

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 2025

6:00 – 7:15 pm

Virtual

Executive Board Members Present:	Amanda Blute, Dawn Hayes, Tiffany Parola, Cori Stott, Alycia Knight
School & District Staff Present:	Annette Romano, Christina Archibold, Monica Poitras
Attendees Count: 11 (Virtual) <i>This PTO meeting has been recorded</i>	

6:04 Call to Order

Ms. Stott called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting

6:05 Title I with Christa Archibold, DPS Title I Coordinator

BES qualifies for a Title I grant for '24-'25, the District took on a new Reading Program, there is an upcoming Annual Meeting where parents can join for information and feedback as well as fill out a survey.

Website: <https://www.dracutps.org/page/title-i>

6:14 Secretary's Report

Ms. Hayes provided a recap of the meeting minutes of November's PTO meeting. There were no additional questions or edits made.

Next PTO meeting will be Virtual on Wednesday, February 12th at 6pm

Motion to accept the Secretary's Report of 11/7/2024 made by Monica Poitras

Motion seconded by Matt Parola

Secretary's Report of 01/9/2025 accepted by unanimous consent.

6:17 Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Parola provided updates on expenditures to date and updates on the following:

- Nov 8 - Jan 9, 25 Top : Turkey Trot, Dracut Threads, Sunrise Fund
- Top Disbursements: Entourage Yearbooks, Principal's Account, Sunshine Funds

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report of 01/9/2025 made by Annette Romano

Motion seconded by Matt Parola

Treasurer's Report of 01/9/2025 accepted by unanimous consent.

6:22 PTO Business

Ms. Stott & Mrs. Blute shared highlights of past and upcoming PTO events and initiatives

- Box Tops for Education (Ongoing Fundraiser)
 - As of today \$215.80, JAN. PROMO = 12 Box Tops will get an additional 12 bonus tops
Referral Code: [CNDY60W0](#)
- Turkey Trot Winner Updates

- All students received their prizes around Thanksgiving
- Principals for a Day (2) will be January 31st
- Upcoming Special Breakfast pending menu items
- Mrs. Bryan's class Ice Cream Party is on 1/17/25 EOD
- Extra Recess for K and 2 pending warmer weather (Mrs. Romano to coordinate)
- Brookside Roller Kingdom Night
 - This Sunday, 1/12/25 6:00 - 8:00pm
 - Free event for all BES families (skate rental is \$3/pair)
- BES at UMass Hockey vs Vermont
 - 2/7/25 @ 7:15pm, \$15 per ticket
 - Last year generated nearly \$1000 (BES gets \$5 back to our school per ticket sold)
 - This is a fun family event as all BES ticket holders sit in the same section together
- Dine for Dough Nights
 - Owen & Ollie (Tues, 2/25)
 - Irish Cottage (Thurs, 3/13)
- Spring Events
 - Parent Survey
 - Available to complete through mid-January at <https://forms.gle/voWhaeYsdqrQiUki9>
 - Shared on Brookside FB, Sunday Call, and on Monday, 1/13 ParentSquare
 - Currently 40 responses
- 5th Grade Planning
 - Weekly 5th Grade Photo Dump Themes
 - Great response to weekly themed photos (BESBearsYearbook@gmail.com)
 - Upcoming Calendar Raffle for 5th Fundraiser

6:31 **Principals' Report**

Mrs. Poitras & Mrs. Romano provided updates on Brookside Elementary School happenings:

- Jean D'Arc Workshop: Bunny Money for all BES students
- Antoine's Coat Drive
- Upcoming School Food Drive with Dracut Pantry (New request this year = Pet Food)
- Thank You to Brookside PTO for covering costs such as field trip buses and Books for the vending machine
- Upcoming Field Trip: Museum of Science for 3rd graders
- Parent/Teacher Conference on 1/30/25
- Mrs. Troche implementing ELL at the library on 2/4/25
- Mrs. Romano, Project Lead the Way with Mrs. Troche, Digital Literacy Instructor
 - Grant-funded program piloted in the 24-25 SY
 - 5th Graders have been learning about & building Robotics and Micro Bits
 - Next year will be introducing 4th graders and younger grades in the future
- WIDA testing and I-Ready mid-year diagnostic results to be sent out soon
- MCAS Dates will be released on ParentSquare and Sunday Call
- When is Kindergarten Registration? A: Typically around the end of Feb into March with Kindergarten Open House first followed by online registration for a day or evening session.

6:43 **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Ms. Stott at 6:43pm

Minutes prepared by Dawn Hayes, Secretary.