

Kramer Lane PTA Meeting Minutes October 17, 2007

Called to order 7:35 p.m.

Pledge

A Quorum of 10 was established.

Minutes of last month's meeting accepted in a motion by Sue Pappalardo and seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurers' report was approved by Amy Blom and Chris Calamia.

Corresponding Secretary – All correspondence was read. Please see the PTA bulletin board for all correspondence.

Teachers Report-

- Kindergarten students are well in the swing of things. They are busy learning letter names and sounds. They have learned how apples grow and are now learning about the life cycle of pumpkins. On Thursday, Oct. 25th, the kindergarteners will pick their own pumpkins right here at Kramer Lane. We will celebrate Halloween with costumes and healthy treats. Teachers will be conducting Early Literacy Profiles on the students. Children will be screened individually during the next few weeks.
- Second Graders are working on their first book report for this school year. Everyone has chosen a mystery-themed book in honor of Halloween. In science, we've completed a unit on "Being Healthy", and are starting our next unit called "Matter". The field trip to see "Charlotte's Web" at the Bellmore Playhouse on June 5, 2008 has been approved.
- Third Grade teachers were happy to meet with all the parents at Back to School Night. We have started cursive handwriting and the children are off to a good start. We have received our first science kit, Mystery Matter, and will be starting it after our training session at the end of the month. We are reading for Book-It for the months of October thru March. Reservations have been made for the 3rd grade trip to the Vanderbilt Planetarium on Nov. 30th.
- Fourth Grade students are working very hard this year. They are looking forward to the class trip to see "Mooseltoe" at the Gateway Playhouse in Bellport. We will again be collecting money for Unicef with the Trick-or-Treat Program. It is a great program to support, but is optional.
- Fifth Grade students are working very hard on writing their veteran's appreciation essays. The students have really begun thinking about the invaluable role that veterans play in keeping our nation free and safe. They are doing a wonderful job with these essays. We will be entering our student's work in an essay contest and we anticipate doing quite well.
- Pys. Ed.-All students in grades 1-5 have undergone a Fall Physical Fitness Screening. Everyone is encouraged to seek their own personal best in self improvement. We were impressed by the efforts exhibited by all toward the development of physical fitness. 34 of our grade 4 students qualified to take the President's Physical Fitness Challenge at the two highest levels possible to attain. All 34 passed the test and will be awarded patches and a certificate from President Bush. The Kramer Lane Physical Education Department now has it's own web page.

Executive Committee Report-

- Membership-is in very good shape. Thanks to all who joined.
- First Day Folders- Folders should be given out within 2 weeks time.
- Home Coming –Was a great success this year. We hope to form a committee for next year.
- Book-It-Thanks to Jen Falco, Anna Fitzpatrick and Veronica Weber for all their hard work on preparing the bulletin boards for this program. They look great.

Standing Committees-

- **Red Ribbon Week-** The committee is all set to go.
- **Halloween-** Prizes were repurchased; we need volunteers for the carnival. Each child will receive a goodie bag and a pretzel at lunch time.
- **Fifth Grade Events-** The committee is hosting the annual Thanksgiving pie sale. The orders will be picked upon Wed., Nov 21st.
- **School Photos-** Thanks to Carol Lewis and the entire committee for an excellent job.
- **Pretzel Sale-** There will be a fresh baked pretzel sale once a month for the students at 2 p.m., the price will be minimal. We are awaiting word whether the 5th grade committee wants to take on the sale.

New Business –

- **Lip Sync-** For grades K-2nd we received approval to form a committee next year.
- **Folders-** Committee members, please take the time to make an outline for the future committee holders to follow.
- **Rules for Committees-** Going forward, everything that is ordered for the committees needs to be sent to Kramer Lane's Main Office. NOT to a private home. Further, committee members must ensure they properly safeguard any "extras" or supplies in the PTA basement either in Rubbermaid bins (available in the basement) or on shelves.
- **Nutritionist** – Jennifer Coletti was a guest speaker, paid for by the district. She gave parents in attendance good information regarding new nutritional guidelines developed and ideas for snacks and treats. She did a presentation including showing the amount of hidden sugars in foods and drinks that was very interesting. Our thanks to the Nutrition committee, Dr. Cicione and the District for bringing her in.

Principal's Report–

Memorial

Dr. Cicione thanked the Kramer Lane PTA for their Upright Maple Tree donation and the Kramer Lane Faculty, Staff and interested parents who donated to the memorial plaque for Mr. Anthony Gravelli and Mr. Glenn Scheid's Memorial. The Gravelli

Family and Scheid Family attended the memorial ceremony held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 @ 10:30 A.M. They expressed their appreciation and thanks to all of us. Dr. Cicione captured the highlights of the Kramer Lane's Memorial for Mr. Gravelli and Mr. Scheid in a Musical PowerPoint Slide Show posted on Dr. C's Webpage and on the link below.

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2007-08 Kramer Lane's School Theme

Dr. Cicione reviewed that the Kramer Lane Faculty and Staff will continue with the School Theme: "Random Acts of Kindness / Kindness Counts" for the 2007-08 School Year. Our Faculty will be planning grade level activities based on one or two Character Education Traits (e.g., caring, citizenship, honesty, empathy, fairness, perseverance, responsibility, self-discipline and trustworthy) that are age and grade appropriate to build-up our children's internal values in a continuum from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. We will continue to recognize our children who have demonstrated the appropriate character traits with gold coins, certificates of excellence and gold bracelets in the classrooms and during lunch and recess periods.

With the 2007-08 Kramer School Theme in mind, Dr. Cicione announced that he booked the following Cultural Arts Programs to support our efforts in this endeavor:

1. Friday, November 2, 2007 - The Great All American Game Show - all K-2 Children will be assigned to a color team, wear a shirt of their assigned and participate in contests and answer questions on Good Sportsmanship, Popular Characters in Children Literature and Character Education Traits noted above.
2. January 15, 2008 - A Theatre Works' Puppet Show on Aesop's Fables.
3. March 2008 - A Music Show - To Be Determined.

Kramer Lane Faculty and Staff ID Badges

All Kramer Lane Faculty and Staff had their pictures taken for ID badges in October and will be wearing ID badges by November/December 2007.

New Nextel Walkie Talkies

Within the month of October 2007, Kramer Lane will be receiving ten (10) new Nextel Walkie Talkies to be used with our custodians, office staff, security and our playground monitors.

CPR/AED Training for Kramer Lane Monitors

Dr. Cicione announced that all Kramer Lane Monitors have the opportunity to receive CPR/AED Training on the Bethpage Superintendent's Conference Day scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

Kramer Lane's 50 Plus Year Anniversary

The Anniversary Committee held its first meeting and they are planning an Anniversary Day Educational Carnival for our K-5th Grade Children and an Anniversary Celebratory Dinner sometime between January to March 2008.

Dr. Cicione is researching the cost of a new Kramer Lane School Sign to be placed over the existing Kramer Lane Brick Wall Sign located on the island in the Traffic Circle. More information to follow.

Fifth Grade Broadway Field Trip

Dr. Cicione learned from the Netherlander Company representative, that our Fifth Grade Children will be attending the Mary Poppins Broadway Show, a Disney Production, on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Safety Programs

Dr. Cicione reported that the AAA Assembly Programs on Pedestrian, Bicycle and Bus Safety were a huge success for our K-2 & 3-5 Grades held on September 7, 2007. Also, Dr. Cicione scheduled L. I. Rail Road Safety Programs for our K-2 & 3-5 Grades to be held on Friday, October 26, 2007.

Yello Dyno Solutions for Child Protection

Given Dr. Cicione's successful experience in implementing the Yello Dyno Programs with K-5th Grade during the 2005-06 School Year and K-1st Grade in 2006-07 School Year, Dr. Cicione announced that all Bethpage Elementary Schools will be part of a N.Y. S. Child Abduction Grant and receive free of charge K-3rd Grade Yello Dyno Programs to be implemented on Monday, October 29, 2007. Grades K-1 will view and participate in a Yellow Dyno Puppet Show and Grades 2-3 will participate in a Yello Dyno Game Show.

N. Y. State Butterfly

Dr. Cicione announced that our 3-5 Graders participated in an election to select a N. Y. State Butterfly. Assemblyman Robert Walker will be visiting Kramer Lane on Thursday, November 1, 2007 to explain the election process to our 3-5 Grade children.

After School Clubs & AIS Instruction

Dr. Cicione announced that Kramer Lane's 4th Grade Library Club, 4th & 5th Grade Math Club, new 3rd Grade Science Club and 5th Grade Word Club successfully started in the last two weeks of September 2007. He made preliminary progress with Science Adventures to offer Grades 1-2 and 4-5 a Science Club in January/February 2008. Also, he announced that he was planning within the 2008-09 Kramer Lane Budget a 3-5 Grade Theatrical Club to commence in the 2008-09 School Year.

Dr. Cicione explained that our 2-5 Grade AIS Instructional Program started smoothly this month.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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