

Brookdale PTA Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2009

General Membership

- ✚ Call to order by Donna Scovill (7:05pm) - The next meeting will be March 19th at 7:00pm.
- ✚ Meeting Minutes: Approval of the January 2009 minutes - Motion to approve meeting minutes by Barb Steinkuller. 2nd by Tricia Smith. All in favor, motion carried.
- ✚ President's Report: Donna Scovill
 - Brookdale PTA By-Laws - By-laws were posted in the office for 30 days. Motion to approve By-Laws for 2008-2009 school year by Marcy Reeb. 2nd by Peg Kolar. All in favor, motion carried. They will be forwarded to the Illinois PTA.
 - Nominating Committee for 2009-2010 consists of Meridith Aiello, Amy Elston, Jennifer Sanchez, Saily Joshi, and Dina Bradshaw. They will be looking to fill the positions of President and Treasurer. They will report back with the slate at the March meeting. Voting will occur at the April meeting. They will be officially welcomed at the meeting in May.
 - Days Off - There will be no school on February 24th and 27th.
 - 2009-2010 Budget - We will be updating budgets for 2009-10 at the April meeting. It is important for committee chairs to attend this meeting. If they are not in attendance their budget for next year will remain the same as 2008-09. Budgets will be voted on at the May meeting.
 - IPPC. -
 - Martha Blount will be the PTA Secretary for Metea next year.
 - There was a lot of discussion on social/emotional learning.
 - There will be a parent/child seminar on summer camps on 3/21 at Still.
 - The district calendar has changed so that the high schools will mimic college in terms of having finals before Winter Break. They are also trying to even out the number of days between the first and second semesters. 56% of the certified staff voted to start school 4 days earlier.
 - Heat emergency days will still be in place for next year.
 - We need a new representative next year.
- ✚ Minutes/Secretary Report on Membership: Sheila Fleming
 - Meeting minutes viewable via the Brookdale website - <http://brookdale.ipsd.org/pta.asp>
 - Current membership increased to 248.
- ✚ Treasurer's Report: Linda Watkins
 - Treasurer's Report Recap -
 - We are on track to meet the projected ending balance of \$19,000.
 - Income and expense remaining in each category were provided for Committee Chairs.
 - Brookdale School has used all 2006-07 and 2007-08 gift dollars to purchase smart boards and the climbing wall.
 - We are asking for a budget amendment due to an accounting misallocation. Smart boards were purchased for the LMC with PTA gift money. \$529.37 of that gift money was spent earlier in the year on the Brookdale Bobcat table covers causing a shortage. We are asking the PTA vote to allocate the additional \$529.37 to cover the cost of the smart boards. Motion to approve the amendment by Peg Kolar. 2nd by Tricia Smith. All in favor, motion carried.

- Carrie Ory would like to do a smart board presentation at the April PTA meeting.
- Miscellaneous expense has incurred some unexpected charges due to filing state reports. This category also has a \$250 approved expense for the IPSN PTA.
- In regards to the open Treasurer position for 2009-10, Linda will be available to help whoever assumes this position. A spreadsheet has been set up to track expenses and the budget for 2009-10 will be completed before the new Treasurer assumes their duties. Estimates of time requirements are approximately 5 hours per week. October is the peak month.

Committee Reports: VP - Melissa Winchester

Assemblies: Beth Reimen and Jody Erickson-Russo are chairing this committee. Winter Family Night will be Friday, 3/13. Mike V. from the Illinois Juggling Institute will be performing and will have hands-on activities for the kids. There will also be a food collection.

Service Club: The Pennies for Prevention campaign will end tomorrow at the Variety Show.

Enrichment: Danielle Baker and Darcy Hutzler are chairing this committee this year. They just received approval on the registration booklet. Information for the spring session should be coming home next week. Sarah Williams and Danielle Baker will be the co-chairs next year.

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

Meet the World: Saily Joshi Moorthy is chairing this committee this year.

Breakfast with Books: Christine Marquardt is chairing this event this year.

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

Red Ribbon Week: Andrea Cousens chaired this event this year.

Family Fall Social: Linda Watkins will be the chairperson next year.

Classroom Coordinator: Laura Heger chaired this event this year.

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

Yearbook: Janet LaRocque is chairing this event again this year. Orders are due March 4th.

Brooktales Publication: Peg Kolar is chairperson this year. **We need a new chairperson for this committee next year.**

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. There will be a reminder in the next newsletter to turn in orders. Some orders have already been received.

Wrapping Paper Sale: Deb Snyder and Amy Hausman are chairing this committee next year.

Basketball Nights: Amy Elston is chairing this event this year.

Variety Show: Christi Grezlik is chairing this event this year. The day show will begin at 2:00pm and the night show will be at 7:00pm. **We need a new chairperson for this committee next year.**

Family Dinner Night Out: Heather Lang will be the chairperson next year.

LMC: Cathy Collins will be the chairperson next year.

Reflections: Rachel Jackson is the chairperson this year.

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

Busy Bobcats: Peg Kolar is chairing this event this year. Sale for grades 3-5 will be tomorrow. We had to cancel the K-2 sale. Next sale dates are 3/6 and 3/20.

Title I: Carrie and Julie shopped for new books and resources to add to the parent library.

Julie asked everyone to take advantage of this library and encouraged everyone to check out some materials. The survey will go out before the end of the year.

Silent Auction: Elizabeth Brundage is the chairperson for this event this year. Letters have gone out and some items have already been received. They are looking for more donations so please contact Elizabeth if you have anything you would like to donate.

Spring Fling: Nancy Lee and Cherie Quarles are the new co-chairs for this event which will be held on 4/24. Beth and Laurie have been very helpful. Nancy and Cherie have secured the amusement vendor and have filed the insurance forms and applications for permits. Donna will give them information on the raffle baskets.

Math Center: Barb Marshall is chairperson this year.

PDAC:

School Supplies: Jennifer Sanchez was the chairperson this year.

5th Grade Party: Lisa Burke and Lisa Howard are chairing this event this year. The party will be on 5/29 from 7:00-9:00pm in the gym and multi-purpose room. Mr. Modaff will be the DJ. They have set up a website to send pictures of students. Laura Falk will be doing the DVD. They need of lots of parent help so please contact them if you are interested.

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

Dominicks: Stacey Ramsey is the chairperson this year.

Hospitality: Barb Peterson is chairperson. ISATs will take place from 3/3 - 3/6. Barb has sharpened 30 pencils so far. They will provide dinner for the staff the night of conferences, 2/24

Market Day: Julie Knox is chairperson this year. Due to Market Day's cost cutting they are only giving us 500 order forms for 523 kids plus 49 staff members. If you don't receive an order form you can still place an order online, or contact Julie Knox. There were only 17 customers at the last sale. We averaged 40 in prior years. Participation has been steadily declining. Jody is contacting the principal at Hill to discuss the feasibility of combining sales. We will discuss further at the April and May meetings. Tricia Smith agreed to be the new chairperson for this committee next year.

- We need chairpeople for the following committees: Brooktales, Variety Show, and IPPC. If people step forward now they can shadow the current chairperson.

Old Business:

- The district needs 300-400 volunteers to help with heart screenings. You do not need to be the parent of a high school student to help. Volunteer training will be 3/17 and 3/18. Testing will be 3/19 and 3/20.

New Business:

- **Peace Garden Presentation:** Janne Brown, Elena Baranyk, and Meghan King from Ms. Batchu's class presented information about a Peace Garden project the class has been working on. The idea came from the students. It will be located outside the art room. They have received a \$1500 grant and are waiting to hear back on a second grant. They will also be looking to area neighbors and businesses for support. They would like the PTA to contribute by purchasing a Peace Pole for the garden. Various types of poles were presented, as well as pricing. Prices are between \$180 and \$875. Brookdale School would be the first school in our area to have a Peace Garden. Stay tuned for more information ... Great job ladies!!
- **PBIS Presentation:** Brian LeCrone and Candy Michelli presented information on the PBIS system in which expected behaviors are taught, re-taught, and celebrated. Last year Brookdale School won a Most Fabulous School Trophy award from the county.

- Agenda: There was a request to publish the PTA meeting agenda with the meeting reminder.
- PTA Q & A Box: There is now a box in the office which you can use to submit anonymous questions to the school or PTA. You can drop off your question in person or you can put it in an envelope marked: PTA Q&A and send it in your child's backpack. We will try to answer all questions received at the next PTA meeting.
- Parking Lot: An observation was made that the parking lot always seems to be full lately. This could be due to more parent volunteers in the building.

✚ Parents/Staff Questions and Answers:

- This section was skipped due to the PBIS presentation by Mr. LeCrone and Ms. Michelli. We did not receive any questions this month.

✚ Adjournment: 9:05pm

✚ Next Meeting - March 19th @ 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room

✚ Members Present:

Julie Knoll	Melissa Winchester	Laura Schlicher
Brian LeCrone	Sheila Fleming	Marcy Reeb
Donna Scovill	Nancy Lee	Tricia Smith
Peg Kolar	Barb Steinkuller	Dina Bradshaw
Linda Watkins	Saily Joshi	Laura King
Melanie Brown	Rose Baranyk	David Dragon
Beth Siwicki	Cherie Quarles	Julie Knox
Candy Michelli		