

Brown International Academy
PTA Membership Meeting – January 9, 2014
Childcare provided

PTA Officers

- 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 – not present
- Membership, Heather Berg - present

Agenda

- **Welcome-** Thank you to 3rd grade team for coming
- **Principal's Update, Lynn Heintzman** – Thank you for sending your kids here; there are pockets of WOW at Brown.
 - Ice on the Playground – Thank you to Erika Taylor, Mr. Petro and Phyllis for ice removal.
 - Update on Lindsey Drahota's surgery. The doctors were able to save her liver, pancreas and she will not be diabetic. She is recovering well and thank you very much for your support.
 - Update on Maureen Hogan. Maureen is battling colon cancer. She had surgery before winter break to remove the cancer and cancerous lymph nodes. She will begin 2 months of chemotherapy and taking time off as she needs. Thank you for having her in your thoughts and prayers. We will give her a fuzzy bathrobe and a card by Mr Q that all the kids will sign.
- **What Has PTA been up to? - Erika Taylor** – Thank you for community support and patience while we work on implementing policies, procedures, budgets and fundraising efforts.
- **Financials Update - Garrett Phillips** – See Financial documents posted on the website.
- **Proposed Budget - Kristen Shiramizu** – See Financial documents posted on the website. This reflects the PTA Survey results. This is a fluid document that is not set in stone. Please note, Donorschoose is not reflected in this document because it exists in its own financial world.
- **Fund raising priority for the remainder of 2014 - Sabrina D'Agosta and Lynn Heintzman** – IB needs are very specific and we would like to focus our fundraising efforts on IB. We would like to raise money for additional IB training for teachers. Level 1, 2 and 3 IB trainings are very expensive, we believe it is worth the investment. Level 2 and 3 trainings coming up are located in Denver, which would save us travel expenses and give the teachers 3-day experiences. These trainings are wonderful and effective. Lynn has attended herself. It is about great teaching and great learning. This is a site-based training; the district does not pay for these expenses.

- **Voting (*PTA members to vote. If you are a member you should have received a ballot at the door.)**
 - **Request for Funds request to reallocate earmarked technology funds, \$6,762.52 to teacher training - PTA Board**
 - **Request for funds to provide teacher training, \$622 - Lynn Heintzman on behalf of Melissa Capozza and Jamie Johnson**
 - **Lynn, Jamie Johnson and Melissa Capozza surveyed the staff about what they need. Funds requested reflect what their needs are for professional opportunities.**
 - **\$400 Physical Education Equipment - Brown Students and Coach Petro (requested by Max Taylor - 2nd grade)**
 - **Max explains how the playground is lacking in balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, etc, currently. Having these available on the playground helps kids find something to do.**
 - **Setting fundraising priority for IB related expenses (including but not limited to: teacher training, classroom supplies, enrichment)**
 - **Helps us with a story and purpose for fundraising. It builds a marketing strategy when approaching business owners and sponsors. They want to know specifics. We want to craft a strategy that fits well with our school's name and mission. We need to educate our community on IB and make it a supportable mission.**

Calendar and Reminders

- **Highland Square First Friday (2/7), Erika Taylor**
- **Brown Night On The Town (3/1), Basha Cohen**
- **Totally Tennyson (4/26) - Stephanie Martens – **looking for a TT rep, please contact Stephanie Martens or Erika Taylor if interested.****
- **Don't Forget, Big Time Trampoline Fund raiser tomorrow night (1/10)**

February Meeting (Thursday, February 6th)

- **BNOTT**
- **Legislative process and open Board positions**
- **PTA policies and procedures (Committees, Board, Membership)**

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!

Voting Results:

- **Reallocate earmarked technology funds to teacher training (\$6,762.52)**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 22**
 - **No - 0**
- **Teacher Training (\$622)**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 22**
 - **No - 0**
- **Purchase Physical Education Equipment (\$400)**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 21**
 - **No –**
 - **Abstain - 1**
- **Shall PTA set it's fundraising priority to meet IB related expenses?**
 - **Approved**
 - **Number of votes:**
 - **Yes – 18**
 - **No – 3**
 - **Abstain - 1**