



Kenny School Parent Council

October 24, 2018
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Agenda Item	Details	Action (recommended or taken)
Welcome		
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 5th grade parent-Jacqui • Handouts on curriculum by grade (from Chris and Erin) 	
Election Day Security Request		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents requested to call 311 • Jess will follow up with an email reminder to our Parent Council members
Updates from sub-committees:		
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica is in charge of the parent council gmail account and facebook page • Her goal is to increase the amount of information parents receive • Questions will be answered by Jessica - she will contact the appropriate people to get answers • There is now a Parent Council section on the Kenny website for sharing meeting minutes, events, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested that any information you would like shared, email parent council • Donors choose-Mrs. Wilson Jess will post a link to the Donors choose on facebook • Jess and Alex will figure out how to get alerts when a Kenny teacher posts on Donors Choose so we can publicize it • Jess will send email to teachers to utilize Donors Choose because celebrities usually match or fund projects during the holidays • Jess will post to FB- where we spent money from last year: Shipping Containers, drum covers
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance: \$3338.63 • After band covers, shipping container • Budget Breakdown presented • 501c3-donations given will 	

	<p>be able to write off taxes, be able to apply for grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied for our articles of corporation • Secretary of state says we are in process • Waiting on EIN-should have by the end of the year. • Next step is filing with the Federal and State to become a non-profit 	
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on bank account for more fundraising • Passive fundraising-Stop & Shop card, Amazon, Box Tops • Annual Fundraiser • Designing T-shirts to sell • Read-A-Thon and/or Cash Calendars • Election Day Bake Sale-only 2 volunteers signed up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out the Bake Sale sign up genius on Facebook and email • Reminder to donate baked goods • Look into the possibility of setting up a table outside the Adams Street library polling site • Alex is working on designing t-shirts to have ready to wear to the City-Wide School Showcase and to sell at the December Open House
City Connects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle-coordinator-works to connect families to resources • Possibly use bake sale money to buy school uniforms for families • Donation Box possibly set up in the office? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex will follow up with Danielle about setting up uniform donations
Staff Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers were thrilled with the breakfast was provided on the morning after Open House in September! • Monthly treats-Next week-breakfast • Have people volunteer to help the rest of the year • Grab and Go snacks on PD Days • Chili Dinner • \$25/month is not a lot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex and Jess will talk to Eve about increasing this committee's budget
Student Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five different ideas: • Holiday Dance-Nov. 30th • Student drop off-food available for purchase, instaprint station, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have Debbie ask about the ODP • Need to have Debbie and Eve contacting and working together with the school family engagement team-Mr.

	<p>organized games to win prizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent volunteers and Staff Volunteers Needed ● Questions about mixing all grades here at the school-too small, possibly have somewhere else-concerned about security ● One dance-K-2 dance for an hour and half, 3-5 for second half as a possible solution ● Find a space to house a dance. ● Hours 6-8 or 6:30-8:30 ● Spirit Week- Jan 28th ● Possibly have a classroom contest ● International night-free, signups, set up tables downstairs ● Carnival-charge admission, games free, volunteers at each station, no prizes-but have a card stamped to exchange for prizes, pony rides ● Regular Parent night ● Playground playgroups for spring, summer and fall. <p>Snacks and Water</p>	<p>Wright, Ms. Manning, and Ms. Desir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● These dates and events need to be approved by Principal Bryan
<p>Box Tops</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only two collection times-November, May ● Made collection boxes for each classroom ● Contest to collect the most-win a pizza party ● Creating flyer-Michelle's printing 	
<p>Build BPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6th grade concern ● Update-closed three schools (USA and WRA) this year and McCormack in 2020 ● Trying to formulate an "ask" that's realistic and attainable ● Hanlon coming up to talk to us at the Kenny in November ● We want a 6th grade, or an acceptable feeder school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep pushing out the emails ● Don't only shoot high, maybe just ask to have our deficiencies addressed ● Openly keep pushing hard about grade orientation ● Show up at meetings and events to get the Kenny on people's radar

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenny group to visit the Mildred Ave Middle School • Biggest ask is transparency. • Hanlon says not to have hope. • 10/25-Burke High School-Build BPS Community meeting • Mildred Ave-Monday Oct 29-Annissa's meeting • November-Annissa-meeting 	
City-Wide Parent Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next tuesday first official meeting • Superintendent search-city wide pushing to have parent reps on or CPC member on the board to elect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email advocate about having more parents on the board to elect the superintendent.
City-Wide Special Education Rep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October is Dyslexia Awareness Month • We can have one of the days where students and teachers can wear Red and being a donation of \$1.00 towards our fundraiser goal - it's just a suggestion • MA has a law to screen every students in Pre-k/kindergarten for dyslexia • Gaab lab at Children Hospital that is offering free screening for the pre-K and kindergarten students. • sped Ed is meeting next Thursday at 7pm at the Murphy school. 	
Questions, comments, concerns		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research the costs of/ask Principal Bryan about purchasing runners for slippery stairs and hallways • Donors choose-Mrs. Wilson Jess will post a link to the Donors choose on facebook • Jess and Alex will figure out how to get alerts when a Kenny teacher posts on Donors Choose so we can

		<p>publicize it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jess will send email to teachers to utilize Donors Choose because celebrities usually match or fund projects during the holidays ● Jess will post to FB- where we spent money from last year: Shipping Containers, drum covers ● Figure out attendance issue- Alex and Karen will attend Site Council to see how they want the parents to help ● Email Alex with any event dates - she is working on a Google calendar for the Parent Council
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Our next meeting is on November 28 at 7:00 PM.

Summary:

This year, the Kenny Parent Council is trying to be more efficient with our time and resources in an effort to accomplish more! We have branched off into committees, each of which presented their ideas and accomplishments at our October meeting. So much great work and collaboration has already been happening since the start of school. The Parent Council is working to improve communication through the use of our email group, Facebook page, and website. We are currently in the process of becoming our own non-profit group, which will help streamline our fundraising efforts. Staff will be receiving monthly treats from us to show our appreciation for all they do. Students can look forward to a dance and other fun social events. Several of our members have been attending meetings to stay informed on the Build BPS process and how it may impact the Kenny. Our Election Day bake sale is fast approaching - please send in a baked good or volunteer to work the event!