

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
April 7, 2016

The PTA President, Anna Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

- A motion was approved to vote in the meeting minutes from the March 10, 2016 PTA meeting (Emily Goins, Amanda Stanley).

Principal's Report – Felicia Locklear

- Report Cards went home Friday, April 8. There were a few glitches with those students who receive Special Education progress reports not saving/printing, but otherwise, all students K-5 should have received their report card then.
- The Meeting about our move to the modular campus will be Wednesday, April 27 from 7-8PM in the Gym. Mrs. Locklear anticipates that this meeting will be very heavily attended, therefore she requests that each family only send one representative (Current K-4th Grade families only, as well as new Rising K & Magnet families) and that no children attend this meeting. There will be no overflow space, so once all of the chairs and standing room fill up, they will have to begin turning folks away. A representative will take notes which will be posted to both the Brooks and PTA websites.
- The school's WCPSS move liason will meet with the staff on April 25 to go over packing instructions and will deliver boxes so that teachers can begin to pack. The school will be open some Saturdays between now and the end of the year, so that teachers can clean up and begin to box up. There are only two Teacher Workdays at the end of the year and we must be fully packed to move by the end of that second day. Some teachers may call on parent volunteers to help box up items on these Saturday workdays.
- The furniture currently in our building will not go with us. We will use the existing furniture at the modular campus next year and receive all new upon returning to the new building. The only items that will be moved will be teaching materials, items important to our magnet theme, objects that make our school look like a museum, and our technology. Color coded banners have been ordered which will be hung on the outside of the modular buildings to help as identifiers, which all have museum names.
- Ms. Lemmon has some fun end of year things planned for the students, which have already begun. Each class will have their handprints on the walls somewhere in the "old" part of the building. Teachers will also be doing fun things either outside or inside their rooms. The night of the Spring Picnic, families will be invited to come in

and sign the building. They even hope to have an evening or a Saturday, where the community and alumni will be invited to come in and leave their mark on the building. WCPSS is going to follow along and conduct a news story.

- The Moving Museum on April 22 will honor the Kindergarten classes. An additional Moving Museum may be added to the schedule for May honoring the 5th Graders who have participated as CAM Docents, in Science Olympiad, and in First in Fitness.
- The testing window for EOG's begins later this year (May 26 or later). Please be on the lookout for information on being an EOG Proctor. The more proctors the school has, the more quickly the testing that can be completed. As it is, it is expected that testing will not be completed until almost the last day of school.

Teacher's Report – Joey Mulholland

- The teachers are looking forward to the Apple Party coming up on April 13.
- All teachers are trying to schedule their Time With Teacher activities in the near future.

Treasurer's Report – Candice Whitehurst

- Highlights: Original Works brought in \$1,850 (vs \$1,500 budgeted), the Carnival brought in \$25,767 (vs \$25,000 budgeted, with a few outstanding Silent Auction item payments still expected), and Paypal expenses have totaled \$583 (vs \$600 budgeted).
- Many teachers still have classroom funds to spend. There is also a good bit of money remaining in the coached project fund. Please remind your teacher to spend their share!
- YTD numbers stand at:
 - Net Income \$20,671
 - Cash on Hand \$45,671 (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)

Hospitality – Anna Williams

- The Kindergarten families will be hosting an Apple Party Staff Appreciation event on April 13.

Programs – Emily Goins & Amanda Stanley

- Dina Silverman and Laura Thomas will be our Cultural Arts Co-Chairs next year.

- Both the First Grade (Sheila Kerrigan) and the Third Grade (Kelly Starling-Lyons) had Cultural Arts/Writer in Residency work with them the week of April 4-8. Red Herring Puppets will work with the Second Graders the week of April 18-22.
- United Arts actually visited Ms. Phipps class on April 6 and reported on Ms. Starling-Lyons involvement with the school.
<http://www.unitedarts.org/new/news/2016/04/07/students-paint-pictures-with-words.1953233#.VwfFwrjNd5d.facebook>
- EduKits will be sold again next year, but have gone up in price, mainly due to the poncho that will be required of each student next year. They will range in price anywhere from \$34-\$38 all the way up to \$65 (4th Grade, much larger supply list than any other grade).

Communications – Leslie Rand Pickett

- The Yearbook Committee is still in great need of pictures for the yearbook. If you have any pictures that you can contribute, instructions on how they can be shared are found here: <http://brookspta.com/programs/communications/>. Yearbooks will go on sale soon.

Volunteers – Lindsay Smith

- Several Volunteers are still needed for Spring Pictures on April 19.
- Our Community Reads day will be April 11. Angie Brandt is leading this up this year and reports that there is a reader lined up for each class. Please note that the side parking lot will be closed to parents on this day, reserved for our Reader Volunteers.

Ways & Means – Stephanie Slifer

- The Spring Book Fair is April 11-14. Many additional volunteers are needed. If you are able to help, please sign up here:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da4ad2aa5ff2-spring>
- There is a Spirit Night at Zoe's Kitchen on April 12.
- Please send in your neatly trimmed, non-expired BoxTops between April 11-22. This will be our last collection of the year.

Mini-Grants – Anna Williams

- The PTA paid for the Substitute teachers for several of the teachers who were able to attend the NC TIES Convention.

President's Report – Anna Williams

- Please take a look at the calendar, as there are a lot of events planned between now and the end of the year.
- Volunteers of the month: our Book Fair Chairs.
- The last PTA Meeting of the year will be May 5 at 6:30PM. Please plan to attend! We need at least 20 people in attendance so that we can vote in: the budget for next year, the new officers for next year, a new Diversity & Inclusion Committee in under the President, as well as to reallocate any remaining funds from this year so that it may be spent before the end of the year. Ms. Dunning will also be on hand to report on her thesis. There will also be a representative from the new Brooks Foundation on hand to explain the difference between what the Foundation can support versus what the PTA supports.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.