

Brookdale PTA Meeting Minutes - October 15, 2009

General Membership

- ✚ Call to order by Barb Peterson (7:05pm) - The next meeting will be November 19, 2009.
- ✚ Meeting Minutes: Approval of the September 2009 minutes - no changes were recommended to the meeting minutes.
- ✚ Principal Report/Q&A:
 - Writing/Reading Response Scores: Reading and math scores on ISATs are high. Writing scores were low. School improvement plans have been modified to focus on writing and extended response. SMART goals have been developed.
 - School Picture Vendor: Any expenditure in excess of \$1000 has to be sent out for a bid and approved per district policy. This includes the choice of school photographers. Anyone wishing to recommend a vendor can contact Dan Betts, the procurement manager for the district.
 - IIRC: Brian gave a demonstration on this website which parents can use to look up Brookdale's performance relative to other schools and districts.
 - Candy Michelli: Danielle Carstens will be substituting for Candy Michelli who will be going on maternity leave. The teaching assistant in the class will take over for Danielle during this time. Brian is also hiring a full-time enrollment aide to cover 1st and 3rd grade.
 - Too Good For Drugs: We lost state funding for this program. However, a teaching assistant is working on a program that could replace it.
 - PLC: Dr. Robert Brooks, a child psychology professor, spoke at a principal conference. Brian was impressed with him and recommended parents check out his work.
 - Dawali Presentation: Thanks to Saily and others for their work on this event.
- ✚ President's Report: Barb Peterson
 - Kathy Birkett has offered to come to a PTA meeting and is currently scheduled to attend the Nov. 19th meeting. If you have specific questions for her please e-mail them to Barb by Nov. 11th. She will forward them to Kathy.
- ✚ New Business:
 - Safety Patrol - Anne Schmalandt- Reading improvement teacher who has taken over safety patrol this year. She is asking for an additional \$250 in the budget this year to purchase signs and show appreciation to the patrol students. Motion to add \$250 to the 2009-2010 safety patrol budget was made by Beth Siwicki. 2nd by Julie Knoll. All were in favor, none opposed - motion carried.
 - Peace Garden - Rachael Batchu asked for a \$200 budget for peace

garden maintenance. A suggestion was made to fundraise with current 4th grade to come up with the money and show ownership for the garden. One suggestion was to have the 4th graders take over Boxtops for Education for a designated time period and take \$200 from the revenue generated for maintenance of the peace garden. A suggestion was also made to allow the 4th graders to choose their own fundraiser. A motion to add a budget line item for \$150 for peace garden maintenance was made by Donna Scovill. 2nd by Beth Martinson. All in favor, none opposed - motion carried.

- PBIS - The committee requested \$500 for start-up costs. They would like to get/make more visuals and need supplies. They will come back in the spring with a request for an annual budget. A motion to add a \$500 PBIS line item in the budget was made by Donna Scovill. 2nd by Dina Bradshaw. All in favor-none opposed, motion carried.

✚ **Minutes/Secretary Report on Membership:** Sheila Fleming

- Meeting minutes viewable via the Brookdale website - <http://brookdale.ipisd.org/pta.asp>
- Current membership is at 238.

✚ **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Heger

Treasurer's Report Recap -

- Sales from fundraisers were higher than expected. We show ending 2009/2010 with a balance of \$11,991.

✚ **Committee Reports:** VP - Melissa Winchester

Assemblies: Beth Reimen and Jody Erickson-Russo are chairing this committee.

IPPC: Donna Scovill is the chairperson this year.

Lifesavers Club: Beth Reiman and Rose Baranyk are chairing this committee this year.

Enrichment: Danielle Baker and Darcy Hutzler are chairing this committee this year.

Art Awareness: Theresa Hus is chairing this committee this year.

Meet the World: Francesca Giacobbe is chairing this committee this year.

Breakfast with Books: Christine Marquardt is chairing this event this year. 11/17 will be the first event.

Helping Hands: Pat and Lisa Burke are chairing this committee this year.

Health and Fitness: Beth Siwicki is the chairperson this year. She would like to coordinate Jump Rope for Heart and Walk to School Day as part of her committee. She is also thinking of making the week of Jump Rope for Heart a Healthy Eating Week and adding another Walk to School Day to tie in with Health and Fitness.

Red Ribbon Week: Krista McCann is the chairperson this year. This will take place the week of 10/26. More information will be coming home next week.

Family Fall Social: Linda Watkins is the chairperson this year. 84 families entered the raffle. Approx. 300 people attended, which is what was expected. Many area businesses donated gift cards/items for the raffle. Thanks to Brian and Joe for hosting Family Feud. This is Linda's 6th year

coordinating this event. She would like someone to shadow her next year. Also, 20 families signed up for e-scripts at FFF night.

Classroom Coordinator: Laura Heger chaired this committee this year. Fall Parties and Parade will be on Friday, 10/30.

Directories: Janet LaRocque is chairing this event again this year.

Yearbook: Janet LaRocque is chairing this event again this year.

Brooktales Publication: Peg Kolar is chairperson for this committee.

Apparel Wear Sale: Lisa Howard is chairing this event this year.

Book Fair: Dawn Yorke is coordinating this event.

Kids Note Cards: Tricia Smith is chairing this committee this year.

Wrapping Paper Sale: Deb Snyder and Amy Hausman are the co-chairs for this committee. The amount of profit remained the same as last year although sales were higher this year. The final amount will depend on ongoing internet sales. Delivery will be between 11-1 on Wed. 10/21. Wrapping paper will be sent home with kids but parents are asked to pick up cookie dough. Any problems with orders should be reported by Thursday, 10/22. Winners for raffles are being drawn.

Basketball Nights: Amy Elston is chairing this event this year. Girl's Basketball Night will be 11/13. The Boy's Basketball Night will be 11/20. It is an open gym format.

Variety Show: Linda Bock and Jennifer Streder are the new chairpeople this year.

Family Dinner Night Out: Heather Lang is the chairperson for this committee. Adamos was the 1st event. We made a little over \$100.

LMC: Cathy Collins is the chairperson.

Reflections: Rachel Jackson is the chairperson this year.

Tyson Labels: Barb Marshall is chairing this event this year.

Buzy Bobcats: Peg Kolar is chairing this event this year. The sale date for Grades 3-5 is Oct 17th.

Title I: Julie Knoll is the chairperson for this committee. **We need a chairperson for this committee next year.** Survey was included in the registration packets. We received 229 responses, last year we only received 92. This represents 55% of Brookdale families. The committee wanted feedback on communication and involvement. Overall feedback was very favorable. The majority of people are satisfied with the staff's communication. Some people want to know more of what is expected of their child academically and behaviorally. 93% of parents are helping with homework and are involved in their child's education. Timing is the largest reason why people don't attend an event.

Silent Auction: **We need a chairperson for this event this year.**

Spring Fling: Nancy Lee and Cherrie Quarles are the co-chairs for this event.

Math Center: Barb Marshall is chairperson this year.

PDAC: Saily Joshi Moorthy is the chairperson this year. The 1st meeting was 10/14. The council has officially been adopted as a district committee. Mike Popp and Kathy Birkett plan on attending the meetings. Saily asked for an alternate to attend meetings in case she is not available. There are dialogue circles with varying topics being conducted at Brookdale with the staff. They will eventually be extending these dialogue circles out to parents.

School Supplies: Jennifer Sanchez is the chairperson for this committee.

5th Grade Party: Christi Grezlik is chairing this event this year.

Box Tops for Education: Stacey Ramsey is the chairperson this year.

Dominicks/E-Script: Stacey Ramsey is the chairperson this year.

Hospitality: Dina Bradshaw and Beth Martinson are the chairpeople this year. They are looking for people to volunteer to make items for teachers on parent/teacher conferences.

Teacher Appreciation: Nancy Berry is the chairperson this year.

Market Day: Tricia Smith is the chairperson this year.

PBIS: Melissa Winchester is the chairperson for this committee.

****We are still looking for a Special-Needs PTA liaison. Please contact Barb Peterson or Melissa Winchester if you are interested.**

🚩 **Adjournment:** 8:34 pm

🚩 **Next Meeting - November 19, 2009 @ 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room**

🚩 **Members Present:**

Julie Knoll

Brian LeCrone

Donna Scovill

Barb Peterson

Sharon Yelaska

Sheila Fleming

Dina Bradshaw

Saily Joshi

Ron Heger

Linda Watkins

Beth Martinson

Beth Siwicki

Melissa Winchester

Judy Nagel-Conley