

**Kingsley Home & School Association
Minutes of the January 18, 2017 General Meeting**

The meeting was held as a posted video with email distribution of documents/reports and email voting.

Members Participating: Amy Armstrong, Lisa Bern, Tracey Collins, Wendy Goettsch, Bridget Hayes, Chris Heinen, Rebecca Kocelko, Rachel Schneider, Anne Sedore, Sue Vorderer

Exec Board Participating: Miki Thomas, President; Stephanie Simmons, Vice President; Kelly Llewellyn, Treasurer; Steve Schnack, Secretary

Principal's Report: Erin Marker

We have a few items to share which are taking place at Kingsley over the next month. First I would like to say thank you to Home&School for fundraising efforts and to all of you for taking part in our events which raise money for our school. We recently used \$4000 to purchase 2 standing stations for each classroom. We know that one of the smartest things our teachers can do for our kids learning, is the simplest...allow them to move. When allowing for movement during learning, we keep student energy levels up and provide their brains with the oxygen-rich blood needed for the highest performance. Thank you again for helping our students learn to their fullest potential.

- First, we are excited to share our plans to co-host a 40 Book Challenge. This purpose of the 40 Book Challenge is to get students reading books they might not normally choose and to increase their love of reading in different genres. The challenge is for each classroom to read 40 books in 40 days. If the challenge is met, all students and staff will participate in a school wide read in for 40 minutes. Parents are invited to contact Becca Collins, our SFCP chair, if they would like to be a guest reader on this day.
- Next, if you haven't done so already, please take a moment to complete the 5 Essentials Survey which can be found in our Weekly Knightly News blasts. The state requires 20% parent participation to be valid. Kingsley is currently at 16%...we're almost there.
- Performance Series testing will begin next week and run through January. Please see our Knightly News blast for details.
- Open House is Thursday, January 26, from 6-7 pm. This is truly an open house format and families are invited to come and go as they are able. All classrooms are open during this time.
- Just a reminder that our winter conferences take place February 23rd and 24th.
- Last, our Kindergarten preview will take place on March 10th and there will be no kindergarten on that day for our current kindergarten students.

President's Report: Miki Thomas

Both at Kingsley and at the district level, Home & School is beginning preparations for the next school year. This includes everything from preparing the budget, selecting committee chairs, and preparing next year's board.

News from the monthly General Home & School meeting:

- District administration is continuing to work on recommendations for the school day start time / end time / school day length. They will have a recommendation for high school at the second school board meeting in February. They are looking at the current elementary day to see how the day is structured, and whether or not added time is necessary.

- The digital learning initiative is rolling out to elementary schools in the 2017-2018 school year. Initially they had planned kindergarten to second grade having 2:1 ipads, and 3-5 having 1:1 chromebooks, but recommendations from the teachers piloting the program are to change second grade to 1:1 chromebooks. This would actually decrease the amount the district would have to spend since the chromebooks are significantly less expensive, and they'll be able to take some of the ipads from across the district and redistribute them to schools that don't have enough, meaning they won't need to purchase as many ipads.
- Mr. Bridges talked about how he evaluates extreme weather days for whether or not to close school. He said there's no magic number of inches of snow or degrees below zero that he uses. He would prefer to have students attend, so it's evaluating whether or not it's safe to have kids go to school – will roads be plowed, is the wind chill too dangerous, etc.
- Work on the 2018-2019 school year calendar has begun, the committee that creates the calendar, builds with the three following requirements in mind: minimize the number of days difference between 1st and 2nd semesters, schedule high school final exams before winter break, and start as late in August as possible. The calendar will be presented to the school board at the school board meeting on January 23, with a vote scheduled for the second meeting in February.
- As Mrs. Marker mentioned, Kindergarten Preview is coming up on March 10. If you, or someone you know, has an incoming kindergartener, and they haven't contacted Kingsley, have them call the office to make sure they're on the mailing list. Registration packets will be mailed on January 17.
- District 203 has cancelled the second year of their contract with Kady Studios. The contract will be re-bid this year for the 2017-2018 school year.

Treasurer Report: Kelly Llewellyn

Kelly submitted the financials for November and December 2016.

Secretary's Report: Steve Schnack

Steve submitted the minutes for the November 2016 Kingsley Home & School General Meeting.

Old Business:

The minutes from the November 2016 Kingsley Home & School General Meeting were presented for approval via email. A motion to approve was made by Steve and seconded by Miki. A quorum of Exec Board and Committee Chairs submitted their votes via email. After a unanimous favorable vote, the motion passed.

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New Business: No new business.

Committee Updates:

- 5th Grade Representatives: 5th grade shirts were ordered and delivered in time for both the field trip and outdoor ed. They turned out great and everyone loved them! Next up is planning for the DJ for the 5th grade celebration on the last day of school.

- Bake Sale: There will be a bake sale during the Kingsley Open House on Thursday January 26th. Please look for a sign-up genius in an upcoming blast. Thank you to all the bakers who continue to help support Kingsley with the most delicious treats!
- Book Fair: Preparation has begun for the book fair that will take place the week of parent teacher conferences in February. Set up will be Thursday, February 16, student sales will be during the school day Friday the 17th, Tuesday the 21st, and Wednesday the 22nd. Sales open to the public from 2:30 – 3:30 Tuesday and Wednesday, Thursday the 23rd from 5-8:30, and Friday morning from 8-10. Tear down will begin right at 10 AM Friday morning.
- Classroom Parties: Thanks to all our party volunteers who made our Winter Festival fun for all the Kingsley students!
- Consumer Rewards: As many might know, the Labels for Education program is coming to an end. Over the years, the Kingsley community clipped and saved many labels enabling us to redeem points for various items for Kingsley. THANK YOU! Now, in an effort to support Kingsley in moving away from school-shared recess equipment bins to grade level bins, we have redeemed Labels for Education points for soccer balls, playground balls, basketballs, and a tetherball. We hope the kids will enjoy them!
- Dining Out Days: Dining out Days has raised \$410 so far towards our budgeted goal of \$750. We have Sanfratello pizza Wednesday January 18. We will resume Dominoes in February and are looking to do Granite City over a weekend in February as well.
- Family Fun Friday: We have had trouble finding activities that are at the appropriate time, cost, and ease of planning. We are hoping to plan something for the February half day.
- Field Day: Field Day preparations are just beginning. As always, we're going to plan a fun day for the kids!
- Flower Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported our holiday plant sale. We raised more than expected, and got great feedback from everyone about the quality of the plants.
- Holiday Store: Holiday Store was a big success this year! We made \$1377 for Brave Knights, which is our best year yet. This year's set up and shopping process was the most efficient manner in which we have run the event. We have already signed up with Reindeer Lane for next year, with dates being set at a later time. The last few years, we have been using some of the proceeds to purchase items on clearance right after the holidays to sell in the following year. This year we spent very little, but got some fantastic things!
- Manna Gift Cards: We had a record year for the Manna Gift Card program! Our teachers and staff love receiving manna gift cards! Our December 2016 profit was up 40% from last fall! Thank you to all of the participants!
- Running of the Knights: A lot of news for Running of the Knights! Look out for Running of the Knights sponsorship packets and "save the date" flyers being sent home via backpack mail at the end of January. If anyone is interested in organizing the food tent, please contact runningoftheknights@gmail.com.
The raffle permit from the City of Naperville has been secured. An email has been created, rotkauction@gmail.com, for communication for raffle and silent auction items.
We are waiting for a call back from Chick-Fil-A to see if there is any way they can provide the food for us. They have a lot of community involvement for local fundraisers.
- Spiritwear: We featured some fun new spiritwear designs this year! Our spring sale is coming up soon, so keep an eye out for information!
- Staff Appreciation: Parent Teacher conferences are coming up, so be on the lookout for a sign up genius for the teacher dinner we have during conferences.
- Yearbook: We have sold 186 yearbook. We are featuring 15 students' art on the cover of our yearbook this year. The only way to find out if your child's art is featured is to buy a yearbook! Yearbooks are currently priced at \$21 each, the link to order can be found in the weekly e-mail from the school.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Schnack, Secretary.
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