

École Kenwood PTO Meeting

Date: January 14, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Note - meeting minutes / notes taken in blue font



PTO Board

President: Lesley Futterknecht (present)

Vice Presidents: Meredith Hunt (present) and Flo Gouvrit (present)

Treasurers: Genevieve Mills and Kim Schriver (present)

Secretaries: Sherry Bush (present) and Nate Radabaugh

Zoom link:

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1. President's Message and Call to Order

- a. Call for PTO Board Members for 2025-26 and transition plan
 - i. *Want to transition to half the board cycling in/out each year so that the entire board is not turning over at the same time*
 - ii. *Looking for at least 2 people to join the board for 25-26*
- b. Yearbook
 - i. Reach out to teachers for student club pictures
 - ii. Flo has all student pictures/name
- c. Francophone month - usually provide \$50 per classroom teacher for research/materials. Will put forth option of spending up to \$1000 from PTO for use for Francophone month.
 - i. *Elise motions to approve, Meredith seconds motion; all approve*

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Year-to-date fundraising:
 - i. Spent: \$18,874
 - ii. Remaining in budget: \$26,425
- b. Raised so far this year: \$22,036
 - i. Next big fundraising event: Jumpathon in March!
 - ii. Fancy Fair in April
- c. What's in the bank: \$60,563,

- d. Mini-grant requests:
 - i. M Scott: ~\$65; approved by the board
 - ii. Mr. Sall requests \$500 to have a griot artist perform/present to his class and Mme Ly's class to enhance their study of Senegal for Francophone month.
 - 1. Elise motions to approve, Beth seconds. All approve
 - iii. Student Council will use same process for their requests; have not yet received any requests from them
- e. Payment for Momentum (4th grade movement class) went out last week (\$4,650)
- f. Cadenel submitted a reimbursement request total for Zamizen (approx. \$117.58: for students in Classroom 193) and waiting on Brainpop (approx. \$550: Brainpop annual subscription for grade 3-5) programs.
 - i. Brainpop should be fine as per Mme Miller as it's school based and not student specific. We will complete reimbursement
 - ii. Mme Miller will let us know re: Zamizen

3. Principal's Report

- a. Staffing updates
 - i. Mme. Abbott-Ayodele here as maternity leave sub for Mme Grosh
 - ii. Mme Oughlis - Kenwood parent and NEW staff for our MD K-1 class
- b. Francophone month; projects going on in the classrooms
- c. Inclement weather
 - i. dismissals - trying to keep children comfortable and warmer indoors when 'feels like' weather is under 20*
 - ii. closures - seems like maybe people got phone call + email for first day last week and largely phone call only for second day last week. District level decision - have stated they will make a phone call. CCS website is also a great place to look because it will be posted there if there is an inclement weather close. As it's a district decision, the communication will not come from Mme Miller.
- d. SB 29 updates: use of "Talking Points" as a building for communication and bridging gaps - look for updates from classroom teacher. Lalilo should be able to be used moving forward. As of now, not a school wide system just teacher to teacher/parent.

- e. MOY testing wrapped before break; growth and diagnostic data trend of lower than expected growth in K/1 compared to other schools (as expected as most instruction is in French) with greater growth seen in 3rd grade because of the transition to more English instruction in that grade level. New this year with push in English services to support all our students and hope is that this may reverse the trend seen previously- hoping to see results of this as increased growth in K/1 in future years.

4. Events

Upcoming

- a. Scholastic Book Fair (January 27-31)
 - i. Need Volunteers! Link is on PTO website and will be on Facebook soon!
 - 1. Teachers will be able to put their requests for classrooms in a box at the front so families can purchase if they like
 - 2. PTO will also send info home to request "books for all" donations to ensure all Kenwood kids can get a book
- b. International PotLuck- Elise (Friday, January 31 5:30-7:30)
 - i. Need volunteers to help with set up and take down - sign up is live on PTO website
- c. Jumpathon (March)
 - i. Are we ok to add a profile page option for students to get donations through Betterworld (auction site from Winter Extravaganza)?
 - 1. Ecole- Kenwood Jump-A- Thon- where sign up
 - ii. Group present thinks this would be good to use; will move forward with sending out this information
 - iii. Need a pin designed (Flo?); all kids get a pin
 - iv. Pizza party for top two classrooms
- d. Ecole Kenwood Spiritwear Student Design Contest
 - i. T-Shirt Design
 - 1. Submission
 - a. Can only support one entry (group/individual)
 - b. Due by Monday, January 27
 - 2. Judging/Winner
 - a. Jury of Kenwood parents professional track-record visual artists
 - b. Public vote at International Potluck

Past Events

- e. Winter Extravaganza (Friday, December 13th)

Post-Mortem - What went well? What could have gone better?

- i. Time of year (Mid-November vs early December)
- ii. Entrance- fee/no fee (no more raffle tickets to pay for food)
- iii. Online Auction
 - 1. Push more items here
- iv. Raffle in various tiers- Tickets
 - 1. High/Medium/low
- v. Food - keep the crockpot cookoff
 - 1. Add BYO instead of concessions?
- f. Consider moving one event/one event per term to a Thursday night next year for families with differing needs

5. Announcements and other upcoming dates

- a. February 3-7 School Counselor Week
- b. February 14 Friendship Day Festivities
- c. February 3 (Monday) Parent Teacher Conferences - potluck
- d. February 12 (Wednesday) Parent Teacher Conferences - catered

6. Next PTO Meeting: February 4, 2025

7. Adjournment