



Brookside Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017 ~ Brookside Elementary School, Cafeteria

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Attendees: 7

Secretary's Report: Presented by Aimee Lyles. No changes or updates.

Motion to accept secretary's report as written was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Hollis Holsten

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Christine Gillis. Reviewed September report.

Motion to accept treasurer's report as written was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Nancy McDonald

Principal's Report: *Provided by Co-Lead Teacher, Mr. Edward Welles*

- Spring 2017 MCAS results were released last week to schools. It was the first-time students in grades 3 - 5 participated in the new Next Generation MCAS in Math and ELA.
 - It's a new approach to measuring student performance and cannot be compared to results from previous years.
 - Results from Spring 2017 will be used as a baseline scores for future ratings, because of this there will be no accountability rating.
 - NextGen tests will continue. Students in grades 4 & 5 will be taking the computer based format while grade 3 students will continue taking the paper based format.
 - Results will be going home sometime next week.

Old Business

- ***Trunk or Treat***
 - Overall everyone had a great time. Some suggestions for improvements:
 - More lighting
 - Project a movie
 - Allow attendees to vote on Best Decorated Trunk
 - Better crowd control

Upcoming Events

- ***Nature's Vision***

- Total sales were \$7,847. PTO will receive 40% in profits which equals \$3,138. This is slightly over our \$3,000 projected profit for this fundraiser
 - Orders are being mailed to Nature's Vision tomorrow, October 27th
 - We expect items to be delivered to Brookside by November 13th
 - Orders may be picked up during Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 15th
 - Could use a couple volunteers to help with distribution from 12 -2 on the 15th

- ***Bear Wear Sales ~ November 1st – 17th***

- Items should be ready for Christmas
- Orders can be placed online or by the order form that will be sent home with students
- We will be offering a couple new items
 - Polo shirt
 - Sweatpants available in children sizes
 - Changes to the design on the long-sleeved t-shirt and hoodie
 - Price points will remain about the same

- ***Chris Poulos Assembly ~ November 2nd, 9am & 10am***

- Youth motivational speaker who will speak to students about being kind and bullying
 - 9am grades 2 - 5 & 10am K – 2
- Thanks to Rebeca Coffey, she was able to make arrangements so that Chris Poulos will visit all Dracut Elementary Schools at a fraction of the cost. (\$400 per school/session)

- ***Gentlemen's Choice ~ November 4th, 4pm***

- Sold about 60 tickets, we had 80 on hold
 - Will allow ticket orders through Monday, October 30th
- Those attending will have access to a private club room 1 hour before the game begins
 - Food and drinks will be available

- ***Science Night ~ December 8th, 6 – 7:30pm***

- This is a free event open to all Brookside students and their immediate families
- We will have a giant inflatable earth dome
 - Presentations will be on a continuous loop both inside and outside the earth dome
- Cambridge Science Festival will have various hands on STEAM activities available

- We will need volunteers to help man these activities
- Currently in talks with the Merrimack Valley Robotics Team to attend with some of their competition robots
- Mrs. Porcello, who runs the Brookside BOTS, has tentatively agreed to display the work of students involved in the program
- ***Current Fundraising***
 - Box Tops
 - Raised \$245 this month so far
 - The winner of the Willy Wonka gift basket is Madalyn Baker who brought in over 300 Box Tops
 - Hannaford Helps
 - Program runs thru December 2nd
 - Currently the tower is packed full. Typically, it brings in \$150-200
 - Amazon School Rewards
 - By using the link on our website when doing your Amazon shopping we get a percentage back
 - Link can be accessed through our Facebook page or our website www.BrooksidePTO.com
- ***Adjournment***
 - Next meeting will be held in December 7th at 6pm
 - 6:43pm meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Hollis Holsten