

BRIDGE PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 1:30 PM, Bridge Conference Room

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

Absent: Guroung Zhu, Christie King

1. Meeting called to order at 1:36 pm
2. Laura S. made a motion to approve the previous EC meeting minutes. Cathy S. 2nd that motion. All in favor and the minutes were approved.
3. Budge Review and Discussion led by Tricia Weisberg.
 - a. Board discussed and agreed to proceed with a Zumba night for ACT funding.
 - b. Book night was not well attended and the board will explore ways to boost attendance.
 - i. Ideas included making this a kindergarteners' Night Out to encourage new and younger families to participate.
 - c. The Teacher's Purse program is not well used. The board discussed ways to encourage teachers to access these funds.
 - i. Board will look into making this a less burdensome process for teachers and will looking into providing a \$125 amex gift card rather than having teachers submit receipts.
 - d. The PTA was asked to consider a scholarship for a program run outside of the PTA. The board agreed that it would not fund scholarships for programs or field trips not directly affiliated with or run by the PTA or Lexington Public Schools.
 - e. Principal Colella requested the board fund "frosting" the indoor windows with International greetings for the amount of \$1500.
 - i. The board discussed using funds left in the PTA budget line item for renovation expenses, however, that amount is only \$480.
 - ii. Board unanimously agreed not to fund this request at this time but look to supporting it in the future with funds raised from the Legacy Bricks Fundraiser.
4. PTA Committee Chairs Update:
 - a. One Science Night Chair has stepped down.
 - b. Parent volunteer for traffic direction has stepped down.
 - i. Volunteer stepped down due to mistreatment by parents at drop-off and pick-up as well as overall lack of support from the Bridge community.
 - ii. The Board agreed to no longer support this effort as it is clearly a safety issue and should be handled by the LPS and Police Dept.
 - iii. The PTA Board unamously agreed to send volunteer flowers and a thank you for all her efforts.
 - c. Green Team – Nimisha A. will work on this Earth Day initiative.
5. Presidents Updates
 - a. Enrollment is at 551

- b. Friday, December 13 the PTA is hosting a meeting about enrollment. The board has agreed to invite SC member Jessie Stiegerwald.
- 6. Mini-grants
 - a. Board reviewed current list of requests
 - b. Principal Colella requested additional funding for storage bins. Laura S. will ask Meg to write up details with description and cost so Board can vote on the request.
- 7. Upcoming events:
 - a. December 13th, Enrollment Coffee
 - b. Next EC Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 13th in the Bridge Conference Room.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.