

Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School PTO Minutes
May 11, 2011
6:30 – 8:30 p.m

Present: Carollina Song, Tom Sindelar, Barbara Bernard, Julie O'Shea, Melanie Weiss, Rosemary Hall, Sharon Gauthier, Beth Powers, Jill Sapoznick, Pam Scott, Sharon Stolz, and Gail Durckel

Time

6:30

Item

Meeting was called at 6:36 P.M.

Owner

Barbara Bernard

6:30-7:00

Welcome

The meeting was chaired by Barbara Bernard due to the absence of Alanna Sullivan and hosted by Julie O'Shea.

Barbara Bernard & Julie O'Shea

7:00-7:05

Approval of Last Month's Minutes

Because the April minutes were unavailable, approval of the minutes will be postponed until the next meeting of the PTO.

Barbara Bernard

7:05-7:20

Principal's Report

Mr. Sindelar began his report by thanking the members of PTO for their numerous contributions to the students and staff of Brooks Middle School.

During the school year, there have been a number of complaints regarding the new science curriculum. Administration and faculty members are considering the implementation of A-B block scheduling of science and social studies. The A-B block scheduling will offer more opportunities for students to participate in labs, projects, and other learning strategies. Additionally, block scheduling will reduce student movement during the day.

Daily advisory was piloted this year. Advisory, which is currently at the beginning of the school day, may be changed to the end of the day to support student Rtl needs. Additionally, the School Board is seriously considering a program called "Fast Forward," which utilizes brain/neurological research.

Thomas
Sindelar

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Treasurer's Report

Barbara Bernard presented an updated profit and loss as of May 9, 2011. Current cash in the bank is \$52,783.50, and \$10,217.50 is in two CDs. She also presented the following monthly expenditures and revenues:

Monthly Expenditures

- \$546.53 - Athletic Department from magazine sales
- \$120.00 - Springfield thank you gifts
- \$4,000.00 - Annual library donation
- \$141.63 - Math Night

PTO expenses:

- \$250.00 - District 97 for Ethnic Festival
- \$106.83 - Technology Night
- \$49.99 - Team 8-1 pencil sharpener
- \$66.95 – PTO meeting food

Monthly Revenues

- \$197.20 - Box Tops
- \$36.82 - CCD escrip
- \$48.00 - Caps and gowns

Barbara Bernard made a motion to purchase a groupon as a gift for Alanna Sullivan. The motion was seconded by Julie O'Shea, and was approved unanimously.

Julie O'Shea made a motion to make a donation of \$25.00 to Alli Bernard for clerical support to the PTO. The motion was seconded by Carollina Song and was approved unanimously.

Carollina Song noted that the largest of PTO's fundraisers will be eliminated at the end of next school year and consideration should be made in a timely manner to make up for losses of these revenue.

In recognition of the assistance made by the Brooks office staff, \$200.00 was paid to the front office in June 2010. As you might recall, this "donation" was authorized by Terri Tyner.

Barbara Bernard

7:25-7:40

7:40-7:45

Vice President Reports

Sixth Grade: Beth Powers is working on the end of the year boat trip.

Seventh Grade: Julie O'Shea – no report

Eighth Grade: Jill Sapoznick and Sharon Gauthier

End-of-the Year Activities:

1. Caps and gowns are already in.
2. The tickets have arrived for the Great America fieldtrip; lunch is not included. Mr. Sindelar will discuss providing lunches for students who receive free or reduced lunches with Kim Hefner and Miss Baker.
3. The graduation dance theme is "Under the Stars." PTO will need a myriad of volunteers to do the decorating. PTO should contact David Hill with a list of decorations to confirm what is possible with the new district regulations.
4. Graduation tickets have been printed this year to avoid last year's copied tickets. Graduation is the early schedule this year.

SIT Report

The tri-chairs for the 2011-2012 school year are: Lynette Lovely, parent tri-chair; Lindsay Pietrzak, teacher tri-chair; and Thomas Sindelar, administrative tri-chair of SIT.

SIT "has had a great year." The goals for SIT are established at the district level, and the strategies for implementation are the school's responsibility. SIT is considering the implementation of WIN and brain research during the next school year.

MAP results from the May testing will be distributed to parents.

Efforts are being made to coordinate the activities of PTO and SIT.

VPs

Thomas Sindelar

7:45-8:00

Committee Reports

Fundraising Report – Melanie Weiss

There will be a fall bulb and/or soup fundraiser next year in place of the coupon book fundraiser. PTO needs several volunteers to facilitate and organize this project. Additionally, the PTO should check with OPRFHS because the high school does a fall bulb sale.

Green Team Report – Sharon Stolz

The Green Team requests feedback with regard to Brooks' needs. The Green Team would like to fill the gap of working with the students, and wishes to form a Green Club that would be similar to the Cubs Club. The team wants to coordinate the development of student leadership. Mr. Sindelar recommended that a proposal be submitted to him.

Various

:00-8:20

New Business

Staff Appreciation Luncheon – May 18th

Skrine Chops will provide salads and desserts. Something vegetarian would be appreciated. Contact Carollina Song if you are willing to volunteer to help.

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Next Year's Officers and Committee Chairs

Barbara Bernard motioned that the proposed 2011-2012 Board Member and Committee Chairs be approved. There were numerous seconds, and the motion was approved unanimously. Vacant positions will be filled in the future.

ROLE	NAME(S)
Co-Presidents:	Alanna Sullivan Carollina Song
Treasurer:	Barbara Bernard
Secretary:	Amy Felton
6 th Grade Co-VPs:	Jill Sapoznick Kim Allgood
7 th Grade Co-VPs:	Beth Powers Pam Scott
8 th Grade Co-VPs:	Julie O'Shea Rosemary Hall Toyin Adeyemi
Fundraising Chair:	Kim Allgood
Green Team Chair:	Sharon Stolz
e-Scripts Chair:	Julie Blankemeier
Volunteer Coordinator:	VACANT
Appropriations Co-Chairs:	Julie O'Shea Beth Powers
Web Master:	Alan Kimrey
Listserv Master:	Tasha Guerino
Book Fair Co-Chairs:	Carrie Tran VACANT
Box Tops Coordinator:	Karen Levin
Brooks Wear Coordinator:	Debbie Figel
Starship Lunch Coordinator:	Sue Kindler
Dominoes Lunch Coord.:	Anna Harlan
Directory Coordinator:	Nancy Gonzalez
Teacher Representative:	Gail Durckel

Communication

Barbara Barnard brought up a general concern regarding dissemination of PTO information that is not reaching the intended audience. A number of other PTO members expressed similar concerns regarding this issue. As a resolution, Mr. Sindelar stated that all e-mails and other information intended for distribution should be sent directly to him.

Thank You to All Outgoing 8th Grade Members

Various
8:20-8:30

Q & A and Announcements

Julie O'Shea asked about the role of PTO in supporting the Girl Scouts at Brooks. The members of PTO support the Girl Scouts; however the PTO does not have a role in publicizing the Girls Scouts as an organization.

Julie O'Shea
8:30

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Barbara Bernard