

Kramer Lane PTA Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2007

Called to order 9:45 a.m.

Pledge

A Quorum of 10 was established.

Minutes of last month's meeting accepted in a motion by Chris Groom and seconded by Antionetta Lammers.

Treasurer's Report – There was no treasurer's report this month because the budget was not approved yet. Anna has informed us that due to a flood in the school basement during the summer we lost a large dollar amount of our supplies and we will see this impact on this year's budget.

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

Teachers Report-

- Kindergarten students are off to a great start. The children appear to have adapted nicely to school routines.
- They are enjoying the activities and making new friends. We celebrated "Proud to be an American" Day on Sept. 11; children were asked to wear red, white and blue. The children really enjoyed the book Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten and working on many related activities.
- Second Grade teachers are extremely excited to work with KL's new second grade teacher, Ms. Dellavalle. We are happy to have her on our team! The second graders have already settled in and are busy at work. We look forward to this year with great enthusiasm! We also want to thank the PTA for the delicious "back to School Luncheon" & we look forward to meeting parents at Open School Night.
- Third Grade teachers welcome you and your children to third grade. We all had a smooth start and look forward to a wonderful school year. Thanks for sending in all the school supplies. We appreciate all that you do to help us. We look forward to meeting you on Back to School Night.
- Fourth Grade students are off to a great start and are looking forward to an exciting year. We would like to welcome Mrs. Dionne to Kramer Lane. The students are excited about the snail unit in science and are having fun with our new class "pets".

Executive Committee Report-

- The entire PTA Board would like to send a special thanks to Antionetta Lammers, Kathy Neuman, Jen Falco, Anna Fitzpatrick, Chris Calamia, Jim Giovannello, Lisa Steier, Gina DiMarco and anyone we left out, for all of their hard work with 1st day folders, this year's budget, and Teacher Appreciation Brunch.
- Audit Committee- Chris Calamia said everything was in good order!
- Budget Committee- After a lengthy discussion the budget was accepted by Michele Brass, Robyn Lee and Helen Sacklow.
- First Day Folders- our original order was lost to the basement flood, temporary folders were handed out and a re-order is currently being processed. These folders should be received before the end of October and will be distributed when received.

Standing Committees-

- **PTA Council**- There was no meeting as of yet. September 24th, 2007 is the first meeting for the school year.
- **Class Reps**- Next Monday (Sept. 24th) is the meeting.
- **Red Ribbon Week**- Everything was on track and in good order. Lisa DiCarlo said 1 item, (the water bottles) had to be changed because Birthday Club is using it, but that she is waiting for Site Base to get back to her on the ideas she presented to them and went ahead with a new order so we are on track there.
- **Birthday Club**- The committee said they ordered water bottles with the school logo on it.
- **Fifth Grade Events**- Their 1st meeting will be on Wed. with the yearbook committee. Michele Bogue said we are waiting for the date for Sports Night from Dr. Cicione.
- **Holiday Boutique**- Please note the date has been changed from Dec. 17th & 18th to Nov. 26th thru the 28th.
- **Nutrition**- The committee is working closely with Aramark to make sure they keep to their contract with us.
- **Halloween**- Dr. Cicione has approved the Carnival Luncheon with pretzels as a treat.

New Business –

- **1st Fundraiser**- Wrapping Paper is doing well with their new company.
- **Email Address**- KramerLanePTA@yahoo.com
- **Homecoming**- will be held on Sat., October 13th, 2007 at BHS, with a Kramer Lane table this year. All are welcome to join in the fun!!!!
- **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.

Principal's Report–

Welcome Back

Dr. Cicione welcomed all parents back to the 2007-08 School Year. He looks forward to every parent's continued support on a daily basis of their child's educational program at Kramer Lane from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade. Also, Dr. Cicione reminded parents to visit Dr. C's Webpage to view Kramer Lane's School Activities and Celebrations throughout the school year.

Kramer Lane Teacher Assignments for 2007-08 School Year

Dr. Cicione reported that we welcomed and received two new experienced teachers from Charles Campagne this year. Ms. Rosanna Dellavalle, is assigned to a Second Grade Class and Mrs. Sara Dione, is assigned to a Fourth Grade Class and Mr. Brian Zaborowski is assigned to a Fifth Grade Class. Our student enrollment has remained stable.

Back To School Night

Dr. Cicione encouraged all parents to attend Kramer Lane's Back To School Night on Thursday, September 27, 2007 to meet their child's teacher and learn about their child's program. Also, he will be introducing the Kramer Lane Faculty and Staff and sharing with the Kramer Lane parents the Highlights of 2006-07 School Year via a Musical PowerPoint Slide Show Presentation that will be presented to our children to kick-off the 2007-08 School Year.

As noted above, parents who missed the Musical Slide Show that celebrated Kramer Lane's Highlights of 2006-07 School Year at Back To School Night held on Thursday, September 27, 2007, they can view this show on Dr. C's Webpage or use the link below.

http://www.bethpage.ws/admin/fcicione/SS-2006-07_High_L/SS-2006-07.ppt

2007-08 Kramer Lane's School Theme

Dr. Cicione explained 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.

New Ceilings, New Light Fixtures with Motion Sensors, etc. for Kramer Lane

Dr. Cicione explained that all classrooms had new drop ceilings and recessed lighting installed along with motion sensors during this Summer of 2007. Also, a window tint was placed on all outside windows. The ceiling and lighting work was completed by Johnson Controls. Our Kramer Lane Custodians did an excellent job in assisting our teachers and cleaning our building during the Summer of 2007.

Kramer Lane Faculty and Staff ID Badges

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

New Nextel Walkie Talkies

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

Kramer Lane's 50 Plus Year Anniversary

With all the recent improvements to the Kramer Lane's School Building and Playgrounds, we are ready and ripe to celebrate our 50 Plus Year Anniversary to be planned and implemented for the Spring of 2008. Currently, Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Seewald and Mrs. Siegel are members of our Kramer Lane 50 Plus Year Anniversary Committee. We will welcome parent representatives via Site Based Team Members to plan our celebration during this school year.

Fifth Grade Broadway Field Trip

Dr. Cicione learned from the Netherlander Company representative, that Mary Poppins Broadway Show, a Disney Production, will be offered within their school discount program. He is trying to finalize a performance date for late March or early April 2008, if these performances are not sold out to the general public. If these performances are sold out, he will book the Lion King Broadway Show.

Memorial

The Kramer Lane PTA was approved by the Bethpage Board of Education to purchase a Bloodgood or Upright Maple Tree for Mr. Anthony Gravelli and Mr. Glenn Scheid's Memorial. The Kramer Lane faculty, staff and any interested parents are welcomed to contribute to the purchase of a \$450 plaque that will be placed in front of the tree. The memorial tree and plaque will be placed on Kramer Lane's traffic island within the traffic circle located in front of our school. Contribution letters were distributed to Kramer Lane's faculty, staff and parents informing everyone of the same. This memorial ceremony will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2007 @ 10:30 A.M. with a rain date of Thursday, October 4, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Vangi

Kramer Lane Recording Secretary