

Brown International Academy

PTA Membership Meeting – September 3, 2013

Officer attendance

- President, Erika Taylor **yes**
- Vice President, Sabrina D'Agosta **yes**
- Treasurer, Garrett Phillips **yes**
- Finance Chair, Kristin Shiramizu **no**
- Secretary, Caiti Dolegowski **yes**
- Co-Secretary, Stacie Bogan **yes**
- Membership, Heather Berg **yes**

Agenda

- **Welcome Back! Erika Taylor, President – Who we are and introduction of officers**
- **Keeping up with PTA information Caiti Dolegowski & Lauren Wolf – Working to disseminate information through a variety of outlets. Please sign up for the Yahoo group and you can find information on the Brown website (<http://brown.dpsk12.org/>). Minutes and agendas will be posted on the website.**
 - Yahoo group, website, bulletin boards
 - Communications newsletter
 - Minutes and agendas
- **Principal's Update, Lynn Heintzman – Welcome back, we have a strong community of parents, teachers and students and we're excited for another year. Please note the Field Day has been moved to 10.11.2013 to allow for sod to be installed and secured on the playground.**
- **Committee Introductions**
 - **Ways and Means – Kristin Shiramizu (Garrett Phillips speaking) * - Work on the financials of PTA, checks and balances. If you are interested please let Garrett or Kristin know.**
 - **Membership – Heather Berg * - Become a member! Please fill out the envelope and write a check for \$10. Members are able to vote in all PTA matters. You can become a member at any time throughout the year.**
 - **Legislation – (Erika Taylor – speaking) * - This committee is important in order to vote in officers in the spring. If you are interested please let Erika know.**
 - **Advocacy – Caiti Dolegowski * - Caiti and Erika attended a PTA workshop and learned about another facet of PTA called advocacy. There is a conference called PTA Emerging Minority Leadership and Brown PTA would be happy to fund if anyone is interested in attending. Conference is 10.19.2013 at The Summit Conference & Event Center 411 Sable Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80011 Please look for future advocacy updates from Colorado PTA to be included in future PTA meeting agendas.**

- **Communications – Basha Cohen & Lauren Wolf – Overview of calendar and dates.** The directory is hoping to list all 540 students this year. Publish date is scheduled for October. Basha will be vacating the position next year and needs a new partner.
- **Fund raising – Stephanie Martens – Help raise money for the students, teacher and the school.** We don't sell cookies, candies or butter braids. We commit to events that involve the community. The first major fundraising event will be the Jewels of Highlands with 100% of proceeds going back to Brown. Helpers are needed day of the event. Please sign up with Stephanie Martens.
- **Literacy – Kerry Morrissey – This committee originated from students with disabilities, inability to read and gifted readers.** The goal is for kids to love to read while giving back to the teachers and promoting learning. This is done through programs such as Books and Bagels, Book Cart and Guide Dog. Helpers are needed please sign up!
- **Mile High Five - De Bonnell – Our goal is to get running!** This event features 6 NW Denver schools competing in a 5 mile, 5K or fun run. Proceeds are divided among the 6 schools. Please sign up if interested in helping. This year's race is 5.4.14
- **Wellness – Barbara Farley – Focus on wellness of teachers, parents, students and the environment.** Focus is on fitness events, lunches, school garden, recycle and compost programs and cleaning, to name a few. Highlights include - Farmers Market and Harvest Moon Festival, Hula Hoop Contest and Thanksgiving lunch. Please sign up if interested.
- **Brown Voyages – Michelle Malgesini & Julia Miller – Clubs allow students to try a variety of opportunities outside of the classroom.** Committee and volunteer assistance is needed. September 4th the computer lab will be open to assist families in registering directly with the vendors for clubs. Parents created this committee and it would be non-existent without them.
- **New Family Coordinators – Ginger Bihm & Emily Ceccanti – Help to welcome new families to the school, make them feel comfortable, answer questions and set up gatherings.**
- **Community Festival Coordinator – Celeste Richardson – Needs help!** There are two events, one in the fall and one in the spring. Looking for an assistant or a crew, preferably from a parent(s) in ECE – 2nd grade. The first event will be the Harvest Moon Festival, which is a ticketed event. Each class has a booth selling food/projects and all dollars earned go directly to the classrooms. There will also be a Pow Wow during the festival. Brown is one of two Indian focused schools with 30 students being from Indian descent.
- **Collaborative School Committee (CSC) – Nicole Kazenske – Need people to walk with us and keep the momentum going!** CSC meets the first Thursday of each month at 4pm. If you are interested in learning about the nuts and bolts of the school such as, surveys, staffing, budgeting and policies please join!

***PTA Board Committees**

- **Now go sign up! PTA officers and Committee chairs will host information tables to get your contact information and answer any questions.**
- **Tour Brown's new Addition!**
- **Social Hour following at Local 46 – See you there!**