

PTO General Meeting – December 1, 2014

4:00 pm - Library

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Principal Steve Wera Update

- a. The JOOI Club's Sock and Undies Drive starts December 4th. We use these items for Bradley's Health Office and Clothes to Kids Denver (CTKD). Please bring in NEW packages of socks and undies through the month of December. All sizes needed! Bradley's Health Office strives to provide immediate clothing assistance to students in need. CTKD is a non-profit that provides new and quality used clothing to school-age students from low-income or in-crisis families in the Denver Metro Area, free of charge. Every child referred to CTKD receives a week's worth of clothes, new socks and undies, a coat and shoes. Bradley is grateful for this service and is able to refer families in need to CTKD.
- b. Bradley school tour volunteers – Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44a4af2aa20-bradley>. See the link on the school website or contact the office for more information. We need in boundary school families and choice families to help with the tours. Melissa Capozza, our IB Coordinator, will lead the group, parents will be there to answer any 'parent' type questions that might arise.
- c. Field Day last week of school, Tuesday or Wednesday (rain days), Continuation on last day of school, ECE Continuation on Thursday June 4

3. Silent Auction/Wine Tasting Event Recap (Dawn and Janee – Not present)

- a. **Results:** Numbers not all in yet with expenses, but is looking like we netted about \$10,000. More expenses this year and still made about the same as last year. Wine sale proceeds are not in yet. Not sure if the total above reflects the teacher project proceeds or if that is separate. Will get totals out soon!
- b. **Feedback:** Asked for feedback from all in attendance:
 - * too many auction items this year (225 as opposed to 150 last year);
 - * some teachers want to know their totals since they are planning classroom events;
 - * forgot about wine orders when getting into the auction area,
 - * tickets too high – some parents in a classroom couldn't afford ticket prices; one thought is that if families think the ticket price is too high, maybe those families wouldn't be able to bit on items or buy wine; some thought ticket prices ok, we had so much more food and this year the venue wasn't free;
 - * too much to have wine tasting and auction at same time; maybe split the two – have a wine/beer event and an auction event;
 - * time of year for auction, hard for families to donate/buy things when the holidays are coming up, a few thought that it was good timing to buy holiday gifts, an earlier auction would put a stress on teacher/classroom items;

- * teachers should get the \$30-50 classroom grant to start auction project; it was told that this was available although maybe not advertised to teachers as well as it should have been; another thought is that the teachers will hopefully make that initial investment back from the sale of the item;
- * new location? cheaper?; the committee looked high and low for something different but even with the increased expenses, Welshire was cheapest; maybe have in the school gym – no liquor and maybe cheapens the event, and teachers want a new place to go to celebrate and hang out with parents;
- * will look into a beer/wine event for spring; maybe something outdoors; we'll keep you posted

4. Literacy Committee – Pheadra Smothers

- a. **Initial:** Is getting a literacy committee put together to help families and kids with reading. Right now, we are having a book drive to fill our neighborhood book swap bin. If you have books that you are done with, please bring them to school and drop them off at the office in the assigned box. We'll put these books on display and students can borrow the books all week, read them, bring them back for others to enjoy or can keep. We'll accept books all the time – once the book 'house' is set up, just drop off books for others to read. Leave a book, Take a book!
- b. **Next phase:** In January, we hope to get a once a month/week reading morning set up for parents to come in with their child and read together. We are working on getting a grant to have the Literacy Committee self sustained. Also, we are working on getting food donations for the morning literacy reading time. This time is mainly to help families read together; get the extra reading needed for their child to grow in reading. We may have these mornings in the classrooms or in the library. Look for more information as we work out the details.
- c. **Volunteers:** If you are interested in helping in some way with the Literacy Committee, please contact us at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Garden (Sonja McMurray) (Not Present):**
- b. **Restaurant Nights (Judy Hagerty): (Not Present)** La Fogata (Evans Location) February 10; Chipotle April 14; Larkburger May 14. Check the PTO website calendar for further details.
- c. **Backpack (Emma Dunrud, Dawna Edwards and Cheri Murch):** Getting close to 50 kids/families this year. Whole Foods staff came to help pack the extra bag before Thanksgiving break. Whole Foods also donated food items for this extra pack. Our large food pick up with begin in mid-January – more details and a call for volunteers will come closer to the date when we have all the details.

- d. **King Soopers, Target and Safeway (Carlos Martin and Pheadra Smothers):** Allie Christopherson moved, Pheadra will take over this committee. Found out Whole Foods has a card and will look into bringing that to Bradley.
 - e. **DonorsChoose (Pheadra Smothers):** Still working with teachers and trying to get information to families and community to help donations. See our projects at DonorsChoose.org.
 - f. **Saftey (Pheadra Smothers):** No new news.
 - g. **Box Topx (Allison Pope): (Not Present)** Keep clipping and saving! Next submission in the spring.
 - h. **Teacher Appreciation (Jessica Dungan):** Working on staff holiday events.
 - i. **Movie Nights (Jessican Dungan):** Movie night is set for Thursday December 18. Time will be soon after school – maybe 5-5:30pm since it is a ‘school night’ and we are thinking we’ll have activities prior to movie. Possible movie is Arthur Christmas – we will let you know when we decide. Mark your calendars! We’ll have pizza, water and popcorn for sale.
 - j. **Spirit Wear (Brooke Trexler):** Spirit Wear is available to purchase online at <http://www.cheddarup.com/member/tabs/1412190962954>. Please return the order form to school with your check either to the classroom or to the PTO mailbox in the main office.
 - k. **Yearbook (Sonja McMurray): (Not Present)**
 - l. **Fun Run (Eric DeMaria): (Not Present)** Tentative Date is April 19, 2015 (he will have a definite date soon).
 - m. **Spelling Challenge (Tracy Smith): (Not Present)** February 2015
 - n. **Literacy Committee (Selena Williams and Pheadra Smothers):** See above item #4.
6. **New Business**
- a. **PTO Positions for 2015-2016.** Call for new PRESIDENT and TREASURER. Please contact us if you are interested or know someone who would be great to take this over. To keep the PTO going, we need these offices filled for next year.

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