



BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:00 – 7:00 pm. via Zoom



Executive Board Members Present: Susan Moran; Katie Muchirahondo; Tiffany Parola; Andrea Seamans; Cori Stott

Executive Board Members Absent: Nancy McDonald; Sherine Hassey

Other School Staff Present: Agnes Blatus, Lead Teacher

6:01 **Call to Order**

Ms. Muchirahondo called the meeting to order

6:02 **Secretary's Report**

Ms. Stott reviewed the minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting.

Motion to accept the Minutes made by Allison Volpe.

Motion seconded by Agnes Blatus.

Minutes of 10/13/22 accepted by unanimous consent

6:05 **Treasurers' Report**

Mrs. Parola provided an update on the fall fundraisers and events, including Trunk or Treat, BearWear, Amazon Smile, and the cookie and cake sales.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Allison Volpe.

Motion seconded by Agnes Blatus.

Treasurer's Report of 12/8/22 accepted by unanimous consent

6:08 **Principal's Report**

Mrs. Blatus delivered the Principal's Report on Mrs. Fulton's behalf.

- Students are celebrating the holidays by learning about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas.
- There is a food drive going through 12/23 to support the Dracut Food Pantry.
- The school is also hosting a toy drive, through 12/16, and we are collecting new or gently used coats through 12/23.
- The 5th Grade Student Council is helping out with the food and toy drives and supporting the monthly Bear Den full-school gatherings. The Student Council is a new addition and the students are reported to be really enjoying the experience.

6:12 **Old Business**

Mrs. Moran reported out on the fall fundraiser. We collected \$8,901.75 in sales, resulting in a total profit to Brookside of \$3,560.70. All but one box of cookies were eventually picked up by families.

Mrs. Seamans reported out about the Brookside Night at the Movies event at Chunky's. There was a 50 person waitlist and 150 attendees to see Elf. Mrs. Volpe celebrated the PTO and Mrs. Fulton for efforts to get information out via social media, school messaging, and flyers. A suggestion was made to look into doing a second movie night in the spring, giving waitlisted families from the winter the first opportunity to register.

6:20 Upcoming Events

Mrs. Muchirahondo provided information on upcoming events:

- January 15th, Roller Kingdom, from 6-8 pm, will be free except for skate rentals. Maximum rink capacity is 450.
- February 5th, Ladies Choice - Canvas and Cookies, we will host two sessions, girls can bring an adult woman of their choice, pricing is TBD
- March 3rd, Gentleman's Choice - Tyngsboro Sports Center, boys can bring an adult male of their choice, cost is estimated to be about \$10 per person

Ms. Stott asked if the events had to be gender-based or restricted by gender and Mrs. Volpe asked if students had to take the specific gendered adult. Mrs. Muchirahondo replied that this is historically how the events have been designed and that her concern is about maintaining maximum capacity limits. It was agreed to revisit the question for planning for the 23-24 school year.

6:28 School Committee

Mrs. Volpe attended the meeting as a representative of the Dracut School Committee. She reminded attendees that the public is invited to School Committee meetings and that School Committee members are always available to discuss Dracut schools with families. She commended the Brookside PTO on doing a fantastic job of getting information out to families and holding events that are well attended. Mrs. Muchirahondo offered to put School Committee events on our PTO calendars and Facebook page to encourage community participation in these meetings.

6:33 Parent/Teacher Q&A

There were no questions posed by parents or teachers.

6:35 Adjournment

Ms. Muchirahondo adjourned the meeting.