



# Brookside Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2017 ~ Brookside Elementary School, Cafeteria

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**Call to Order:** 6:03 PM

**Attendees:** 19

**Executive Board Introductions:** Christine Gillis, Co-Treasurer was not in attendance.

**State Representative Colleen Garry:** State Representative Colleen Garry spoke about some of the education initiatives taking place in the state of Massachusetts and how it affects Dracut schools.

**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 Monique Verville.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Karen Mirabito-Cowan. Reviewed reports from May-August

*Motion to accept treasurer's report as written was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Lori Harries.*

**Principal's Report:** *Provided by Ms. Smith*

- School year off to a smooth start
- Thank you to the PTO for the beautification of the courtyard and front entrance area
- Parents need to log-in to iPass and school bucks
- Students must have bus passes and they must be visible, on the outside of backpacks
  - Students without bus passes will no longer be able to ride the bus home
- Chorus, band, strings, and late help will begin next week
- Curriculum night did not have a big showing, especially for students in younger grades
  - Possible conflicts with other events
  - Parking was a problem with Pop Warner practice taking place in the back fields
- Field trips are being planned: Kindergarten is going to Parlee Farms, second grade will be going to the Museum of Science, and third grade will be going to Plymouth Plantation
- MCAS scores have been delayed until October
  - Parents should receive scores around October 16<sup>th</sup>

**2017-2018 Executive Board:** Rebeca Coffey, President; Jennifer Lynch & Katie Muchirahondo, Co-Vice-Presidents; Aimee Lyles, Secretary; Christine Gillis & Karen Mirabito-Cowan, Co-Treasurers

## **2017 – 2018 Budget Approval:**

- Handouts were available with a breakdown of the budget
  - This handout is available upon request.

*Budget was unanimously approved*

## **Upcoming Events**

- ***Nature's Vision Fundraiser ~ October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>***
  - PTO will receive 40% back from all purchases
  - Catalog and information should come home on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Orders should arrive so that they can be picked up the day of parent/teacher conferences which is November 15<sup>th</sup>
- ***I-Scream Social ~ October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 7:30 pm***
  - Along with DJ, dancing, and ice cream we will have added trunk-or-treating
    - Currently have 37 families signed up to decorate trunks and 40 families willing to donate additional candy
  - The entire event will be outside unless it is raining heavily.
    - The event will move to the cafeteria if it is bad weather
  - Email will go out to trunk decorators with more information tomorrow
  - We need 8 volunteers to help distribute ice cream to guests
  - Cost is \$2 per person
- ***Gentlemen's Choice ~ November 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm***
  - UMass Riverhawks vs Maine
    - Brookside male students and one adult guest of their choice
      - Can be male or female guest
  - \$10 per ticket which includes
    - Open skate available after the game (skate rentals available)
    - Access to the function room
    - Ticket to UMass Minutemen basketball game vs UNH on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm
- ***Current Fundraising***
  - Box Tops
    - Raised \$105 so far
    - Next month the student who brings in the most Box Tops will win a Willy Wonka gift basket

- Hannaford Helps
  - Program runs thru December 2nd
  - If you purchase 4 qualifying products you will receive \$3 school bucks that you can either send in with your student or place in the Brookside Elementary School slot in the tower at the Dracut Hannaford
- My Coke Rewards
  - The program ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Please stop sending in caps and recycle them
- Amazon School Rewards
  - By using the link on our website when doing your Amazon shopping we get a percentage back
- ***Adjournment***
  - Next meeting will be held in October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm
  - 7:01 pm meeting adjourned. Motion to adjourn was made by Rebeca Coffey and seconded by Hollis Holsten