

Minutes of the Bromwell Elementary School General PTA Meeting

11 September 2012

1. Introduction and Welcome.

Camilla welcomed everyone to the meeting and was delighted to see a couple of new families.

2. Update from Principal.

Jody said hello and told those attending that she was encouraged by the smooth start to the new school year. She encouraged parents to attend the parent coffees that are held at 0830 the first Thursday of the month. The next one will be held on Thursday 4 October.

3. Budget

John walked everyone through the proposed budget for the 2012/2013 school year explaining that he had based the figures on the past four fiscal year's data and an estimate of the next nine months cash flow. He tilted the revenue toward the averages and the expenses towards the extremes thus making the budget a conservative one.

He explained the importance of timing as we agree to pay a faculty grant to DPS to supplement declining state funding BEFORE the money is raised the following year, i.e. we pay it forward. The Collaborative School Committee(CSC) decides how this money is spent – the PTA raise it.

In order to continue Bromwell's history of strong student achievement, the faculty grant should be sustainable so the CSC, principal and teachers can plan the curriculum into the future and ensure continuity of education. A grant of \$175,000 (the same as for 2012-13) was proposed for next year.

The Annual Fund and Auction are our two main sources of revenue and it was agreed that the proposed revenues from the 2012 October Annual Fund (\$95,000) and the 2013 Auction (\$125,000) were high. However, if these can be achieved, we will be able to maintain a faculty grant of \$175,000 and ensure a good educational experience for our children in years to come. The President pointed out that these figures will only be achieved if the community pulls together and donates their time, talent and treasure to Bromwell.

The Budget was agreed unanimously with all paid members of the PTA able to vote.

4. Annual Fund – Keep your eye on the pie. Pizza party for the Grades with 100% participation.

Grace talked about the annual fund that will start on Monday 1 October and throughout the month. The aim is 100% participation and competitions will run between Grades. See Bromwellannualfund.org for more information and regular updates.

5. Any Other Business.

Camilla reiterated her plea for more volunteers – there is a place for everyone and all are welcome. The auction chair position remains open and it may not be possible to have a live auction unless someone is prepared to run it.

Speak to any committee chairs of any committee that you might be interested in helping with, or contact Becky at Beckyjoconnor@gmail.com.

The next meeting will be a working meeting and will take place on Tuesday 9 October and 1200, noon in the Conference Room.