



Brooks Hill PTA

General Meeting

Brooks Hill PTA 2021-2022

Board Members

Janelle Enser: Co-President
Lisa Turner: Co-President
Rachel Rayburn: Vice President
Lindsey Schwartz: Treasurer
Theresa Cline: Secretary

Brooks Hill School PTA Meeting

November 9th, 2021

6:30pm Brooks Hill Library (virtual meeting held via Google Meet)

Next Meeting: 11 January 2022 6:30 pm

Attendees: Meredith Klus, Stacie Miller, Janelle Enser, Lisa Turner, Rachel Rayburn, Lindsey Schwartz, Theresa Cline, Amy Tome, Elizabeth Brandt, Kristi Mitchell, Melissa Kreso, Jackie McKenna, Kelly Zaryk, Sarah Mayne, Scott Abbett

1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Janelle Enser

2. Approval of the October 2021 minutes

Minutes approved as written

3. Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Lindsey Schwartz

- We ended September with \$43,034.21 in the checking account, \$4,859.41 in the savings account, and a PayPal balance of \$0.00. Activity for the month was quite varied. You can browse through these details on the cash details for September. Income was primarily from memberships during September. 63 memberships were purchased.
- We ended October with \$42,499.92 in the checking account, \$4,859.41 in the savings account, and a PayPal balance of \$0.00. Activity for the month was largely for the Fall Fun Fair. However, large purchases were also made in support of the classrooms that were affected by the fire prior to the school year starting, as well as PTA Educational Grant purchases. You can browse through these details on the cash detail for October. You may also notice the increased activity in the PayPal account during this month. This is a result of Fall Fun Fair ticket sales made through MTK prior to the event, as well as using PayPal Here on the day of the event. Volunteers reported that this was a very efficient way to collect funds for the event and something they'd like to continue in the future when processing ticket sales. Also to note is that 23 memberships were purchased in October.
- Reminder: All event coordinators should receive an email from the Treasurer explaining the budget for your event, the reimbursement process and other pertinent information. If you are a coordinator and have not received an email, please request one from Lindsey Schwartz at ltmschwartz@gmail.com.
- As we approach holiday shopping season, a reminder that Brooks Hill School PTA is listed on Amazon Smile and when selected, a portion of your purchase will be donated to Brooks Hill PTA. Amazon Smile can now remember you on both your site and mobile device, so if everyone did this, it could be very beneficial.

Vice President's Report: Rachel Rayburn

- A thank you was received from Mrs. Montroy for awarding her a P.E.G. grant to purchase chess sets for her classroom. The students are working on strategies and enjoying learning a new game.
- A thank you was also received for a P.E.G. grant awarded to Mrs. Cafarelli. Pool noodles were purchased and are being used as drumsticks for cardo and rhythm activities in the classroom.
- Cards and gift cards were sent to congratulate both Mrs. Morelli (now Mrs. Shapiro) who was married in October, and TA Paige Buzzetti who was married in September.
- Thank you, cards were sent to the following, for their assistance and donations to the Fall Fun Fair:
 - Krystal at the Home Depot for 50 5-gallon buckets to weight tents
 - Sign Dreamers of the Finger Lakes for the selfie station and yard sign
 - Dave Steitz's psychology students for volunteering their time
 - Michael Scalzo who DJ'd for free all day
 - Boy Scout Pack 207 for volunteering at the tile tent
 - Rochester Foam Dart League for providing the activity at half price
 - The Route 250/31 McDonald's for donating 20 bags of ice
 - Jeff Nutting at the Perinton Rec. Center for donating the cost of a Gaga pit rental
 - The YMCA/BASP who loaned us a Gaga pit and ran a STEM activity

Membership

- Current memberships numbers to date: 143
- Tomorrow, Wednesday November 10th is the Great PTA Signup day to commemorate the NY State PTA's 125th annual convention. If you would like to become a paid PTA member visit brookhillschoolpta.membershiptoolkit.com Membership provides access to our online directory and ensures you will receive PTA emails with vital information.
- Won award for on-track membership from PTA for October

Spirit Wear report

- Orders began shipping around October 26th.
- Some incomplete orders were being shipped, as hats and hoodies were on backorder.
- Crazy Dog has notified us that as those items come in they will be printed and shipped as quickly as possible.

Presidents' Report: Janelle Enser and Lisa Turner

Family Fun Night - Bingo Night

We are looking for a volunteer to run a family game night on 1/21/22. We met with the admin earlier today and discussed that we'd like to do a bingo night with two sessions and fun prizes for all grade levels. The event has been approved. Elizabeth Brandt volunteered to be the coordinator.

For Bingo night we will possibly have 2 shifts:

- 6-7 PM
- 7:15-8:15 PM

Feedback from past years was to include a wider range of prizes for the different age groups.

PTA to look into leveraging Fun Run prizes.

Can use BH bracelets for prizes.

The COVID (Rapid PCR) testing at Minerva is a great asset to our school system. Suggest getting there early if your child needs to be tested. You will have results almost immediately. This gets kids who are negative back to school faster.

4. Principal's Report: Mrs. Klus

Fall Fun Fair

Thank you for the fall fun fair, a great opportunity for the community to come together.

Open Houses

- We held the 3-5 grade open houses last week, a great opportunity to see all the parents
- Classroom based, parents signed up for 30 min increments, helped with parking and flow in the school
- Needed only 20 mins to get a feel for the teacher and the room again and then spend time with the other parents
- K-2 is in the spring, more to show off the entire school, special area, etc.

Assessments and Support

- Friday we mailed out state test results, they are in SchoolTool
- Nov. 17 end of assessments K-8 ELA assessment to be mailed, preparing the mailing now which will include a cover letter, Parent support guide to help understand the ratings and results is include
- First cycle of math and reading support to end, teachers now make decisions about who will get picked up for the second cycle (before Thanksgiving)

Q: NWEA results – of your kid, how they did – will there be anything around meeting standards, held against true criteria and taking COVID into account?

A: we are looking at results and they are not far off from where they should be – need to remember that a 50th percentile is in the middle

- Last year and now we are servicing kids that are below 16%
- IXL: can do at home but work into the school day, grade band – if they at 430 when they do math, a little over 4th grade
- New math expressions started last year
- Unit assessments – look at these for math specifically
- The idea is that we have many data points to be sure where we are supporting the kids where and how they need it

- **Clubs**

Planning for clubs to start up the week after winter break, available to grades 3-5 only

- We will hold 4 clubs on Tuesday and 4 clubs on Wednesday, from 3:30-4:15 PM by lottery system.
- BH JA NS – all the same same format
- A form will be coming out electronically in the e-news and on Parent Square with more information
- There will be a Transportation option or pick up option
- We will offer a very diverse group of clubs after school
- 8-9 meetings for each club, for the session
- Those that don't get in for the first session will have opportunity to be involved as a priority in the second round of clubs
- Ensembles started last week (3,4,5) band, orchestra, chorus – buses available

Ski club questions:

1st Choice is changing how they work and doing their business different

Doesn't allow us to take on because it's a liability risk

First choice doesn't take on the liability anymore, the district can't take it on under their name

Not sure what the bussing will be, no BH teachers can be the bus chaperone
More updates to come soon on this

5. Lead Teacher Report: Mrs. Waldmiller

N/A

6. Report of Coordinators

Beth Rupp, Book Fair: Our Book Fair this year will be in person! It will be on the following dates: Wednesday during school, 12/8 in the wonder lab or music room (we need clarification on this), Thursday 12/9 in the cafeteria, and Friday 12/10 in the cafeteria. I will be sending out information about volunteering for this event shortly. We will need volunteers Tuesday after school to set up Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We also need volunteers at the end to close the event down. Kids are welcome to volunteer if needed! The eWallet will be used again for parents as a payment option. Teachers will also have an eWallet option for donations for their classroom along with Book Wish Lists. We are also looking into giving vouchers using our Scholastic Dollars so every student will be able to get something at the Book Fair. Beth Rupp (erupp777@yahoo.com) is the contact person if anyone has any questions.

You can attend the book fair with or without kids. Wednesday will be scaled back for the kids to shop.

Can come with our without kids as well

Planning to leverage scholastic dollars so that we can fulfill teacher's wishlist and those who have been identified for assistance

If you or someone you know requires assistance you can reach out to Betsy Cannon (social worker) or to someone on the PTA for help.

We can help to provide a voucher, no questions asked.

Lisa Christensen, PEG Grants Awarded

These are grants awarded in the fall in the spring to the teachers who apply/request

We have \$2500 as a budget and have awarded \$1300 to date

Amy Tome, Nominating Committee

Reading of the bi-laws for the nominating committee:

Section 3. Nominating Committee

- a. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of 5 members: 3 of whom shall be elected by the executive board from its body, and 2 who shall not be members of the executive board, elected by the association at a regular meeting of the association at least sixty (60) days prior to the election meeting. The committee shall elect its chair. An alternative will be elected.
- b. The nominating committee shall nominate one person for each office to be filled.
- c. Members of the nominating committee may be nominees for office without resigning from the committee.
- d. Only those persons who have consented to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

e. The nominating committee shall present its report at the regular meeting of the association in April at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. (See letter (f) if applicable). The report of the nominating committee will be published one month prior to the meeting.

f. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided the written consent of the nominee has been secured and the chair of the nominating committee has received notice at least two business days prior to the election meeting of the candidate's intention to run.

Melissa Kreso volunteered and was elected to be paid member/non-board committee member
Participants voted (both in person and virtually)

- 13 yes vote
- 2 abstains

8. New /Other Business

Fall fun fair input:

Loved the popcorn and cotton candy
Even with rain was nice to be outside

Q: Were dart spots all taken?

A: Most were taken. We may organize by age and time differently next year. Thinking of even purchasing if possible to run the event ourselves

9. Announcements and Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM– Amy Tome and Kristi Mitchell