

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
December 3, 2015

PTA President, Anna Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

- A motion was passed to approve the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting (Emily Goins, Amanda Stanley).
- Mrs. Locklear was unable to attend due to a training event she attended that day.

Teacher's Report – Joey Mulholland

- Mr. Mulholland invited everyone to please attend the Literacy Night that was held at school on Tuesday, December 8.
- Mrs. Locklear wanted to emphasize that school will continue to operate as normal for the 3 weeks leading up to Winter Break, as teaching will still be on-going.
- Please make arrangements with your child's teacher for parent/teacher conferences either before or after school and keep all interactions with teachers during drop-off to a minimum.
- All parents are encouraged to please follow all parking rules. Expect to see a flyer coming home sometime in January with a full explanation of these policies.
- A new ED1/ED2 Teacher Assistant floater has been hired, Kristine Connors.
- Mrs. Locklear also wanted to thank the PTA for all that we do.
- Ms. Washington was also in attendance and wanted to thank everyone for the Firebirds gift card she received in honor of receiving Teacher of the Year.

Treasurer's Report – Candice Whitehurst

- \$29,505 Cash on Hand, of this \$10,000 is Reserves and \$15,000 is designated for the Transition.
- 4 new members have joined the PTA since the last meeting, which brings us to 256 total members.
- The Go, Save, Play and the No Fuss Fundraisers brought in \$4,200 more than was budgeted for. As a result, we would like to move \$3,150 of this to a new line item that would provide funds for Teachers for Coached Project Supplies (for Grade Level wide projects, in order to not have to ask parents for many of the more expensive items needed). A motion was made and passed to approve this new line item in the budget (Leslie Rand-Pickett, Emily Goins).

- A second motion was passed to increase the Custodial budget by \$100 to provide Mr. Sidbury with a few extra supplies during the transition (Amanda Stanley, Millan Edmondson).

Programs – Emily Goins

- Kiesha Hall reports that all Spirit Wear orders have been fulfilled and delivered.
- The Service Committee Winter Coat/Gift Card Drive went well. We gathered about 60 coats and collected \$235 in gift cards, of which we have already given away \$150. The Service Committee will purchase, with some of its remaining budget, an additional \$160 in gift cards to help ensure that there are enough gift cards to finish out the remainder of the school year.
- Online School Supplies Chair, Erica Oliver, reports that she will be gathering supply lists from Grade Chairs for next year.

Communications – Leslie Rand-Pickett

- The 5th Grade selected the theme “Emojis” for this year’s Yearbook. The Yearbook Chairs will be sending out a notice soon to begin selling Ads for the 5th Graders, so please be on the lookout for that. Also, please begin to gather any pictures that could be used in the Yearbook, look for information on where they can be sent in.

Ways & Means – Stephanie Slifer

- We have two Chairs lined up for Art By Me: Katy Hill and Alston Hayes.
- There will be a Chick-Fil-A (North Hills) Spirit Night from 4-8 PM on January 28.

Carnival – Millan Edmondson

- If anyone is out shopping and feels comfortable soliciting a donation for the Silent Auction, the Carnival Chairs will gladly accept any and all items.
- They have also begun to seek Corporate Sponsors for the T-Shirts, so if anyone has a connection to a local business that would like to be a Corporate Sponsor, please let them know.

President’s Report – Anna Williams

- Mini-Grants: We were able to purchase all of the books that Ms. Heath requested at the first Mini-Grants meeting of the year and all of those books have come in. The second meeting of the year was held on December 8.

- Anna attended the District 6 Board Meeting the week of November 23, where changes in the Magnet Priority System for Brooks were discussed. We are in a grouping with three other Elementary Schools & one Middle School (Brooks, Joyner, Underwood, Wiley, & Martin), where the magnet priority ranking will change as listed on the following document:
<http://www.wcps.net/cms/lib/NC01911451/Centricity/Domain/36/G2A%20Magnet%20Priorities%20Criteria.pdf>
- Special Occasions Chair, Holly Calabro, presented Breck Brown with a Baby Gift from the PTA, as well as with a Gift Card for passing the National Boards.
- Volunteer of the Month goes to the Spirit Wear Chairs, Kiesha Hall and Holly Calabro.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.