

PTO General Meeting – January 13, 2014

4:00 pm - Library

1. Principal Steve Wera Update

- a. 3rd graders will get Promethean boards Wednesday January 15, 2014 – great timing for Science Fair. PTO bought all the Promethean boards. Mr. Wera also bought 2 more carts of laptops (65 laptops) and 20 IPADS with funds he had to use at the end of the year. The laptops are being checked out like crazy so there was a high need for those.
- b. Bradley emails – have you noticed the new format? Check out the google calendar too.
- c. Bradley school tours. We have many families interested in joining Bradley now that we are a blue school. If you are available, please help out with the tours on Thurs and Friday mornings until the end of January. Contact Melissa Capozza or let the office know you are interested. Tours start at the main office at 9:30am and usually run about a hour.
- d. Check out DonorsChoose. Teachers were encouraged to post projects this time of the year. Corporations are looking to fund projects with donations they would like posted on last years books. Currently there are 7 projects – go to DonorsChoose.org to see all Bradley projects. Encourage family and friends to donate if they are interested.
- e. Ms. Firth and Ms. Hays won an exceeded expectations award for showing growth for 3 years in a row. They will be recognized Wednesday January 15, 2014. Tell them congratulations if you see them!
- f. Money PTO gives to Mr. Wera each ½ year goes to staff appreciation and is important to the school. He keeps the teachers motivated and happy, the school benefits. He uses the money for food, gift cards, out of school events, etc. Very big thank you for the use of those funds.
- g. Mr. C and Becky Gray will be retiring at the end of this school year. Doesn't want the kids to know just yet. Sad to see them leave.
- h. Next CSC meeting will be discussing budget. All parents welcome. Contact office for further information.

2. Spelling Challenge – Tracy Smith

- a. **March 7, 2013**
- b. **Need 10-12 volunteers on the day of the event.** Let us know if you are interested in helping with the committee.
- c. **Details:** Students will be bringing home a list of words picked by the teachers. Students will study these words for a week or so. On March 7, the PTO members will administer the tests to the students and grade those tests. There will be a winning classroom upstairs

and downstairs. Results may be posted on the monitor that day too or it will be shared over the intercom. Email PTO with questions or volunteer to help.

3. Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Application (GOCO) – Sonja McMurray

- a. January 17, 2013 – Sonja submitted the application in for initial review, we were 1 of 2 schools doing so and we didn't get any comments. So we feel pretty confident in our chances.
- b. The grant will allow for a new shade structure, water resource, soccer field, play equipment, obstacle equipment.
- c. Should get announcement on reward on April 3
- d. If you hear of any grants that might work for Bradley, please let Sonja know. Most of the leg work is done; let's keep rolling with grants to improve Bradley in all ways.

4. Fun Run – Eric DeMaria (Marsha DeMaria was present)

- a. April 27, 2014 – morning run – 3rd annual Fun Run!
- b. Committee kick off meeting January 21 at Zanitas (Hampden and I-25) at 6:30pm. Please come to hear about the event committees and what we need to start working on.
- c. No raffle or auction type event this year.
- d. Need a shirt sponsor. If you know of a company/firm, etc that would like to sponsor the fun run, have their name on the shirts, please let Eric know. We think the shirts will be about \$3,000-4,000. We really need a sponsor to have the high quality of shirt we had last year.
- e. Goal is 100 kids running the 5k.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Treasurer (Shelley Shepherd):** (left early) no update, no grant requests
- b. **Restaurant Nights (Judy Hagerty):** All going well. Added Firehouse Subs on March 25 from 4:00-8:00. Will talk with Mooyah about a night. We'll look at results this summer to see who to continue with and who to skip next year. Work on restaurants to see if they want to include anything in the Fun Run bags or if they can contribute to the shirts or sponsor the shirts.
- c. **Movie Nights (Jessica Dungan):** (Not Present)
- d. **King Soopers, Safeway, Target (Allie Christopherson):** (Not Present) Sold 15 cards at movie night in December. Awesome job!

- e. **DonorsChoose (Elaine Curcurio):** 7 new projects. Would like to talk about funding some of the smaller projects and partial fund another one. Would like to work out an allocation formula for future so we have an idea of what we want to/can fund. All projects are listed on the PTO website.
- f. **Backpack (Emma and Dawna):** Currently 38 students may be adding since we got 5 new students that started in January. Green School contacted us to see how we run our program so the community is taking note of our programs. Next large pick up from Whole Foods is January 23.
- g. **Garden (Sonja McMurray):** (left early)
- h. **Appreciation (Vicki Mobus):** (Not Present) NEED A REPLACEMENT – please let us know if you'd be interested in taking this over
- i. **Spirit Wear (Julie Volmer):** (Not Present) NEED A REPLACEMENT – please let us know if you'd be interested in taking this over
- j. **Yearbook (Julie Volmer, Sonja McMurray):** (left early)
- k. **Wine Tasting/Auction (Dawn Masters and Janee Maurey):** (Not Present)
- l. **Box Tops (Lisa Seaman):** (Not Present)
- m. **Grant Application (Sonja McMurray):** See above #3.
- n. **Fun Run (Eric DeMaria):** (Not Present) See above #4.
- o. **Spelling Challenge (Tracy Smith):** See above #2.
- p. **DU Night (Jami and Brandy):** February 22 – DU Basketball Game vs. Omaha at 6pm. More info to come. Discounted tickets. Maybe try to meet before or after game to build community.

6. New Business

Next meeting – February 3, 2014 – 4:00pm in the Library

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