

Kent Gardens PTA Membership Meeting

January 24, 2023

8:45 am – Kent Gardens Cafeteria

Present: Board members included Andrea Hager (President), Amanda Wittman (President Elect), Natalia Ferrari (VP Communications)

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Andrea Hager at 8:55 am

II. Old Business

a. Teacher Love – we put candy and treats in the teacher’s lounge - much appreciated by the teachers. Mami will start it up again in the spring.

b. French Week – we celebrated in November and we decorated the school.

c. Veteran’s Day remembrance – kids went in the hallway and clapped for Veteran’s.

d. Cider and Bread – we gave teachers hot cider and bread.

e. International Night – huge turnout and thank you to all volunteers. We are happy we brought the event back and look forward to next year.

f. Cookie exchange – thank you to over 60 families that participated and brought tons of cookies for teachers who could grab a plate and take cookies home.

g. Dr. Bonnie Zucker - guest speaker spoke to 5th and 6th grade during the day and spoke to parents in the evening. Slides from the presentation are available in the News You Choose.

h. Treasury Report – no report today.

III. New Business

a. GOTR Volunteer – looking for a parent liaison - do not need to attend practices.

b. Spirit Wear Volunteer – looking for a parent liaison for spirit wear. Most spirit wear is done online but we need a contact person.

c. Restaurant Night – February 1st - Honeygrow 10:30 am to 9:30 pm – we love that it is available all day. Details in the ROAR. Mention KG.

d. Enrichment Activities – Registration closed - all programs are filled! Spring session will come in April.

e. Chess Club – registration closed and full!

f. Book Fair Coming up – volunteer meeting on February 1 at 8:45 am in the cafeteria. We will not have family night this year due to low volunteers. We will have before school parents and pastries. We are one of Scholastic premier fairs.

g. Bingo Night – March 24. In conjunction with 6th grade celebration - some of the funds will go towards the 6th grade celebration. 6th graders will also help with the event. Julie Rice is heading that event. We have a specific gmail for that event.

h. Campus Clean Up in the spring – Lily will head that up and looking for volunteers. Great opportunity for scout troops. No dates yet.

i. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 1 –5 – Board will send updates in February

j. Bike to School Day – May 17

k. 6th Grade Promotion – June 14

l. 6th Grade Celebration – June 15

IV. Principal's Notes

a. Early release on Wednesday. Winter weather may come.

b. Testing is ongoing – teachers will give Virginia Growth Assessment information. The students will have two numbers and you will see progression. Scores are in ParentVue. News You Choose will state the date when they are uploaded. VGA is like a practice SOL – shorter version.

c. Math – STEAM math night – February 16 5-7 pm PTA paid for Mad Scientist to come 5:15 spectacular science and 6:15 things that go boom. Snapology will come – a LEGO and robotic program. All math and science teachers are supporting the event.

d. Literacy Night – March 9th

e. Strings and Bands Concert

f. SOAR will be here this summer for the whole pyramid.

g. Dr. Zuluaga will come out again with facilities to figure out the trailers.

h. Questions

V. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am