

K-Beach Elementary PTO General Membership Meeting
January 23, 2025
3PM in the Library-Facilitated by Andrea Kircher

Call to order at 3PM.

In Attendance:

Andrea Kircher, Valerie Smith, Courtney Matiaco, Amanda Shook, Alison Cramer, Sarah Chappell, Stephanie Cox, Kim Pherson, Stephanie Lambe, Tiffany Ocel, Jacynne Best, Kim Daniels, (Janae Van Slyke came in toward the end of the meeting and we caught her up.)

Welcomed everyone in attendance and passed around a couple thank you notes from staff for Brunch with Santa as well as the new laminator.

*Tiffany made two new forms for the PTO- a Field trip assistance form and a money request form for use by the teachers and staff and they look great!! Please see attached documents.

Before agenda discussions started, Mrs. Pherson brought our first forms for PTO assistance requests.

- 1) The First Grade classes- Mrs. Pherson and Mrs. Felchle asked for \$750-\$1000 max for assistance to do a field trip to the Challenger Learning Center on Friday Feb 21st, 2025 to finish out a space unit. The board members voted in meeting and approved this request.
- 2) Mrs. Pherson also spearheaded an event for “Love of reading month” (February) that the top reader in each class gets to invite a friend and have a pizza party to celebrate! They are also going to do book lights and a couple prizes for top readers. Amount to be no more than \$500. We voted in meeting and approved this whole school request!
Thank you for taking this on Mrs. Pherson!

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1.) **Pastries with Parents Event** Saturday February 1st, 10AM-11:30 in the library. This is a free event for the students and their families. Thank you for making the flyer Tiffany. (It was sent out in seesaw last week by most teachers, tiffany will print reminder flyers to go home this week!) Kids can have a treat, read and check out books in the library during the event.
*I am working on a monetary donation for donuts from Soldotna Safeway-needed to request our tax ID number for them and will get it over to them later today now that I have it. *Fred Meyer is 4-6 weeks out for donations, it has to go through corporate and they are past their donation budget for this quarter already. *I also have a request in with Franz bakery, I spoke to several people and have a donation request with Sierra in their Anchorage office. Hoping to hear back by the event.. Mindy checked with “The Glaze” and they said we can call on Friday at 1 and anything they haven’t sold that day they will donate. That might be cutting it close.. we have agreed on \$150 in PTO funds to spend on donuts. We will also do some bottled waters.
- 2.) **A Night To Remember Family Dance Event** Saturday February 22nd, 2025

5-7 PM in the gym. DJ is booked for the 2 hour event, Tiffany has spoken to him. It will be \$350 for the DJ. Tiffany and Jantina are handling decorations but would welcome any help! Tiffany made the tickets for the event-they will be \$5 each cash only, can be purchased ahead of time in the office and a master list will be kept for any tickets purchased in case a paper ticket is lost. 4th grade offered to help cut them out. *Tiffany will put together a sign up genius for people to help with the event. *Tiffany is also doing a grocery quote for the concession stand with items as follows: Nacho chips and cheese, pretzels and cheese, bags of chips, cookies, bottled waters. She will pass the quote on to the board to approve. We decided that the PTO will cover a couple large igloo coolers of powder lemonade as a free refreshment option. *Tiffany may need some funds for decorations also and will pass the quotes on to the board. Jantina has offered to do professional pics at the dance but how to get them to families was a hiccup. It was brought up that there are many kids who can't be put on social media. It was decided that she can take most pictures with peoples personal phones and can take a few for the yearbook and facebook pages with her own camera. (Making sure to ask if they are allowed to have pics.)

3.) Parent Teacher Conference Feed Thursday February 13th, Leftovers Friday the 14th. We round tabled the options of a Taco bar, soup bar, sandwich bar, etc. The teachers have requested a pizza and salad bar. *Tiffany will put together a sign up genius for help with setup, food items and cleaning up the feed. The idea to do "waves" of hot pizza at different times in the day was brought up so that will go on the signup. **Dominos is the cheapest option for PTO to cover the pizza costs if none sign up. They also have the best local gluten free options according to Jacynne! Don't forget some options for the gluten free people!! Different salad and dressing and pizza options as well as spots for setup, delivery, and clean up and plates and utensils should be on the sign up.

Additional Items Discussed:

***Tiffany brought up that she would like to do a bake sale again during conferences and offered to run it since she will be at the school for conferences but does not have to host any conferences with families. She offered to bring out the Kbeach Merch and stickers we have in stock and will send out a request for baked goods to sell during conferences like we did the last time! It was a great little fundraiser and we appreciate her taking that on. ☺ (We will have the venmo on standby for the bake sale and merch but will push for cash.)

****FUTURE IDEAS BROUGHT UP:**

Kbeach Skate night! Rent skates from the city of Soldotna and do it either near the Soldotna El rink, the sport center etc.

Alaska Christian College has a massive gym and we could rent it and do an open gym night!

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57.

