

KEY BISCAIYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
2nd GENERAL MEETING

November 16, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Johanna Guma-Aguiar, President at 9:05AM in the KBCS Media Center.

In attendance were the executive officers of the PTA, Johanna Guma-Aguiar, Kelly Lambert, Anne Fifer, Nancy Davis, Lili Warner, Carolina Rajen, Natalie Estrella; and members of the PTA. A sign-up sheet was circulated, and is on file with the Recording Secretary.

Notice had been published on the PTA Bulletin Board (elementary school campus), as well as communicated via e-mail messages through the PTA email and connect-ed from the Key Biscayne Community School's connect-ed system, and on the KBCS PTA Facebook page.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

1. Prior Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and approved to forgo the reading of minutes from the June 4, 2015 Special Meeting, the August 17, 2015 Board Meeting, the September 3, 2015 Board Meeting, the September 9, 2015 General Meeting, the October 2, 2015 Board Meeting, and the November 5, 2015 Board Meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt all Minutes as written. A copy of Minutes will be uploaded to the kbcspata.org website.
2. Treasurer's Report: Copies of the current ledger and budget were distributed. Currently the KBCS PTA has a balance of \$44,401. The PTA membership drive has raised \$38,000 in memberships, with 676 members. Current fundraising proceeds are the PTA Store with \$17,000, Charleston Wrap with \$6,500, Movie Night with \$2,400, and School Tool Box with \$2,000. Johanna Guma-Aguiar proposed the following changes to the budget:
 - A. Increase the PTA Store revenue by \$5000;
 - B. Adjust the Charleston Wrap Fundraiser by \$(27,000) and the Expenses by \$(18,500) to reflect the amount that was actually raised (\$6,500);
 - C. Increase Robotic Club expenses to \$2,755;
 - D. Increase Student of the Month (SOM) to \$2,200;
 - E. Increase Honor Assemblies to \$2,500;
 - F. Increase Shark Mascot to \$400;
 - G. Increase Cafeteria Committee - Shark Ticket to \$1,500;
 - H. Include Perfect Attendance Program for \$800; and
 - I. Include Parent Advocacy Committee for \$150.

3. Wellness In the Schools (WITS): Johanna G. Aguiar gave a presentation on the Wellness In The Schools (WITS) program. The program would begin in Spring 2016, with a cost of \$8,000 to be paid by February 2016. The program would include teacher/staff/parent education, food labs for students, marketing/lectures, and adjusting 3-5 menu items in the cafeteria per week. The full implementation of the program would be for the 2016-2017 school year. The cost to KBCS PTA would be \$25,000, and the Key Biscayne Community Foundation would pay the other 70% of the cost of the program. WITS would also be implemented at our sister school (Charles Drew Elementary) at no cost to them. Funds for the WITS program would be raised through a new fundraiser, like a Holiday Raffle or other event, and would not use funds from existing fundraisers already scheduled for the school year, such as Winter Festival or Boosterthon. The Key Biscayne Community Foundation also included the Fitness portion of the WITS program at no additional cost to the KBCS PTA.

4. Student of the Month (SOM): Johanna G. Aguiar discussed the changes in the SOM ceremony this year. The main difference is the implementation of the Cloud 9 program which was funded by the Key Biscayne Community Foundation and the KBCS PTA. The Cloud 9 program provides additional materials, such as books and online activities, to emphasize the character trait or value of the month. The second difference in the SOM ceremony is the creation of a video by the SOM committee which is based on the character trait or value of the month. The video is shown on the morning announcements and at the SOM ceremony. SOM Videos may be seen on KBCSPTA.org.

5. Vegetable Garden: Kelly Lambert spoke on behalf of the Garden committee, and Jackie Kellogg. When discussed how the Garden Committee is working on submitting a WholeKids grant application, which is a grant given by Whole Foods. If we are awarded this grant, it would double the current Garden Committee budget. The Garden Committee is currently proposing weekly classroom visits and beautification of the garden.

6. Go Green Committee: The Go Green Committee is going to have an Electronic Recycling day at the school, date TBD. They are also going to begin collecting bottle caps. Their goal is to become a "Green School".

7. Cafeteria Committee: The Cafeteria Committee is requesting an increase in the current budget to from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to support the current Shark Ticket and Golden Ticket program. They are also proposing a "Lunch Mom Patrols" group which would be dedicated to helping the existing cafeteria staff and would take the classes outside of the cafeteria to wait for their teachers instead of waiting inside the cafeteria. The Cafeteria Committee is looking for volunteers for the "Lunch Mom Patrols".

8. Playground Committee: Marilse Rojas spoke about the Playground Committee and their proposed plans for the Kindergarten Playground to add a Basketball Court, a storage unit, and 2 play houses. In the Hammocks playground they would like to purchase tricyles, side walk chalk, and a rock climbing.

9. Parent Advocacy Committee: Kelly Lambert spoke on behalf of the committee chairperson, Luisa Conway, and discussed the upcoming meetings that the committee is sponsoring, (1) Dec. 1 - 8:45am Ready for School; (2) Jan. 19 - 8:45am Parent Rights and Responsibilities. There is also a new committee that would like to be started at the school called Drug Awareness Committee.

Florida PTA Laws: Johanna G. Aguiar presented two laws that are currently being proposed: (1) the Gun Rights Bill, (2) FSA Testing. KBCS PTA members are encouraged to go online to FloridaPTA.org for more information.

This concluded the power point presentation by Johanna G. Aguiar.

At this time, Lili Warner made a motion to approve the WITS program to be implemented in the Spring of 2016, and for \$8,000 to be taken from the current budget to pay this year through a specific fundraiser for WITS. The motion was seconded, and approved by a majority vote.

Afterwards, a question was asked by a PTA member about Technology not being on the budget. The response was that there is no stated need at this time for new technology. The current PTA board is working with Ms. Tarafa to determine the need.

Nancy Davis made a motion to adopt the proposed changes to the budget. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A copy of the amended budget is on file with the recording secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

This is the 17th day of November, 2015

Natalie Estrella, Recording Secretary, KBCSPTA