

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGE PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on November 12, 2013, 1:30 at Bridge Elementary School

PTA Executive Board Members Present: Cathy Smith (Co-President), Sue Kingsbury (Co-President) Tricia Weisberg (Treasurer), Stephanie Mitzenmacher (Secretary), Nimisha Asthagiri, Laura Schroeder, Lisa Dinsmore.

Absent: Gourgong Zhu, Christie King

- 1) 1:30 Meeting called to order.
- 2) 1:35 Meeting minutes approval postponed until next meeting.
- 3) Budget Review, Tricia Weisberg
 - a. Principal requested a PTA donation of \$2340 for a Frosted glass window for the school entry. The Board discussed that funding of this request would be delayed due to the need of balanced requests that also cover curriculum enhancements. Board felt that the PTA was funding too many building and furniture related requests and not enough educational based requests. Board discussed delaying funding this request until the spring.
 - b. Board discussed and agreed to raise some prices of spirit wear for future sales.
- 4) Executive Committee Liaisons and Committee Chairs – No updates.
- 5) Fundraising
 - a. On-going: Square One Arts, Kids Coupons, Spirit Wear, Flatbreads, Monster Carnival, Legacy Bricks.
 - i. Principal's goals/requests: Flatscreen TV for foyer and rungs.
- 6) Communications
 - a. Desktop copier now set up. The old copier will be picked up and is being managed by Paul.
- 7) Calendar
 - a. International Night – location still pending. 3/14
 - b. Spring fling – 5/ 2
 - c. Math nights: 1/14, 1/16, 1/28, 1/30, 2/6
 - d. Word nights: 2/27 and 3/6
 - e. Science nights – 4/10
- 8) Retirements – Ms. Buck
 - a. \$50 gift card/flowers
- 9) Presidents Updates
 - a. Enrollment at 551.
 - i. Dr. Ash feedback is that current enrollment is fine.
 - ii. 11/19 Next School committee
 - b. Traffic study.
 - i. Bridge has significant issue and there is need for greater advocacy.
 - c. Discussed a policy change of purchasing of supplies, furniture, etc.
- 10) Mini-grants update
- 11) Website update
- 12) 5th Grade Activities Update:
 - a. Monster Carnival a hit – Committee will look to one or two more fundraisers.
- 13) Literacy event to be held at 11/14
- 14) Upcoming Events:
 - a. November 14th coffee. – Literacy topic
 - b. Elephant's Trunk – 11/15 6 PM – 7:30 PM
 - c. School Committee meeting – 11/19
 - d. Parents Night out – Vinebrook meet up 12/19? – Postponed for after the holidays
- 15) Laura Schroeder made a motion to adjourn, Stephanie M. seconded, all in favor.
- 16) Next EC Meeting is Tuesday, Dec 10 at Bridge.

*** Meeting Minutes submitted by Stephanie Mitzenmacher on December 9, 2013