

Friends of Keswick Ridge School
May Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 30, 2023 6:00pm

Nathan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and noting that this is the last meeting of the year.

Financials:

*A year-ending balance was not available at the time of the meeting, due to pledges still outstanding, etc.

*We reviewed the items/events we supported this school year; **total financial contributions were approximately \$9500:**

New Teacher support ~\$200
Climbing wall ~\$3200 (installation costs TBD)
Zip line seat ~\$200
Weekly fruit trays ~\$2400
Literacy Breakfast ~300
Pledges for year- end events/dance/grad ~\$2700
Staff Appreciation ~\$500

Fundraising

*Due to the year starting with over \$7300 in the account, minimal fundraising was done this year.

***Total amount raised was ~\$5200**

*Fundraisers were: Christmas baskets ~\$1000; Yard Sale ~\$1200; Bottle return ~3021.30 (846.80 Dec, 655.30 Jan, 390.45 Mar, 359.45 April, 769.30 May)

*Potential fundraisers for next year:

Sept – Apple Fundraiser – proceeds to be used right away in Sept/Oct to support fruit trays/breakfast program

Dec – Christmas baskets

Oct/Nov – Mitchell’s soup

April (in preparation for Mother’s Day) – soap and/or bath bombs

May (in preparation for Father’s Day) – jerky

May – Yard Sale

Ongoing - Bottles

Future Projects

*Crushed Rock to help amend base of Gaga Ball pit

*Paving out back of school

*Upgrade shed/bigger shed for better/increased bottle collection space

*Improve the back woods area –upgrade trails in woods leading to outdoor classroom and out/around pond. Nackawic Mill will donate wood chips – we need to be able to pick them up. This would be an undertaking for a group of people-- to clean up trails, lay wood chips, and also add interactive elements (i.e.: signs to educate about native species of plants/animals in the area, etc.)

Other items:

*The school hopes to start a warm breakfast program next year. TNT has offered to sponsor a large percentage of this, plus we can get eggs donated through the egg program. In order to offer cooked food on the premises, there must be someone with Food Safety Certification. Mrs. McKeil will be looking into getting certified herself.

*How to encourage new memberships in Friends of KRS? We discussed a short presentation at the "Meet the Teacher" corn boil at the start of the year. Amy is more than willing to speak on our committee's behalf.

*It was decided that this week (May 31) is the last week for Fruit Trays.

Our first meeting for 2023-24 will be in October. Date TBD.