

# Brookdale PTA Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2009

## General Membership

- ✚ Call to order by Donna Scovill (7:05pm) - The next meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- ✚ Meeting Minutes: Approval of the March 2009 minutes - Motion to approve meeting minutes by Beth Siwicki. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christi Grezlik. Motion carried.
- ✚ President's Report: Donna Scovill
  - 2009 nominating committee has slated candidates for 2009-2010. Thanks to the nominating committee for filling the slate. Many people said they would be interested next year. Ron Heger is the candidate for PTA Treasurer. He is currently working in IT for Nalco. He is also a CPA. Barb Peterson will be President. She is looking forward to being involved with the education of the kids at Brookdale.
  - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is tomorrow, report cards to come home March 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Rachel Batchu is presenting a bid for a Peace Garden Pole. The idea came when discussing peace on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. The garden would serve as an outdoor classroom; a place to read, draw, or write. It will be outside the art room. 30 different poles are available for purchase. Poles are approximately 7 feet. 3 pole choices were put up for a vote. Maintenance of the garden would be 4<sup>th</sup> grade's responsibility. Many parents are helping with the project. Some are building benches. There will also be a path. A survey was done asking what languages students speak at home. The top languages will be included on the pole. A suggestion was made to do something by continent to make it more representative of all languages spoken. Indian Prairie Education Fund donated \$1500 for the garden which has already been used. The class is also asking Home Depot and other stores in the area to donate gift cards or materials. Vandalism is a concern. If cost is not an issue we should go with the one that had the most votes. In terms of insurance, once it is in the ground it becomes school property. Per Brian we are not going to need PTA money next year for technology. Theresa Hus made a motion to donate money to purchase a 16 language peace pole. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Saily. Motion carried. Congrats to kids for all of their hard work. Thanks to Rachel for pursuing the idea and all of her hard work.
  - Spring Break will be March 30-April 3.
  - There will be no school April 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - IPPC. -
    - School Report Cards was a large part of discussion. If you google IIRC and search by school it gives a breakdown on reading, writing, math scores, etc.
    - Finance Director talked about finance. 2 sources of funding - property taxes and the state. Property tax money is lower this year.
    - WV Pink Notes and Cloud 9 are performing at Navy Pier. Former Brookdale students are part of that group.

- Elgin-Joliet Canada railroad passage - The district has no plans to put up sound walls. If there is a derailment the police would take care of situation, not the school.
- The new calendar which has school starting earlier is not an issue in terms of heat per Dr. Daeschner.
- The district is looking for volunteers on March 25 to read scholarship essays at 9:30am. See Donna for more info.

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

- Meeting minutes viewable via the Brookdale website - <http://brookdale.ipisd.org/pta.asp>
- Current membership is at 248.

✚ **Treasurer's Report:** Linda Watkins

Treasurer's Report Recap -

- February is a slow month. Next project will be working on budgets for next year. Ron and Barb will be included in the process. Linda will touch base with Chairs to get input. Budget is posted for a month, from April to May. It will be voted on at the May meeting. End of the year will be in June. Auditing committee will work after year closes in June. Taxes are due in mid-October.

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

**Assemblies:** Beth Reimen and Jody Erickson-Russo are chairing this committee. Winter Family Night was a success.

**Service Club:** Next meeting will be on Monday making posters to use for their bake sale after the K-2 concert. \$268 was earned at the last sale. They will be at Busy Bobcat store selling Lifesavers.

**Enrichment:** Danielle Baker and Darcy Hutzler are chairing this committee this year. Class confirmations will be going out next week.

**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 new chairperson for this committee next year.

**Classroom Coordinator:** Laura Heger chaired this committee this year.

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

**Yearbook:** Janet LaRocque is chairing this event again this year. The yearbooks are completed and have been sent off to the printer.

**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. Note cards will be shipped out tomorrow, in plenty of time to arrive before Mothers Day. Our profit last year was \$1171. This year's profit is \$964.

**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. Show went well this year. Thanks to all of the volunteers. Linda Bock will be the new chairperson for this committee next year.

**Family Dinner Night Out:** Christi Grezlik is the chairperson this year. Max n Ermas, Red Robin, and Braconis will be held before year end. They will not always be on Wednesday nights. Heather Lang will be the chairperson for this committee next year.

**LMC:** Cathy Collins will be the chairperson next year.

**Reflections:**

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

**Busy Bobcats:** Peg Kolar is chairing this event this year. Next sale dates are 4/24 for K-2 and 4/17 for grades 3-5.

**Title I:** Julie Knoll is the chairperson for this committee this year. She is working on a survey with Brian and Sue Lambert.

**Silent Auction:** Elizabeth Brundage is the chairperson for this event this year. Items are starting to trickle in. A few new items this year will be front row parking for concerts, etc., being gym teacher for their class for one day. Only 1 student per grade level - not one per section. There will also be Kids Announcement Week - one student per grade level will be selected to do the morning announcements. Children can be in silent auction area but are not allowed to bid.

**Spring Fling:** Nancy Lee and Cherrie Quarles are the new co-chairs for this event. All permits and vendors have been secured. Prizes have arrived, food is taken care of. They might try to swap out some of the games and/or consolidate. They ordered more prizes since we fell short last year. There will also be face painters this year. They are pretty much on budget.

**Math Center:** Barb Marshall is chairperson this year.

**PDAC:** Met last month to discuss intervention programs available at the elementary schools. They are looking for a mandate for next year. They would like libraries to represent the diversity of the schools. The group will work with LMC directors to acquire materials, apply for grants etc.

**School Supplies:** Jennifer Sanchez was the chairperson this year.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party:** Lisa Burke and Lisa Howard are chairing this event this year. The party will be Friday, 5/29 from 7-9 in the gym and multi-purpose room. They are looking for volunteers. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Karen Wesolowski is looking for more photos of kids at school only by 4/17.

**Box Tops for Education:** Stacey Ramsey is the chairperson this year. Last batch was submitted for the year which earned \$308. We earned \$772.80 for the school year. Campbell Soup labels were submitted as well. 4000 labels were submitted last year and we received a box of sidewalk chalk. This is why we don't push to collect the labels.

**Dominicks:** Stacey Ramsey is the chairperson this year. There will be an article in the newsletter on how to register your fresh values card. Only 52 families are signed up.

**Hospitality:** Barb Peterson is the chairperson.

**Market Day:** Julie Knox is chairperson this year. Market Day is limiting us to 500 order forms. If you do not receive a paper form you can still order online. There will be a combo sale with Hill Middle school over the summer. Tricia Smith will be the chairperson next year.

#### ✚ Old Business:

- A PTA Q&A box is available in the office if anyone would like to submit an anonymous question or suggestion.

#### ✚ New Business:

- School Board Elections are coming up on April 7<sup>th</sup>. You are strongly encouraged to educate yourself on the candidates. 2 websites are available to research: <http://ipsdweb.ipsd.org/ippc/default.aspx> and [www.nctv.com](http://www.nctv.com).

#### ✚ Parents/Staff Questions and Answers:

- Late Start: There are currently approx. 15 hours for development which are spread out. This will provide a more consistent timeframe for all staff to come together. Concern about logistics and supervision was expressed.
- 2008 Academic Excellence Awards: 90 % of students met or exceeded state standards and reading and math for 3 years in a row. 100 % participation on the test, 90% attendance. A written announcement will be sent home in backpacks. All staff members will get a copy of the award.
- Staffing: If numbers are the same next year kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be 3 sections. All other grades will have 4 sections which means we would be short one teacher.
- Young Authors Assembly: There were 28 entrants - Claire Baranyk was the winner. Someone brought up that students outside the grade range have submitted entries that were included. Brian's suggestion is to open it up to all grades.
- Personal notes from Brian will be 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade report cards.
- Budget this year was cut 10%. There is a stoppage on paper use. They have asked the teachers to use less.
- Sue Gouldsberry will be back officially after Spring Break.
- Carrie Ory will do a Technology presentation and Smart Board presentation at the next PTA meeting.
- Anne Luttrell will be coordinating Brookdale Brainiacs. There was a request to make this a PTA event next year. Ms. Thomas did this in the past. It is an opportunity for kids to show off how they like to learn/create outside the classroom. Entrants physically create something which is on display for 3 days in the LMC. Teachers will sign up for a time slot to bring their class through. April 13<sup>th</sup> will be the due date. Expense is nothing except for paper. Due to low participation there will not be a parent night. Parents will be able to tour during school hours.
- There was a suggestion to have the PTA sponsor a membership to the Chicago museums. The passes would be available for PTA members to check out in the library.
- BrainGym was purchased with Title 1 money. This program involves using kinesthetics and applying it to education. 20 staff members are signed up for 1 hour a week training.

- There will be another safety drill before the end of the school year. Not sure whether it will be announced or unannounced. Parents will be notified ahead of time.

✚ **Adjournment: 9:00 pm**

✚ **Next Meeting - April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room**

✚ **Members Present:**

Julie Knoll	Melissa Winchester	Charie Rosales
Brian LeCrone	Sheila Fleming	Dina Bradshaw
Donna Scovill	Sharon Yelaska	Tricia Smith
Anne Luttrell	Saily Joshi	Nancy Lee
Linda Watkins	Theresa Hus	Rachel Batchu
Ron Heger	Christi Grezlik	Beth Siwicki