

Brown International Academy

PTA Membership Meeting – November 7, 2013

Childcare provided

Officer attendance

- President, Erika Taylor - **present**
- Vice President, Sabrina D'Agosta - **present**
- Treasurer, Garrett Phillips - **present**
- Finance Chair, Kristin Shiramizu - **present**
- Secretary, Caiti Dolegowski - **present**
- Co-Secretary, Stacie Bogan - **present**
- Membership, Heather Berg – **not present**

Agenda

- **President**
 - **2013 – 2014 PTA Community Survey Result**
 - **1st Survey with great results! Survey was developed to help PTA create a mission statement. Summary attached.**
 - **Interesting or surprising responses: Have to be a paid membership, very few Spanish speakers responded, can we have more events without alcohol**
 - **Highlights of survey:**
 - **101 responses**
 - **Communicate membership to your friends**
 - **Want to develop a budget that will be forward thinking. Strategic budget vs reactionary. Lynn is polling teachers. If interested in Ways and Means committee contact Erika Taylor, Kristen Shiramizu, Garrett Phillips or Lauren Boland.**
 - **Nora Ridgeway, looking for gently used baby items or donations for her Thanksgiving trip to Casa Materna in Nicaragua .**
 - **Nora will be staying in a maternity house where moms stay for weeks or days before the baby's birth. This cuts down on the number of deaths. She is requesting gently used baby clothing/items and donations toward the purchase of diapers, prenatal vitamins and/or medical supplies.**
 - **Collecting items in Room 117 (Kate Tynan's Room) and in the office.**
 - **Will promote on Yahoo Groups, HM**
- **Principal's Update, Lynn Heintzman**
 - **Thank you we have a great community of involved parents and guardians.**
 - **Month of choice applications for ECE, tours will start with Lynn and Nicole Kazenske.**

- Choice applications for K-5 are available Dec 15th and can be turned in Dec 16th.
- Plan to accommodate all applications K-5.
- CSC Meetings (Collaborative School Committee) is the accountability committee at Brown. Meetings are held 4pm on the 1st Thursday of every month. Would love to have you at CSC as an observer.
- Thank you for your patience!! Update on construction: Keeping the construction tape up to prohibit feet on the grass. This will let the grass attach to the dirt. Tape will be removed in spring.
- This year we have more kids, more involved parents, more support!
- Arts Program next week! 2nd and 3rd Graders, Nov 14th
- Thank you for Erika and Sabrina for their leadership. Don't be shy, email myself or stop in my office. We want the communications lines to be open.
- **Treasurer's Update, Garrett Phillips**
 - Financial summary attached.
 - What is the fundraising projects line item? Donorschoose Story: Kathleen Gormley (4th grade teacher) put in a request for 30 chrome computers. The next day she was awarded all 30 for \$75 per computer. All were funded in less than 24 hours.
 - Sometimes PTA will go in and donate a \$1 to each Brown project to help it appear first in results. Also PTA has funded DC projects in the past that have been approved by PTA members.
- **Fundraising, Stephanie Martens**
 - **Jewels of Highlands Wrap-up**
 - Raised approximately \$15,000. The largest fundraiser for Brown. Nostalgic Homes spends all the money, Brown helps with people- power and all money raised went directly to the school.
 - **Poker Night Wrap-up**
 - Great night organized by the Dads of Brown and they raised \$3200!
 - **Read-A-Thon!!**
 - Will occur in the spring.
 - We need to decide if the fundraiser will go to the school or if it will go to a charity organization.
 - **Brown Night Out On The Town, Tentatively March 1 – Interested Volunteers please contact Basha (bashacohen@gmail.com).**
 - Directory should be in Friday Folders!
 - Basha is going to do a fashion show, event party similar to BNOT.
- **Request for Funds (*PTA members to vote).**
 - If you are a member you should have a ballot.
 - \$700.00 for Membership to Community Resources – Unlimited Number of Events. All teachers at Brown will be able to plan speakers, assemblies and

field trips related to curriculum. The goal is one per trimester. Requested by Melissa Capozza, IB Coordinator.

- Catalog provides programs, guest speakers, activities, field trips at a discounted cost.
 - Can provide workshops for parents.
 - Lynn presented as Melissa was out of town on family emergency.
- \$455 for yoga class two times/month for 6.5 months – Yoga class for our AN classroom. We would like the instructor to come twice a month for an hour each time. Requested by Whitney Hamlin, AN Teacher.
- Will teach class 2x a month. Pays for the next six months. Would love to see this in more classrooms. Currently 14 students in AN class at Brown.
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- \$1500 for Playground Bike Rack. Requested by Angie Greimann, Brown Parent.
 - Wellness Committee would like to be involved in giving a bike rack to Jenny Apel in her name for all she does for Brown. There is not enough space for all the bikes. We will put a plaque on the bike rack to say it is brought to you by Nostalgic Homes. Can get 18 bikes on the rack. Asking for \$1500 to cover concrete settings and the bike racks.
 - \$2500 for Upstairs Teacher’s lounge makeover. Requested by Michon Schmidt, Brown Parent.
 - The second floor lounge needs a little love. Would like to show some appreciation to the teachers.
 - Have planned, paint, furniture, eating area, shelving units, rugs, chopping block.
 - Have coupons but also looking for items that will last.
 - Sabrina asked if they asked retailers for donating items and we could place acknowledgement in the lounge.
 - They have tried but having a hard time with big box retailers.
 - Maybe try local retailers that would donate floor models. Won’t have to deal with corporate protocol.
 - The lounge will be a multi-use space.
 - If discounts are incurred and the entire amount is not used, the remaining dollars stay with PTA.

Voting Results:

- **Votes are submitted anonymously by paper ballot**
- **\$700 for Membership to Community Resources**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 24**
 - **No - 0**
- **\$455 for yoga class for our AN classroom**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 21**
 - **No - 3**
- **\$1500 for Playground Bike Rack**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 23**
 - **No - 1**
- **\$2500 for Upstairs Teacher’s lounge makeover**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 21**
 - **No - 3**

4th Grade Sponsor - Teachers Present:

- **Kathleen Gormley**
- **Mark Flancbaum**
- **Diane Santorico**

***Everyone is welcome to attend PTA meetings! We hope everyone in our community will consider membership. Cost is \$10 and you can join at anytime. You must be a member to vote. Please contact Heather Berg (berg5280@gmail.com) for more information.**

Childcare begins at 6:20pm. Child care provided once again by North High Baseball Team, thanks Brown parent/coach Ernesto!

