

**Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School  
PTA General Membership Morning Meeting  
October 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM by PTA President Anna Williams.

**Teacher's Report – Joey Mulholland**

- Thanked everyone for the snacks on the Teacher Workday and for lunch from Zoe's Kitchen on the Early Release day.
- Thanked everyone for the Go, Play, Save books, so that everyone in the each of the classes could receive one.

**Principal's Report – Felicia Locklear**

- Brooks has begun recruiting new Magnet Students for next year. The Magnet Fair is Saturday, Nov. 7 and then Open House will be Nov. 10. There are concerns that Kindergarten Magnet applicants as well as Base Students will make other school arrangements next year, due to the renovation. Please spread the word that the modular campus is quite nice and it is only for one year. Encourage folks that we are going to work together to make it work. There are plans for a night in the spring where parents will be able to go out to the modular campus for a tour. Parents will be kept informed early and often.
- Ms. Kuhn, our Technology Resource teacher, will be at Brooks full-time beginning Oct. 19. In the past, she has only been at Brooks 50% of the time, and has only had time to fix broken technology at the school. The hope is that she will now have time to co-teach new technology with the classroom teachers.
- The teachers were at CAM downtown on the September 23 Teacher Workday where they participated in Magnet training, team building and idea sharing.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders had their CAM kickoff on Thursday, Oct. 1, as Docents. This year's art is very abstract. The next opportunity to see our Brooks kids in action at CAM is Oct. 18 from 2:30-5:00PM.

**Treasurer's Report – Candice Whitehurst**

- Membership is down from where we anticipated this year (we only have 202 members), so please join!
- We met & exceeded our No Fuss goal, currently at \$17,101 with some outstanding company match funds still coming in (which would get us to \$18,075.50).
- We also exceeded our goal for Go, Play, Save, which earned us \$5,580.
- Discussing what to do with the additional funds earned, and one option is the increase the amount carried over for the School Transition.

• Total Income	\$29,086
Net Income	\$16,209
Due to NCPTA	\$160
Reserve for School Transition	\$15,000
Standing Reserves	\$10,000
Total Cash on Hand	\$41,369

### **Ways & Means – Stephanie Slifer**

- Box Tops collections begin Oct. 12 & runs through Oct. 23.
- Still looking for a Chairperson for Art By Me/Original Work, please let Stephanie or Anna know if you are interested in helping with that.
- Please remember to re-link all of your store loyalty cards (Target, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Amazon Smile, etc.) to ensure that Brooks receives credit for your shopping.

### **Hospitality – Lili Ball**

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade parents will host an Early Release luncheon for the teachers on Oct. 16 (Chili). Sign up online if you would like to provide something for that luncheon.
- Campus Beautification will be held on Oct. 24, from 9:00AM-12:00PM, on the outside of the school only. Angie Brandt & Carolyn Meiners are the Co-Chairs for this event. Please come out to help, donuts will be provided! Art supplies and materials will be available, if any kids wanted to come from 9:00-11:00AM to work on their Reflections submission.

### **Programs – Amanda Stanley**

- The Service Committee had planned a Spirit Wear recycling project at the Fall Picnic, which was rained out, and plans to try again in the spring.
- The Backpack Buddies Food Drive held Oct. 5-9 was a huge success, thank you!
- A Gift Card and Winter Coat Drive will be held Nov. 16-20.
- Cultural Arts was awarded their United Arts Contract and they are working on cementing the artist contracts for the year.
- The Book Stop has a new chair, Julie Mock. Volunteers are needed.
- Spirit Wear will be sending out a sales form for sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts and shorts soon.
- The School Store will be open on Wednesdays from 8:45-9:15AM. Volunteers are needed.
- The Online School Supply Program was able to provide each grade with 2 additional kits. \$200 of additional funds remain from donations, which Erica Oliver will work with Ms. Roberts to allocate out among the teachers and school.

### **Communications – Anna Williams**

- A newsletter is being sent out every Sunday night to parents who have completed their information on the Online Directory. All content for these emails should be submitted to either Anna or Leslie by Friday.
- One email will be sent out through the Class Curators to all of the parents in each of the classrooms with instructions on how to be included in these Directory emails without showing their information Online, should they so choose. PTA information will no longer be sent out through the Curators.

### **Volunteers – Lindsay Smith**

- Volunteers are needed for the Magnet Fair on Nov. 7.
- Ms. Lemmon would like volunteers to act as Seminar Facilitators from 9:30-10:30 AM on school wide seminar days.

### **President's Report – Anna Williams**

- Volunteer of the Month goes to the Go, Play, Save Chairs (Leah Wiebe-Smith and Bernette Stivers) and the No Fuss Chairs (Tiffany Penley and Chris Bason).
- Common Core Math Night planned for Tuesday, Nov. 3. Please complete the online form sent out by Ms. Smith to ensure that the information discussed is most helpful to parents.
- The next PTA Meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 12 at 6:30PM in the Media Center.

### **Carnival – Arianne Bradley**

- Still in need of someone to coordinate Volunteers for the evening.
- Lindsay Smith agreed to lead Decorations again for this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.