motion was made to approve \$82.00 plus S&H. All approved.

A proposal was made by Vikki Moeller for the "Knights of the Round Table". She requested 15 sets of sashes for \$149.85 plus S&H. 15 sets of matching theme 12oz plastic cups for \$149.85 plus S& H and 2 rolls of matching theme stickers for \$4.98 plus S&H. Which should be enough for 2 years. She has also been looking for a life size "knight" statue for the program. She has seen them for no less than \$800.00. Martne McCoy found one at HomeGoods for \$100. and Vikki is asking the PTO to reimburse Martne for the \$100.00. A motion was made to approve reimbursement and items for the Knights of the Round Table. All approved.

Due to the budget cuts for the coming year, A proposal was made by Gwen Carlson of the LRC requesting 2 sets of Rebecca Caudill and Monarch books for the LRC for the 2009-2010 school year for \$1065.20. A motion was made to approve. All approved.

The Field Day Chairperson, Robyn Lycan, made a request to increase her budget by \$2000.00 in addition to the \$500.00 already allotted for the event. The committee is looking for theme items/games, good for three years, and to provide lunch for the whole school. The 5th graders will be provided lunch as part of their farewell party but much discussion was done about the rest of the school grades. It was suggested that they look to the community for donations of what they are looking to do for the children. This proposal was tabled.

Robyn Lycan made a request for \$571.00 to purchase a waterbottle for each child of the school for field day. A motion was made to purchase the waterbottles for field day but not to exceed \$600.00 plus S&H. All approved.

A proposal was made by the 4th grade teachers requesting that the PTO purchase the remaining surplus of the 4th grade store for \$1500.00. The 4th grade store was created at the beginning of the school year to raise funds for 4th grade Springfield field trip. Due to the fact that all district field trips are suspended indefinitely, the 4th grade store can not raise funds that will not be used. It was suggested that this become the PTO store or surplus items could be used at other school events. A motion was made to approve. All approved.

A proposal was made by the 1st grade teachers requesting \$1170.00 for six different games and hard cover books to be used in the classrooms. The proposal was tabled until next month due to the availability of funds.

A proposal was made by Fran Eggleston for LCD Projector/Elmo technology for each classroom. Currently only the 5th grade classes have the ceiling-mounted LCD projectors and they are looking to provide/update grades K-4 with this technology. Due to the expense, they are looking to update only K-4 classrooms with the LCD/Elmo and the specials classrooms (art, literacy, etc) at a later date. Mrs. Eggleston is requesting a monetary aid for the the total expense. Mr. Scott and other teachers explained how they were used in the classroom and the value of it to the instruction of the lesson. A parent suggested that an explanation of the LCD/Elmo projector be put on MTV so other parents could view the explanation and understand the use and value of the LCD projector and Elmo. They also explained that the Elmo projector can not be used

without the LCD projector. It was also suggested that the 2009-2010 school fundraiser could be earmarked for this proposal.

The total estimate for 22 projectors and 21 elmos is \$46,014.28. The proposal was tabled until next month.

A proposal was made by Kathy Zoppa to change the by-laws regarding the reimbursement of taxes of large purchases. Not all big box stores accept the tax-exempt school card and this is in reference to large purchases only. A motion was made to approve. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Laura Long at 8:14pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brenda Gonzales, KME PTO Vice President