

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
May 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:45 PM by PTA President, Tricia Sharon.

Treasurer's Report – Tricia Sharon

- A motion was passed to vote in the 2015-2016 PTA Budget (Angie Brandt, Anna Williams). Some of the changes for next year's budget include: lowering the campus beautification due to only one planned cleanup, increased the budget for the tissue tea, Writer in Residence was combined with Cultural Arts, budgeting \$500 to the new Service Committee, and the Our Community Reads Day budget is increasing by \$50 to allow for a larger donation in honor of the Day's readers.
- A motion was passed to move \$300 from the BoxTops Income to the Technology Fund (Anna Williams, Lindsey Smith).
- A motion was passed to move \$2,100 from GoPlaySave Income to the Technology Fund (Leah Wiebe-Smith, Angie Brandt).
- A motion was passed to move \$3,500 from No Fuss Fundraiser Income to the Technology Fund (Anna Williams, Angie Brandt).
- A motion was passed to move \$3,100 from Winter Carnival Income to the Technology Fund (Anna Williams, Angie Brandt).
- A motion was passed to move \$125 from the Reflections Budget to the Technology Fund (Amanda Stanley, Angie Brandt).
- Those movements to Technology totaled \$9,125, which will be used to purchase additional iPads and/or laptops for the school, which are all from the budget's income category, but any funds left over after paying all bills & expenses in the other categories can also be voted to be moved as well.
- A new die cut machine and new die cutters & a new microphone are being purchased with the excess Classroom Funds remaining.

Principal's Report – Felicia Locklear

- Field Day was held Friday, May 8. All volunteers must be approved WCPSS volunteers.
- A community meeting about the renovation was held Tuesday, May 5. There were many neighbors in attendance, and their main concern was parking. Ms. Locklear meets with the Midtown Raleigh Alliance/Citizen Advisory Council (businesses in the area must be advised of changes to schools in the area) on Monday, May 11, for their feedback, and then on Wednesday, May 13, with the Board of Education Facilities Committee with the proposed plan.
- EOG testing begins May 19 for Grades 3-5. It is important that all students are in attendance, as makeup days will delay all students' results. Scores will be mailed to students, if scores are not back in time to be sent home in final

- report cards. Volunteer Proctors are needed. Without enough volunteer proctors, EOG testing will either have to be spread out over more days or teachers from lower grades will be pulled from their classrooms.
- The remaining days of schools will continue to be strong instructional days, all the way to the end of the year.
 - Nicole Lemmon has been hired as Magnet Coordinator for next year.
 - Another teacher has been hired (from another school in town). The plan is to put her in Ms. Lemmon's place in Second Grade spot, unless she is needed elsewhere.

Hospitality – Tricia Sharon

- The teachers loved the boxed lunches Teacher Appreciation Week. They also appreciated the snacks provided Student Led Conferencing Night.
- The Kindergarteners will be providing some Sweet Treats (a dessert bar) for our teachers on May 18.
- Fifth Grade celebration is scheduled for Thursday, June 4. Invitations have been sent. The theme this year is based on Malcolm X's quote: "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today", and the speaker will be Ms. Certa-Moore.

Programs – Amanda Stanley

- Cultural Arts – The Third Grader's Writer In Residency was the week of May 4 and there was a school wide performance by Billy Jonas on Monday, May 11.
- The Online School Supply link is live on the website. Flyers were sent home in Monday folders on May 11. Boxes for Grades 1-5 will be waiting in the classrooms on Meet the Teacher night, and then Kindergarten boxes will be provided on Kindergarten Meet the Teacher afternoon. Boxes are available with t-shirts or without, please be aware of the size of the t-shirt for the grade. Order by June 20 for your box to be shipped to the school, after that they will be shipped to your home and will be slightly more expensive.

Communications – Lindsay Smith

- Yearbooks are available for preorder until Friday, May 15. Any extras will be for sale at the Spring Picnic.

Ways & Means – Tricia Sharon

- Original Works made \$1,800, despite some glitches that were encountered due to incorrect sizing of the artwork.
- BoxTops collections are in progress, through Friday, May 15.
- The Bookfair was a big success; we are still waiting on final numbers.

- The Spirit Night at B. Good made the school \$152 and attendees loved that the restaurant encouraged the school to provide artwork by the students that were on display that night.

Mini-Grants – Becky Cunningham

- We were able to purchase 30 copies each of “Bud Not Buddy” and “The Giver” for Ms. Heath to use with students next school year.
- We purchased 60 new books for the 5 Kindergarten Classrooms to assist with their Citizenship unit as well as their fourth quarter Seminar discussion.
- We were also able to supply the Second Grade classes with a slew of craft supplies that will be used with ongoing English/Language Arts projects.

President’s Report – Tricia Sharon

- Committee Chairs, please turn in your Committee binders (or create one, if one has not been created in the past), so that they might be passed along to next year’s chair. If nothing else, please jot down a timeline and some notes to pass along.
- Reminder that the PTA Board will be meeting on May 17 at Anna’s house to slate Committee Chairs for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.