

**Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School**  
**PTA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 8, 2016**  
**Every Child's Potential a Reality**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Anna Williams, PTA President.

**Principal's Report – Mr. Huber, Principal Intern**

- Mrs. Locklear's one daughter was recently married, and her other daughter recently had a new baby girl!
- Attendance Competition: The school looked at data over the last two years and discovered that 25% of the student population missed 10 days of school per year or more. The competition is to get kids excited about making sure they are coming to school. One Gretchen the Groundhog will be awarded to the class in each grade level with the highest attendance of the week.
- There have been no heating problems thus far (the school did experience quite a few air conditioning issues earlier in the year).
- The construction company is making arrangements to bring a beam for the new school to the modular campus, so that each of the students can sign it before placing it into the new building.
- New Hires:
  - Elizabeth Croom, K-2 Magnet Enrichment Coordinator, will work 10 hours a week with each of the K-2 classes. Taught at Poe Elementary prior and has previous Montessori experience.
  - Latia Brown, CCR Class Teacher Assistant, will be full time and comes to us with much experience in recreation, as well as a Master's Degree.
  - Meredith Teague, AIG Teacher (replacing Ms. Sandel, who is retiring). Begins January 3, will split her time 50/50 with Carver Elementary. Has been teaching at Lake Myra Elementary & has previous AIG experience.
- The school is still looking to hire a 3-5 Magnet Technology Enrichment Coordinator (20 hours per week). This candidate needs technology experience.
- Construction of the new school is on track!

**Teacher's Report – Mr. Mulholland**

- The teachers really appreciate the second copier machine that the PTA purchased, as well as the vacuums that were purchased for each grade level.

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

- Following the first Book Fair of the year, we brought in slightly less than anticipated (\$2,227 vs. \$2,500 budgeted).
- The Writers In Residency Program bill has been paid for.
- We have \$10,000 in Reserves, which we must keep on hand according to our by-laws. We also have an additional \$12,000, which we may need to dip into due to not meeting our No Fuss goal for the year.
- The -\$1,718 under Programs will zero out once we pay for Spirit Wear.

### **Advocacy – Anna Williams**

- District 6 School Board representative, Christine Kushner, was elected Vice Chair of the School Board. The new Chair is Monika Johnson-Hostler. The new Board consists of 3 Republicans and 6 Democrats.
- Wake County Schools lost 1,150 teachers last year, or 11.29% of its workforce. The School Board is expected to research this & look into ways of addressing this issue.
- The School Board approved a proposal to operate 10 low-performing schools more like charter schools, expanding a program now in place that's helping two Southeast Raleigh elementary schools. The program will affect the following 10 schools: Bugg ES, Fox Road ES, Millbrook ES, Poe ES, Carroll MS, East Millbrook MS, East Garner ES, East Garner MS, East Wake MS, and Wendell MS. Gives these schools more flexibility on how they can use their allotted money on how to improve their program.

### **Hospitality – Erin Hemminger & Anna Williams**

- The teachers will be treated to lunch from McAllister's Deli on January's Early Release day (soup & potato bar).
- Finalizing plans for Teacher Appreciation Week (Feb. 6-10).
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration: A survey will be going home in Monday folders to gauge interest in holding this offsite, as there is no suitable location to host this at the modular campus. This might allow for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to have more than 2 guests each. A bus would be arranged to transport the children.

## **Programs – Keisha Hall**

- Variety Show Applications will be available beginning Monday, Dec. 12, and are due back before Winter Break. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome to participate. The co-chairs are looking for a Dad to co-host this event with Mr. Mulholland.
- Spirit Wear order has arrived and will be sent home in backpacks sometime this week. Each of the bus drivers received a free short sleeve & long sleeve t-shirt, and each Cafeteria Staff was able to select the item of their choice.
- Online School Supplies: the chair (Erica Oliver) is looking into other companies to supply this service for our school next year.
- The Service Committee will be holding a food drive for the Backpack Buddies program the week of Jan. 17-20. Volunteers will be accepting donations in the morning only through carpool. There will also be drop-off locations in the lobby, at the variety show, at a couple of homes, and at the Express Bus Stop at Jeffrey's Grove and Millbrook.

## **Communications – Anna Williams**

- Yearbook: starting to collect pictures. The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders have voted on their theme, and the artwork for the cover will be a competition. Outside judges will select the art chosen, and all other art submitted that was not chosen will be featured in a collage on the back.

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

- Volunteers are needed to help with the Magnet Open House Tours on January 18 at either 10:00AM or 12:30PM.
- The Fun Run has a new Co-Chair, Allie Demacy (thank you for stepping up Allie!), with Alyssa Light. The date of the Fun Run is March 25, 2017 from 3-5PM.
- The next meeting will be a short General Membership meeting just before the Variety Show on January 18 to vote in any necessary budget amendments and the new leadership team (for the 2017-18 school year).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.