



# Brookside Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016 ~ Brookside Elementary School, Cafeteria

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Call to Order: 6:58 PM

Attendees: 4

## Mark Morowski – Fundraiser Proposal

Mr. Morowski has been with the Dracut Fire Department for almost 18 years. He has done several fundraisers in town and wants to do one that would benefit both the Dracut Elementary Schools and the Dracut Fire Department. He is proposing a Bowl-A-Thon; Fire Fighters Vs Elementary Students.

- Students would raise \$35 each if possible.
- Fire Department would find sponsors (no child excluded). Students who are not able to raise \$35 will still be allowed to bowl.
- Englesby and Campbell School already on board.
- Looking to have the Bowl-A-Thon over April vacation.
  - Still looking at locations. Wamesit Lanes would give discount and give 10% back if done Mon-Thurs.
- Money raised would be split 50/50 between Fire Department and Elementary Schools.
  - Each elementary school would get equal share of the 50% no matter how much each school raises.
  - He spoke to Superintendent Stone about the money being earmarked for each school's specific needs.
- We could have a kick off assembly to explain to the student's what we are doing and why
  - Possibly t-shirts for bowlers.
  - Possible ice cream or pizza party of each class per grade who raised the most money, put on by the Fire Department.

*All those in attendance agreed that this was a great idea and were all in favor of Brookside taking part in the fundraiser.*

**Secretary's Report:** No changes or updates to the October minutes. Only note is that report cards would be available online on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion to approve secretary's report as written was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Hollis Holston.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Christine Gillis, Treasurer, was not in attendance. Copy of the October/November treasurers report was not provided prior to the meeting. Few updates available were that we spent the following amounts:

- I-Scream Social: \$450 on Food, DJ, and Misc. (games/activities)
- Teachers Luncheon on the day of Parent/Teacher Conferences: \$230
- Guest Speaker, Josh Dreaan: \$1500

*Motion to defer the review and approval of the October/November treasurers report until the January meeting was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Meghan Colon.*

**Principal's Report:** Principal and Lead Teacher not in attendance.

**Old Business:**

- ***I-Scream Social***
  - Profited \$130, is not meant to be a money maker.
  - Only a few students showed up for the sensory friendly event.
  - Collected lots of food that was donated to the Dracut Food Pantry.
- ***Battle of the Bears***
  - Successful, raised \$3,279.40.
  - 32 T-shirts, 32 Water Bottles, 50 Key Chains & 21 Tattoos were earned by students.

Some suggestions for next year were to have the bears displayed in the lobby and to run the fundraiser for 2 weeks rather than 1.

- ***Yankee Candle***
  - Total sales were over \$12K.

**Upcoming Fundraising:**

- ***Box Tops***
  - Recently submitted \$75 and have more to submit.
  - Prize for the month of December, for the student who brings in the most, will be a pre-decorated Gingerbread House.

- **Scholastic Book Fair, December 14 – 20th**
  - Will once again run during student's library period in room C-10.
    - Only student with money will be brought down in small groups to shop.
  - Will be open Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:30PM for parents to shop with or without their student(s).
  - Parents and family members who will be attending the Winter Chorus Concert on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> or the Kindergarten Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> are invited to stop by before or after the performances.
- **Brookside Night at Roller Kingdom, January 15, 2017, 6 – 8 PM**
  - There was a discussion about admission price which we agreed would be \$3 per person. Skates would be additional at the cost that Roller Kingdom sets.
  - In addition to the birthday party package, that Roller Kingdom provides for us to raffle off, we will a game themed gift basket to raffle.
    - Allison Sullivan volunteered to put together the basket. We will provide a \$25 budget for her to purchase items.

**Other:**

- Hollis Holston provided information that Rada Cutlery does fundraisers and offers 40% back as a possible replacement to Yankee Candle next year.

**Adjournment**

- Next meeting will be held January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 7:47 pm meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Hollis Holston.