

Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School
PTA General Membership Meeting
May 5, 2016

The PTA President, Anna Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

- A motion was approved to vote in the meeting minutes from the April 7, 2016 PTA meeting (Emily Goins, Kiesha Hall).

Principal's Report – Felicia Locklear

- This week, Ms. Gladys Washington will be recognized at the County Level as the Brooks' Teacher of the Year.
- Tuesday, May 10, Brooks will be recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence at the School Board Meeting and receive our new banner. Ms. Lemmon was in Miami last week representing Brooks at the Magnet Schools of America Conference, where she learned a lot and was excited to come back and share those new ideas.
- EOG Testing begins May 26, which is later than usual (3rd – 5th Grade: Reading and Math, 5th Grade: Science as well). The Super Intendent mandated that all testing would occur the last ten days of school.
- A new MIT schedule for the remainder of the year came home in folders on Monday. EOG Testing dates will also be at the bottom.
- There was a great turnout for the Move Info Session on April 27 (notes from this meeting can be found: <http://brookspta.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Parent-Information-Session.pdf>).
- Neighborhood families, please be aware that if you want to access transportation for next year, you must request this on the WCPSS website: <http://www.wcpss.net/Domain/30> beginning the last week of May.
- At the modular campus, there is only one lane into the campus and one lane out. There is not enough parking for even all of our staff, so half of the staff and all family parking will take place on the East Millbrook Middle School campus. There will be no walkers next year at pickup.
- Parents are highly encouraged to use the buses next year. WCPSS Transportation did assure us that only Brooks students would be on our buses next year.
- Our move boxes will be delivered this week. The building will be open on May 14 and 21 to allow teachers the opportunity to pack.
- Teachers will only be packing their teaching & instructional supplies, which will then be moved to the modular campus. All of our current furniture will be taken to a WCPSS warehouse and distributed to other schools that are growing & in need.

- Teachers will be allowed two parent volunteers on the last two teacher workdays of the year, so that there are not boxes surrounding the children the last week of school. Please keep the MIT Teachers in mind as well!
- Kindergarten Orientation families were very excited to be here and understand that next year will be a transition year.
- Ms. Kuhn will need help with equipment on June 4, and she is hoping that some Dads will be able to help in order to lift and move some of the heavy equipment.

Teacher's Report – Joey Mulholland

- The teachers are planning on coordinating more future PTA meetings with School Improvement Plan goals, such as Math & Literacy Nights. They also want to have a Paideia night where the program is explained and parents have an opportunity to see a Paideia seminar. Magnet Museums nights where your child would be highlighted are also a possibility.
- Wondering if parents feel like the school already does too much at night? Feedback would be appreciated. Are evenings already too overloaded? The hope would be that these evening would be in combination with PTA meetings, as the PTA needs more members in attendance to vote on issues at different points throughout the year.
- These evenings would always be kid friendly and the PTA portion of these evenings would be brief.
- Thank you to Mr. Mulholland for being the PTA representative for our teachers this year.

Treasurer's Report – Candice Whitehurst

- Please reference the May Treasurer's Report.
- A motion was approved to move everything highlighted in blue to Actuals (as these items are already completed or don't expect to change for the remainder of the year) (Lindsay Smith, Emily Goins).
- A motion was approved to increase the budget for the 5th Grade Celebration from \$450 to \$1,000, due to an increase in printing fees from years prior (Amanda Stanley, Stephanie Slifer).
- A motion was approved to decrease the budget for the Spring & Fall Picnics from \$560 to \$350, due to the Fall Picnic being cancelled (Emily Goins, Amanda Stanley).
- A motion was approved to increase the Capital Improvements budget from \$800 to \$8,118, which will be spent on rugs for the modular campus, walkie-talkies for each teacher, and vacuums (Amanda Stanley, Lili Ball).

- A motion was made to approve next year's budget (Lindsay Smith, Emily Goins).
Highlights:
 - \$5,000 of the Reserves we have been holding will be used next year because we anticipate bringing in less income next year.
 - The Carnival Budget will be lowered to \$18,000 (from \$25,000 this year).
 - Passive Income was decreased to \$300 because Target no longer participates in this program.
 - The budget for Teacher Appreciate has increased to \$5,000 so that all teacher luncheons can be catered next year.
 - Writers-in-Residency was decreased as we anticipate that we won't be able to have as many large performances without a designated space at the modular campus. When we return to the new building, this number will be return to this higher amount. Each grade level will still be able to have a residency again next year, and this number could change should we get out to the modular campus and decide we want more.
 - School class expense will remain \$200 per classroom.
 - MIT teacher allotments were reduced just a little bit, anticipating that there would be less that these teachers would want to purchase at the modular campus.
 - No amount will be budgeted for capital improvements at the modular campus.
 - The \$5,800 budgeted for technology will only cover our current subscriptions.

Special Report – Lauren Dunning

- Ms. Dunning, who just finished her Master's Degree at UNC Chapel Hill, was on hand to report on a project she worked on with several of her school colleagues on the level of frustration teachers are experiencing in NC public schools and the help they require from parents. For more information, please view the following video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjfxG_982MM&feature=youtu.be.

Hospitality – Lili Ball

- The Teacher Appreciation Committee will provide EOG Survival Bags for the Teachers in May.
- The Spring Picnic will be May 24.
- The 5th Grade Celebration will be June 8.

Programs – Emily Goins & Amanda Stanley

- Spirit Wear clothing prices will be 50% off at the Spring Picnic.
- The Service Committee will hold a Spirit Wear recycling event at the Spring Picnic. Please bring all of your Brooks Spirit Wear that your family has outgrown, so that it may be passed along to other Brooks students who might not otherwise be able to afford Spirit Wear.
- EduKits for next school year are for sale now. <http://www.edukitinc.com/page.asp?id=15&schoolid=1570>. There will also be a table to purchase at the Spring Picnic.

Communications – Andjie Barton & Anna Williams

- The Yearbook went to print on Monday.
- The PTA is considering using MemberHub for all of its communications next year (<http://memberhub.com>), which many of the other schools in town use. If you know of other similar companies, please let the PTA know.

President’s Report – Anna Williams

- Thank you to the 2015-2016 Executive Board for their service.
- A motion was approved to elect the 2016-2017 Executive Board (Emily Goins, Arianne Bradley).

	2015-2016	2016-2017
President	Anna Williams	Anna Williams
First Vice President		Becky Cunningham
Treasurer	Candice Whitehurst	Candice Whitehurst
Secretary	Becky Cunningham	Andjie Barton
VP Programs	Emily Goins & Amanda Stanley	Kiesha Hall
VP Ways & Means	Stephanie Slifer	Stephanie Slifer
VP Hospitality	Lili Ball	Lili Ball
VP Communications	Leslie Rand-Pickett	Leslie Rand-Pickett
VP Volunteers	Lindsay Smith	Lindsay Smith

- A motion was passed to approve a new Diversity & Inclusion Committee, which will be chaired by Karen Kranbuehl (Stephanie Slifer, Joey Mulholland). This committee has been added to the Standing Rules as Section E under the President. Karen and her committee hope to hold an event this summer at Stoneybrook to try to build relationships and understand better what people need, what the PTA is doing well, and how we can get folks more involved in the PTA.

- There will be a Carpool Connections table at the Spring Picnic, for Magnet families without transportation interested in finding ride-sharing partners.
- Administrative Assistants Day was April 27. The PTA presented Ms. Coats, Ms. Lucas, and Ms. Green with a gift certificate and flowers.
- There is a newly formed Brooks Elementary School Foundation (<http://www.foundationforbrooks.org>), which will be hosting its kick-off event on May 19 (please RSVP online), where we will have an opportunity to learn more about the foundation, how it will work alongside the PTA, and how it is going to help Brooks. All giving to the foundation will be over & above what you give to the PTA. Their goal between now and June 30 is to raise \$20,000, which will fund one 50%/part-time staff position for next school year. They will also be looking for community support, local businesses, and alumni.
- Volunteers of the month: our Yearbook Chairs and the Executive Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.