



BROOKE ELEMENTARY HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 11, 2011.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2011

Number of people attending: 11

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Cindy Begg called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
2. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** reported by Dr. Mackel:
 - Enrollment – 421
 - Thanks for the soft pretzels and fruit on Feb. 17th.
 - Field trips
 - Limerick Vet (3/4)- Kindergarten vet center going on now
 - Kindergarten Vo-Tech (3/31)
 - 4th grade- June 9th Manderach Park
 - Special Education classes continued their community based trips –
 - Spring-Ford diner
 - Asher's Chocolates
 - Henning's Market
 - Assemblies
 - RIF –end of Feb./beginning of March
 - Casual Photos was February 28th.
 - Dr. Seuss' birthday was March 2nd. There were guest readers and a lunch of Green Eggs and Ham
 - 4th grade Science Day February 10th sponsored by Siemens
 - Musicopia- Magical Music of the Theremin February 23rd
 - Jonathon Sprout More American Heroes on March 10th.
 - Updates
 - Mrs. Neiswender back on March 28th
 - Three student teachers started today March 14th with Mrs. Romanelli, Mr. Heffner and Mrs. Hoff
 - Jump Rope for Heart raised over \$12,000.00. Staff/Student Basketball game was March 11th
 - Kindergarten registration still open, end of March. Orientation program in May. Open House for parents and students in August. Screening will take place at the beginning of school.
 - Upcoming Events
 - Variety Show is April 1st
 - Parent Conferences during the day on April 20th
 - PSSA testing grades 3 and 4- March 14th- March 25th
 - No Terra Nova Testing for 2nd grade
 - Other information
 - Brooke Buckaroos won 1st place in Dancing with the Stars
 - Spring Break- April 20th to April 25th
 - Global Philanthropy project will possibly be in connection with Japan.
3. **TEACHER'S REPORT** by Zach Laurie
 - The teachers would like to thank everyone for the pretzels and fruit.
 - The teachers are working on baskets for the Dance-a-thon.
 - The staff really enjoyed the basketball game.
 - Extend a thank you to Mrs. Bieber for all of her hard work during Jump Rope for Heart and a thank you to the parents as well.
4. **CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT** by Cindy Begg and Krista Bean:
 - Focusing on upcoming dance-a-thon and will discuss below in committee reports.
5. **RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT** by Colleen Lelli :
 - February minutes are posted on the Brooke Home and School website and sent to committee chairs. Motion was made by Liz Brull and seconded by Jen Vattiliana to approve the minutes.

6. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT by Shari Spotts:

- Dance-a-thon items have been printed including basket raffle information

7. TREASURER'S REPORT by Sue Graham:

- Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available during the meeting. The account balances as of 2/5/11 are:
- Commerce Checking \$24,525
- Commerce Savings \$28,534
- Total \$53,059
- Nothing new to report
- Minutes were approved by Liz Brull and seconded by Jen Buckley.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Beautification-** Colleen Lelli
 - Waiting for spring to clean out beds.
 - The board will need to discuss what to do with the area near the cafeteria. It's very overgrown and we will have to decide to maintain or plant grass seed.
- **Blood Drive-** Shannon Megella (not in attendance) and Michelle Christie (not in attendance)
 - May 5th 2011, 2pm – 8pm (2-4pm only Brooke people)
 - There will be a mtg on March 16 with Red Cross, Michelle Christie and school nurse Kerry Milhalcik.
 - Will be able to sign up at Market Day or book fair.
 - Hoping to send paper home with info.
 - 2 yrs ago they got 30 pints of blood, hoping for 40 pints this year
 - After the March 16th meeting, a recruiting list per grade will be put together to get other volunteers.
 - 5-6 bldg had raffles with their drive; possibility for us
 - Bloodmobile guidelines – in the school gives 4 or 5 more beds, online sign ups and take sign ups on day of
 - Will ask Red Cross when other local drives are being held so no conflict in dates
- **Book Fair-** Danielle Ward (not in attendance), Shannon Megella (not in attendance) and Amy Moore (not in attendance),
 - The spring fair will be held April 11th through April 15th.
 - Buy one get one free
 - Great selections will be available for summer reading.
 - Will be in need of volunteers and an email will be sent out this week.
- **Dance A Thon-** Krista Bean
 - Will be held on March 18th from 6:30-8.
 - Bobby Kershner gave a \$300 donation, Tap and Burn gave a \$50 donation and RD Team gave a \$100 donation. These donations will go towards buying the grand prizes.
 - Luau theme. Kate Taylor is providing decorations. Hawaiian shirt gets extra entry for door prize.
 - Leis will be given out.
 - Basket raffle during dance a thon. Stephanie Shaner is organizing. There will be grade themed baskets.
 - Other baskets are being donated by families, neighborhoods and organizations.
 - Brooke Buckaroos will perform.
 - Prizes include: iPod Nano,, 3DS and Reading Phillies Family Pack
 - Refreshments will include pizza, water, cookies, soft pretzels etc.
 - This Friday will be Freaky Friday. Students can donate \$1 to wear 'freaky' clothes, hair, etc.
- **Family Fit-** Stephanie Macaluso (not in attendance)
 - Last week LeRoux was here to teach dances.
 - Well attended with 50 kids.
 - LeRoux will do hip hop night in May
- **Market Day-** Rebecca Mest and Staci Henkels (not in attendance)
 - Orders are average
 - Deadline for March sale is Thursday, 3/17.
 - Pick up is Wednesday, 3/23.
- **Nominating Committee-** Liz Brull, Jen Buckley and Karen Pizzuta (not in attendance)
 - Open positions are: Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Co-President.
 - Nominating forms will go home in April.
 - Elections in May if needed.
 - Looking for new parents with younger children to get involved.
- **Olympic Day-** Need 1
 - Need a chair for event. We will be asking volunteers from the blue form if someone can be the chair.

- **Outreach Committee-** Kate Taylor (not in attendance)
 - Nothing to report.
- **Publicity-** Ann Black (not in attendance)
 - Jump Rope for Heart pictures were in the Reporter.
- **Refunding-** Christine Urner (not in attendance), Jen Vattilana, Robin Perna (not in attendance)
 - We will receive a Box Top check for \$882 in June.
 - Next Box Top collection check will be received in November.
 - Giant gift cards will be available before Easter.
- **Restaurant Nights** – Hope Embree (not in attendance)
 - Chick-fil-a Night raised \$200. The check will be picked up when it is ready.
 - Thank you to the teachers and staff who volunteered their time.
 - Thank you to families and staff who came out and supported that evening.
 - Next event will be at Applebee’s on Tuesday, March 29th.
- **School Store-** Jennifer Ludgate (not in attendance)
 - Will be held Friday March 18th.
- **Spring Family Night-** Need 3 chairs
 - Scheduled for May 6th.
 - We are hoping for something simpler that will require less volunteers.
 - This is for the kids—no fundraising involved.
 - If no one comes forward to run event, we will need to cancel.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation and Hospitality-** Kim Tarity (not in attendance)
 - Something is tentatively scheduled for Monday March 28th.
- **Yearbook-** Janice Johnson (not in attendance)
 - As of March 8th—214 books sold for \$2,996.
 - UPDATE: As of March 15th we exceeded our quota of 300 with 301 orders made.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Motion was made by Liz Brull and seconded by Rebecca Mest.