

Bromwell PTA
Board Meeting
10/4/16 Meeting Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.
 - a. In attendance were:
 - Amy Green, Principal
 - Sarah Hall, PTA President
 - Becky O'Connor, PTA Fundraising
 - Amy DeCamillis, PTA Community
 - Eric Butz, PTA Treasurer
 - Holly Wells, Secretary
 - Brooke Goudy, Teacher Representative
 - Steve Replogle, Teacher Representative
 - Steven Weisberg, Parent
 - Cheryl Spriggs, Parent
 - Merrill Smith
 - b. Absent were:
 - Catherine Witt, Teacher Representative
- II. 2016-2017 Budget
 - a. Technology wish list was updated and now stands at \$26,666.38. The paddle raiser funds raised and available for expenditure are \$33,000.
 - i. It was voted and unanimously approved to use \$19,646.38 of paddle raiser money for student tech needs.
 - ii. There is an additional \$7020 being requested for 4 teacher computers. That request will be considered once it is clear what DPS tech specifications are and what options are available to Bromwell.
 - iii. The purchase plan will be announced in the Bromwell Buzz and all new tech purchases for the students will be labeled "Purchased with 2016 Paddle Raiser Funds" or similar wording.
 - iv. The teacher based Technology Committee headed by Steve Replogle will work on a system to cycle through tech needs in a staged system as opposed to all at once. This will allow costs to be spread out relatively evenly over upcoming years.
 - b. Classroom Stipends
 - i. It was voted and unanimously approved to allocate \$300 for a principal stipend
 - ii. It was voted and unanimously approved to allocate \$250 to specials teachers (with the exception of Drama, Art and PE teachers as they have an annual stipend of allocated funds from a mil levy which is greater than the PTA stipend). The specials teachers will also receive a \$50 bonus if they join the PTA.
 - iii. As previously voted, all teachers will receive a \$250 stipend and are eligible for an additional \$50 if they join the PTA
- III. Amy Green
 - a. Amy is confident that all or almost all roles that Joel filled will be replaced internally with current staff taking on additional roles.
 - b. There are two upcoming Principal Coffees.
 - i. The morning of Nov 1 guest speakers will be Morey Middle School Principal and Penny Pickle, Bromwell GT Specialist.
 - ii. The evening of November 20 guest speakers will be Bromwell Technology Teacher and Bromwell Drama Teacher.

IV. Fundraising Opportunities

- a. Grocery Cards are ordered and should be distributed in the next week or two.
- b. Box Top chair would like assistance. The tops are still being collected. The organization and submitting of the tops requires time. It was suggested that perhaps kids in 4th grade help with this task. Holly to talk to Steve and Sarah about the possibility of a once a month project.
- c. A Line Boutique and Scout & Molly have both requested shopping nights with partial proceeds benefiting Bromwell. Combining into one night was suggested.
- d. TruFit has reached out to Bromwell regarding promotions. Brooke, as part of the Wellness Committee will contact them.
- e. A Swoozies night will be held before the holidays. Merrill to coordinate.
- f. It was decided if any other local businesses offer goods or services then it will be suggested that they donate to the Auction in the spring.
- g. The Auction is still without a chair. Merrill will draw up the responsibilities and circulate to those who are viable candidates. And then, if need be, a flyer will be sent home. It was noted that there is an opportunity for the banner to be printed for free but not the auction booklets. A Halycon connection is being investigated for pricing discounts, etc.

V. Admin

- a. The Nov PTA board meeting will be changed to October 31.
- b. Grade Level t-shirts are being ordered and a flyer will be sent home with the cost per shirt to be paid by parents and a suggestion to donate, if you are able, to pay for an extra shirt for those who can't. Teachers will get a grade level t-shirt and a nicer one – perhaps a polo. Becky will look into staff shirts.

VI. Additions

- a. Amy Green suggested that the PTA consider VariQuest as a paddle raiser goal. VariQuest is a software program, printer, laminator, 3D printer and various other components that would be an invaluable tool for the school.
- b. Directories are still in progress. The handbook is no longer part of the directory so the cost has gone down.
- c. Restaurant night for October will be held at Chipotle. Amy to confirm location and date.
- d. Amy D. to look into a holiday greenery fundraiser with perhaps City Floral or Newberry Brothers.
- e. Problems with parent communication via email were raised. It was suggested that DPS Messenger be used.
- f. A Missoula message will be sent out to parents via Cindy
- g. There are currently 7-10 Buy A Brick orders from the auction that need to be filled. A form will be sent to ECE and K families to see if there are any other orders then the bricks will be ordered.
- h. Amy D. will coordinate with teachers on the Halloween Parade route. The Buzz and Cherry Creek North businesses will be given a map so the community will know where to expect the children. Bigger kids will go first. Parents helping with route will be placed at key intersections.