



# Brookside Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017 ~ Brookside Elementary School, Cafeteria

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**Call to Order:** 7:05 PM

**Attendees:** 2

## **Justin George – Dracut Volunteers, Inc.**

Justin is the Dracut Firefighter who found Kathryn Lucier when she went missing in November. With the legal help of Collen Garry, he helped create the non-profit organization, Dracut Volunteers, Inc. *“Through collaboration of volunteers, organization and agencies the organization hopes to find and create resources to help solve the needs of the community through outreach and communication. The mission of this organization is to inspire people to build a healthy, engaged community, promote volunteerism, and develop a sense of belonging in our community”.*

<https://www.facebook.com/Dracutvolunteersinc/>

**Secretary’s Report:** No changes or updates to the December minutes.

*Motion to approve secretary’s report as written was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Meghan Colon.*

**Treasurer’s Report:** Expenses from November & December reported.

*Motion to approve treasurer’s report for the month of November as written was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Karen Mirabito-Cowan.*

- In December, we received grant money for the June 2016 Ralph Masiello presentation.

*Motion to approve treasurer’s report for the month of December as written was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Meghan Colon.*

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

## **Old Business:**

- **Battle of the Bears**
  - Prizes are packaged and ready to go. T-Shirts are in production and should be ready tomorrow. All prizes should be distributed to students by the end of the day tomorrow.

## **Upcoming Events/Fundraising:**

- **Box Tops**
  - Received a check \$448.70 which is for Box Tops submitted from May – December.
  - Sent in \$180 over winter break.

**2016-2017 Executive Board:** Rebeca Coffey, President; Jennifer Lynch & Katie Muchirahondo, Co-Vice-Presidents; Aimee Lyles, Secretary; Christine Gillis, Treasurer

- Prize for the month of January, for the student who brings in the most, will be a basket with snow toys and hot cocoa.
- **Hannaford Helps ~ Month of February**
  - During the month of February Brookside will receive \$1 for every blue Good Karma reusable grocery bag purchased at the Hannaford's in Dracut.
- **Canvas & Cookies (Mother/Daughter Event) ~ March 5th**
  - Female students and a woman of their choice (mother, grandmother, aunt, etc..) will each be painting a canvas and enjoying light refreshments.
    - There will be two sessions to choose from.
    - Must sign and pre-pay as space is limited. Cost will be \$10 per person.
  - We will need lots of volunteers.
- **Read Across America ~ March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 Am**
  - Mrs. Porcello organizes this event.
    - Canalagator, Lowell Spinners mascot, will be visiting.
- **Jason Lefebvre**
  - Local children's author of the book *Too Much Glue*, will be doing presentations at Brookside on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - Cost was \$500.
- **Wamesit Lanes All-Town Event**
  - Bowling Fundraiser
    - Mark Morowski from DFD spoke at the December meeting regarding this. (See December minutes)
  - Event cannot be held during April vacation. Will be meeting Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM with Mark and other PTO's to discuss things.
    - Looking at possibly having the event on a Sunday in April or May.
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Events**
  - Received disc of student's photos from O'Connor's Studio for the yearbook and asked that families to start sending in photos. We have only received a few so far.
  - Currently looking to have the 5<sup>th</sup> grade carnival on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

- Next meeting will be held February 16th.
- 8:17 pm meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by *Karen Mirabito-Cowan*.