

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
March 10, 2016

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

- A motion was approved to vote in the meeting minutes from the February 3, 2016 PTA meeting (Arianne Bradley, Stephanie Slifer).

2015 Reflections Recognition – Cyndi Harris

- Brooks had over 30 participants this year, which is up from last year. Twenty-one of those entries moved on to the County Level and one entry went all of the way to State Level. Participants in attendance were: Carly Bedford (State), Russell Reams, Will Hemminger, and Lane Bradley.

Principal's Report – Felicia Locklear

- A transformer on the power lines behind the school started a small fire behind the school on March 10, to which the fire trucks responded. Power at the school was affected throughout the afternoon and evening, but was fully restored by the start of school the next day.
- Twenty 5th Graders participated in the NC Technology Conference at the Convention Center the week of February 29 – March 4. Ms. Laveroni, Ms. Chew, Ms. Heath, Ms. Pruette, and Ms. Kuhn worked to prepare them. Ms. Laveroni and her class incorporated iPads and different iPad technology tools into their classroom. Ms. Laveroni presented and there was a time where the students shared, talked and engaged with teachers from across the State. The PTA paid for 2 teacher registrations at this Conference and Ms. Locklear paid for 1 additional.
- The Kindergarten Play was March 10 and they did a wonderful job. All of the Kindergarteners have grown & matured so much since the start of the school year. The play this year was very different from years past, where traditional fairy tales were given their own unique twist. This year, the classes all wrote original fairy tales.
- Tuesday, March 15 is an Election Day. Voters will be visiting our campus throughout the day. Ms. Locklear requests that parents limit their activity at school that day, to keep the parking lot as free as possible for voters.
- The Volunteer Tea will be Friday, March 18 at 8:45AM (this is earlier in the year than in years past).

- The Fifth Grade Spotlight on Student will be Tuesday, March 22 at the School Board Meeting. Each year the 5th Graders pick a Student who has been at Brooks throughout Elementary School, who represents all of the best Wake County character traits. That student this year is Margaret Montague. Margaret will receive a plaque and have her picture taken with the Superintendent.
- April 27 is the date of the makeup meeting for information on our move to the modular campus, in the gym. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Current Brooks families, as well as rising Kindergarten families and new Magnet families will be invited to attend.
- Thank you for the wonderful luncheon provided on the last Early Release day, March 4.

Treasurer's Report – Candice Whitehurst

- At the time of the meeting (the night before Carnival), income for the Carnival was already half way to goal, at just under \$13,000.
- Members continue to join; membership is up to 260 year to date, bringing that income to \$780 for the year.
- YTD numbers stand at:
 - Net Income \$13,470
 - Cash on Hand \$38,470 (of which \$25,000 is being held in reserves for the move and any items that may need to be purchased for the modular campus)
- At the next meeting, following Carnival and the Book Fair, we will know for sure where we are for the year and know what we can spend and put these funds to good use for the school.

Programs – Emily Goins

- Spirit Wear will be sold at the Carnival.

Communications – Leslie Rand Pickett

- The deadline to purchase yearbook tribute ads for 5th Graders is March 15.
- Information on how to order yearbooks will come out right after we return to school after Spring Break, so look for that.

Ways & Means – Stephanie Slifer

- There will be two more Spirit Nights during the remainder of the school year, as our previous Spirit Nights brought in a lower amount than expected.

- Passive income is down this year, so please remember to re-link all of your store loyalty cards. Instructions can be found: <http://brookspta.com/fundraising/link-shopping-cards/>.
- Go Play Save is scheduled again for next year.
- Art By Me should be coming home very soon.

Mini-Grants – Anna Williams

- We will be considering one more set of grant applications on March 18. If you know of any teachers who need anything, please tell them to let Anna know. We only have one request, so far, to consider at that time.

Carnival – Arianne Bradley

- Bake Sale donations still needed.
- Volunteer slots are nearly full at this time.
- March 10 at 9:00PM will be the last time to pre-order wristbands and cool cash tickets.
- Will Call for Wristbands will go on during drop-off and pick-up the day of Carnival, outside, under the oaks, which we hope will keep traffic in the lobby down that night.
- This year, we added a line for Wristband donations on the form that was sent home, and we received 10 as donations.

President’s Report – Anna Williams

- Congratulations to Josie Slifer, who was recognized at Gifts of Gold at Memorial Auditorium on March 8, for her Bird Artwork. Gifts of Gold is the art part of Pieces of Gold, which is more performance art. Brooks hasn’t had a student selected in quite a long time. Josie received a plaque and Ms. Moschberger was also recognized.
- At the last District Meeting for District 6 (Ms. Locklear and our parent representative, Eric Larson), technology was discussed and the new technology plan that they are implementing. Computer labs are going to be phased out. iPads will replace overhead projectors. Flat panels will be in every classroom. They will start having 10 devices per class, rather than carts. They will begin at the High School level, then Middle School, and then Elementary School. But as new schools will be built, they’ll have all new technology. Due to our renovation, we will benefit from this sooner. We will only move with us what technology the school has that is considered up to WCPSS current standards. Each classroom will have a cart of 20 technology devices (laptops, iPads, etc.). Ms. Locklear also reports that Brooks is

applying to become a Bring Your Own Device School for the 2017-2018 school year. We will begin with just 5th Grade. The rules for participation in this program will be very strict.

- Volunteers of the month: Arianne Bradley and Millan Edmondson for their work on the PTA Carnival.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.