



# Kenny School Parent Council

November 28, 2018

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Agenda Item	Details	Action (recommended or taken)
Welcome	General Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Laura to assume secretarial duties</li> <li>● Still working on managing and communicating updates for DonorsChoose</li> </ul>	
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Current balance: \$4,391.63</li> <li>● Doing fantastic! We earned \$1,003 at bake sale</li> <li>● 501(c)(3) still pending</li> </ul>	
Bake Sale Reflection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Great sale. Most we've ever made!</li> <li>● Things to keep in mind (especially for election year):</li> <li>● Things that went well:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mini-bread loaves and whoopie pies were big hits</li> <li>○ Staying open the entire length of the voting day helped with sales</li> <li>○ Accepting Venmo was huge</li> <li>○ Having a goal/specific reason for fundraising helped motivate customers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Things to improve/consider:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Had some no-shows for volunteers</li> <li>○ Translate flyers for bake sale to elicit more contributions</li> <li>○ Advertise accepted methods of payment on flyers (including Venmo)</li> <li>○ Slight disruption to children's lunch/school day</li> <li>○ Received some complaints for the ease of accessing voting area</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Updates from sub-committees</b>		
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continuing to increase communication with parents and staff</li> <li>● Parent council now has its own SignUp Genius</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Send Jess anything that needs to be sent out to the larger group – she will email to parents and post on Facebook</li> <li>● Keep Jess informed so she can spread the word on what committees are doing (request volunteers, notify parents, notify staff, updates, etc.)</li> <li>● Let Jess know about any dates and she will post in calendar</li> <li>● Diana will volunteer to help copy flyers and distribute for book fair</li> </ul>
Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trying to fundraise while not yet having 501(3)(c) status</li> <li>● Charity cocktails: The Bowery/Lucy's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Go to Lucy's Tavern/The Bowery in January! \$2 of every drink will go to the Kenny School!</li> </ul>

	<p>Tavern will donate \$2/drink for the month of January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kenny Family shirts: will begin selling on 12/12 Bizaart Art Fair.</li> <li>● ODP confirmed for April Fundraiser</li> </ul>	
BuildBPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Went to Annissa George's meeting on Monday night. Lots of good ideas, but not sure what will get done.</li> <li>● 9 schools similar to the Kenny. BuildBPS plans to build 1 building for 700-900 students and have the 9 schools compete for that building.</li> <li>● 6<sup>th</sup> grade concern still being communicated</li> <li>● Likely nothing to happen in the immediate future</li> <li>● Karen made it on Dorchester Reporter!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Keep communicating 6<sup>th</sup> grade concern to keep it on the radar. It's the only reason people leave the Kenny.</li> </ul>
Staff Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teacher appreciation day each month. Looking for volunteers to contribute for each date. See flyer for dates.</li> <li>● Next: Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – holiday treats. Flyers were sent, and many have signed up in SignUp Genius</li> <li>● Calendar set for the year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Encourage sign ups</li> <li>● Think about posting/distributing the flyer with all the dates</li> </ul>
City-Wide Parent Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Laura Perille and School Committee members came to the Bolling Building meeting. First time superintendent attended in 3 years!</li> <li>● Topics: BuildBPS, superintendent search</li> <li>● No member of the CPC is on the search committee for the superintendent. Parents who were chosen were hand selected. May not be the best representation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Email advocate about having more parents on the board to elect the superintendent</li> </ul>
City-Wide Special Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Went to meeting last month. Safety for kids with autism is a concern. New programs to help: Personal Alert Program; Safety Net</li> <li>● Both programs can come to school to give presentations and educate parents/teachers</li> <li>● Music Therapy Program through grade 8</li> <li>● Parent-to-Parent event in January</li> <li>● Next meeting is tomorrow. Will also discuss BuildBPS</li> <li>● Select libraries in Boston are participating in pilot program where children who can't read can access books that can be read aloud to them.</li> </ul>	

	Offered in English and Spanish. Can make requests from the librarian.	
Student Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Still need to confirm dates with Principal Bryan and committees</li> <li>● Ideas: Jan - spirit week, Feb - dance, March - international night, May - spring carnival, August - parent info night</li> <li>● Ongoing seasonal playground playdates (spring, summer, fall 2019) and provide simple snacks. Prospective families can also come!</li> <li>● Some concerns: having a good space for dance; big kids and little kids at the same dance could be challenging; 5<sup>th</sup> graders have a lot going on in the spring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase collaboration with Family Engagement (Casey Manning)</li> </ul>
<b>Updates from Staff</b>		
Principal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● See website for update from School Site Council. Some key information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kenny is now Tier 1!</li> <li>○ Still areas for improvement. Students making huge gains, but can still be doing more (for example, improving on ELA grade level standards)</li> <li>○ School did not fall below in ANY standard</li> <li>○ High on student growth/progress</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Bad virus going around. Team came in today to clean school to help prevent any more cases.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Principal Bryan will send Jess Kenny emblem for fundraising event</li> </ul>
Family Engagement/ Sunshine Committee Collaborative Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brainstorming for Bizaart Bizarre on 12/12. Purpose: bringing more families into the building. Second purpose: give kids an opportunity to buy fun crafts for the holidays. Families can also make money by selling items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After school? Not a lot of opportunity for kids to buy. During school? Great for kids to shop, but how will families come in to run tables?</li> <li>○ Potential solution: Night and day event. Parent council run it 12/12 night, and staff run next day 12/13.</li> <li>○ Coincides with book fair</li> <li>○ Too many logistics and things to execute for event just two weeks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Send out flyer for tables to gauge interest and see what items are potentially for sale</li> <li>● Ask for volunteers for tables (once we have an idea of how many tables)</li> <li>● Parents Council can help: bring tables, help set up tables</li> <li>● Parent council will handle spirit week. Think about including Patriots/Sports Team day.</li> <li>● Idea for April Fundraiser: one piece of art per class up for auction, auctioning breakfast/lunch with certain teachers, offering online bidding</li> <li>● Next year, start planning Christmas/Polar Express events earlier</li> </ul> <p>Ideas for Bizaart next year:</p>

	<p>away. Simplify for this year, and make it bigger next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Bizaart on 12/12, from 4:30 to 7:30.</b> Sellers can set up at 4:30 to start selling. Customers can come to book fair first if there is a delay</li> <li>● Participate in March chili cook off in Dorchester</li> <li>● “The Kennys” (like Emmys) for the kids in May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Separate two sales: one for the kids to buy items, and one for people to sell their crafts</li> <li>● Flea market style sale – staff/families can donate new or like new items to sell</li> <li>● Parent Council can stock up on clearance items after the holidays to sell next year.</li> <li>● Station for personalizing mugs, making ornaments</li> <li>● Use <a href="https://holidayshop.org">https://holidayshop.org</a>. Similar to how the Scholastic does the book fair.</li> </ul>
Food Corp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sarah made a newsletter with updates! Coalition meetings to discuss improving school food. Several meetings to come.</li> <li>● Looking for Family and Student champions to help with outreach for these meetings. Compensation for parent role (\$50 gift card)</li> <li>● Materials/handouts to distribute</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Distribute materials and handouts</li> <li>● Advertise for Family/Student champions</li> </ul>

Our next meeting is on December 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

**Summary:**

Thank you to everyone who attended our November meeting! We had a long, but productive, meeting that included exciting updates from our various committees as well as the chance to engage in collaborative planning with Ms. Manning and Ms. Feuerstein. Our Election Day bake sale raised over \$1000! A generous portion of these profits will be used to purchase uniforms for students in need. The Parent Council has designed “Proud Kenny Family” t-shirts that will be available for purchase starting on December 12th. We will also be providing staff with holiday treats on December 17th (please sign up [here](#) if you'd like to contribute!). And be sure to mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details on the student art gallery/holiday craft fair coming up on December 12th!

Our next meeting will be held on December 19th at 7:00 PM.

Please email us with any questions and be sure to check out our page on the Kenny's [website](#) and on [Facebook](#)!