



Brooks Hill PTA

General Meeting #2
October 18th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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

Brooks Hill School PTA Meeting

October 18th, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Brooks Hill School Library / Virtual via Google Meet

Next Meeting: November 15th, 2022

Attendees: Lindsey Schwartz, Rachel Wiesner, Theresa Cline, Stacie Miller, Elizabeth Brandt, Katelynn Hoyt, Meghan Wenner, Tabitha Corp, Kara Martin, Melissa Kreso, Jessica Zahariev, Bridget Roorda, Katie Kowalski, Tabitha Corp

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Call to order at 6:35 PM

2. Approval of the September 2022 Minutes

Approved as written

3. Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Rachel Wiesner

As of 9/30/22, the balance in the checking account was \$45,180.97; savings account \$4,860.87; PayPal \$419.64. Due to some expenses from the 2021-22 budget being paid this fiscal year, budget reports this year will be presented on an accrual basis to help give an accurate picture of each fiscal year. That will be noted at the bottom of the budget printout at each meeting. Major expenses July-September included the final payment to Boosterthon for their portion of Fun Run income for \$13,000.97; and donations of a Gaga Pit to FSCD for \$6,054.51 and the Book Vending Machine for \$6,090 both of which will reside here at Brooks Hill.

In September, the PTA created a Brooks Hill PTA Venmo account. Venmo Business accounts must be linked to an individual Venmo account and, for now, are only accessible through that individual's account via the mobile app. Our account is linked to Treasurer Rachel Wiesner's account and will have to be changed over with each new Treasurer. We opened it in preparation of the Fall Fun Fair and School Play ticket sales. There was no Venmo activity in September.

Are there fees for Venmo? Yes - example charge for Fall Fun Fair - \$.19 in fees for each \$5 punch pass sold

Vice President's Report: Lindsey Schwartz

A total of 146 memberships have been purchased for the school year thus far. We raffled off 10 free Fairport umbrellas for anyone who purchased a membership before the end of September. Here are the winning names: Rachel Rayburn, Theresa Sanna, Nina Doyle, Lisa Cavanaugh, Jaime Myszka, JoAnn Schellati, Kate Winnebeck, Dan Christensen, Ellen Scheuering, and Kara Martin

Life Events - Melanie Antos was married on 10/4 and is now Mrs. Haering. Kate Lechleider was married on 10/9 and is now Mrs. Lemmon. Both received a card and Visa gift card on behalf of the PTA. We wish them congratulations and all the best!

4. Principal's Report: Mrs. Klus (Mrs. Miller)

The fall fun fair was amazing this year. We had great attendance.

Coordinators took it on and adjusted it to make it so wonderful.

The cards and the lanyards were a great addition. Another lens of equity for the kids.

Kids were saying the 'best day ever'!

All the hard work, doing things differently, great way to kick off the school year. It felt like a real community event. Great way to kick off the year and so proud of the PTA. Well received and families were so happy.

Just finished sending all the 2nd graders to Wild Wings. All they were studying, seeing it real life.

Kindergarteners went to Chase farm for their field trips.

These things must be booked way in advance but would like to provide more 'in the world activities.

Activity period is doing well, kids seem to really be enjoying this new part of the day.

Clubs have begun for ages 3-5. Every kid was able to get into a club. Most of kids got to get their 1st and 2nd choices.

December another interest form will come out.

Kids are so focused, doing well. Math expressions has been great. The ELA pilots we are rolling out is going well, seeing benefits.

Kicking off red ribbon week next week, the whole town does it.

Themes are district wide, there are different dress up themes each day at Brooks Hill.

Kicked off the reading challenge – Seuss themed, Kara Martin and Laura Levine have been working hard on this, very creative. Any reading counts – listening to a book, family reading, reading to yourself, etc.

Kicked off student council – 4th and 5th graders working on school and community opportunity for them to be leaders

Coin drive – Jennifer Johnson, shows how our impact helps teach the kids of how to give back and the benefit we provide. Friday, big walk around the school. All elementary schools are doing the same.

5. Report of Coordinators

Fall Fun Fair - Lisa Cavanaugh

HUGE thank you to the PTA board, Meredith and Stacie, all of the staff and volunteers who donated their time, Treat Trot goodies, and wish list items.

One of our stated goals at the beginning of planning this event was to help it increase camaraderie in our school community, and with 70% of students and their families attending, I think we surpassed our own expectations.

Major credit goes to the PTA for using Fun Run proceeds to fund the free punch cards for students. Making this affordable for all families was an absolute game changer. We came in UNDER BUDGET! If we continue to run with this format, I will give \$10,000 as a good estimate for this event, with annual adjustments made for inflation.

We did run into a few difficulties:

- Wind forced us to cancel/move events indoors

- Lack of volunteers forced us to scale down others.

- Given the new format and the unpredictable weather we also had no real idea of how many families would come, so we fell short in supplies for some of our crafts and in some of our prizes.

Overall, I'm immensely proud of the event we put together. We already have some ideas and strategies to continue to improve and make this event a huge success year after year.

In the next week or so we are going to put out a feedback form; we truly want and appreciate the feedback from everyone who volunteered and attended.

School Play - Lindsey Schwartz

School Play Update - Rehearsals for Seussical Kids are underway for students who auditioned for speaking and soloist roles at the end of September. Cast A and B have a combined rehearsal time after school on Fridays. Cast A will perform on Thursday, February 9 at 6pm and 7:30pm. Cast B will perform on Friday, February 10 at 6pm and 7:30pm. The 3-5 grade ensemble will begin rehearsing on 11/18. The 2nd grade ensemble will begin rehearsing on 12/2. The 5th grade tech crew will begin on 1/20. Each of these will be followed by a parent meeting for that performance group at 5:15pm. Rehearsals are going well, and students are very excited to showcase their talents in this way! It should be an excellent show! If you have any questions, you can direct them to Janelle Enser or me, as we are helping coordinate and attending rehearsals.

Month of Giving - Jackie McKenna

The Month of Giving Gift Drive will run from Tuesday, November 1st through Friday, November 18th. We are collecting unwrapped toys, outerwear, and gift cards to be given to families in need. These donations will go to the House of Mercy,

a family outreach and homeless shelter serving our community. There will be a gift collection box in the main hallway and a gift card collection box in the main office. Information about the drive will go out in the newsletter and also by flyer via backpacks. I am looking for a volunteer to print and distribute the flyers next week.

Theresa and Tabatha to help with printing and mailbox drops.

Square One Art - Jan Davin/Lindsey Schwartz

Question: What is Square One Art

Take artwork and sends to vendor – and parents can order gift items of their children's art

Everyone gets stickers of their art, if you do not want to order, nice equity piece

PTA gets 38% back of what is spent

Around Nov. 3 you will get more information with ordering deadline

6. New business

Retakes? Are you able to pick which one you want?

Get the answer that you can pick.

Question: Volunteering for International day- who will reach out?

A board member(s) will reach out to connect all the right people and get all the information.

7. Announcements and Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Theresa Cline

Second Tabatha Corp