



BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2023

6:00 – 6:30 pm. via Zoom



Executive Board Members Present: Nancy McDonald; Susan Moran; Tiffany Parola; Cori Stott

Executive Board Members Absent: Sherine Hassey; Katie Muchiradondo; Andrea Seamans

Other School Staff Present: Lindsey Fulton; Annette Romano

6:02 **Call to Order**

Ms. Stott called the meeting to order

6:02 **Secretary's Report**

Ms. McDonald and Mrs. Moran shared recollections from the January meeting. No minutes were filed.

6:03 **Treasurers' Report**

Ms. McDonald reported on the month's financial activities.

- Roller Kingdom receipts equaled \$643.41 and the event cost \$819.00;
- Ending balance is \$11,819 with a little over \$8,000 in savings; and
- The Soup Off winner donated their winnings to the Sunshine Fund, which now has a \$913.50 balance.

Mrs. Fulton asked about updates to Amazon Smile and Mrs. McDonald noted that the program will be discontinued mid-month, with final payouts later in the spring.

6:07 **Principal's Report**

Mrs. Fulton reported out about recent and upcoming happenings at Brookside:

- There is usually one full-school assembly each month
- The Mood Meter has been a focus area; Mrs. Fulton would like to share this tool more with families next year
- Celebrated the 100th day of school
- February break is coming up, during which the school building will not be open
- In March, we have Read Across America Day 3/2 and an early release 3/15
- MCAS dates are approaching
- They need a community member to join the School Council
- Family conferences will take place at the end of March

6:11 **Old Business**

Mrs. Moran reported that the Roller Kingdom event in January was a success.

6:14 **New Business**

- Kids' Choice Event is coming up in early March; questions were raised about whether a permit had been requested and how a single parent with two children could navigate the events
- Walkathon is planned for Friday, April 14th; more information will come

- The 5th Grade Yearbook work will begin soon; the PTO needs some 5th grade family volunteers to help
- Art Show on 5/24; PTO will discuss involvement and ice cream social during March meeting

6:20 **Discussion**

- Mrs. Parola asked Mrs. Fulton to more fully describe how the school, the School Council, and the PTO are working together. Mrs. Fulton responded that there are opportunities to tie together understanding of programming - such as SEL and Middies Academy - with parents.
- Mrs. Romano asked whether any progress had been made on planning a Dining for Dough fundraiser. Ms. Hassey is working on this and will report out at the March meeting.
- Mrs. Parola questioned whether this may be too many fundraisers for one year and asked whether the American Heart Association Walkathon would be happening this spring.
- Mrs. Fulton reported that the American Heart Association Walkathon will start the week after February break, with proceeds going to the Association itself.

6:30 **Adjournment**

Ms. Stott adjourned the meeting.