

# **PTO General Meeting – October 7, 2013**

## **4:00 pm - Library**

### **1. Budget Review and Approval**

Shelley Shepherd handed out a copy of the budget and briefly went over budget items. Call for questions – none. Feel free to contact us with questions in the future. Vicki Mobus brought a motion to vote on the budget, Eric DeMaria seconded. All in favor; no nays. Budget passed. Budget is attached to minutes for review.

### **2. Principal Steve Wera Update**

- a. Huge thank you to the PTO from Ms. Firth's classroom for their Promethean Board. Steve produced a card made by the students.
- b. Will be getting 2 carts of notebooks for the kids to use. That is about 30 notebooks/IPAD 2's. One cart will be for the upstairs classrooms, one cart for the downstairs classrooms. Kids will learn how to use the IPAD's with Mrs. Nishioka (Librarian). Student will learn phonics, math games, other ways to learn what teachers are teaching in class. Special Ed teachers will also have IPAD's to use in their classrooms.
- c. Math is our school focus this year. Students should be talking about math games, Everyday Math Online games, ask your children about how they are learning math this year.
- d. Kids Day of Service set for October 19 with Whole Foods. Please register for free lunch through Whole Foods. See Bradley weekly email or on the PTO website for the link to register. Bradley's Garden group was interviewed and story written up about how to run a completely 100% self sustainable program. Other schools in DPS come to Bradley to visit out large garden and become interested in our small Bradley garden. Very impressive and something to be proud of.
- e. Thank you to the PTO for supporting the tutoring program. PTO will fund the after school tutoring teachers where Mr. Wera can support during school tutoring teachers. Tutoring will start up this month so there will be tutoring opportunities during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester instead of just 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.
- f. Halloween celebrations: classrooms will celebrate with at Halloween celebration starting at 3:00-3:45. Kinders will have their celebration from 2:15-3:00 because they have specials at the end of the day. ECE will have a fall festival. No masks will be allowed. Costumes must be brought to school to be put on during party – not before. Check Bradley weekly email for further details.
- g. Thank you to the PTO for signing Birthday cards for the students. Birthday cards, putting their pictures on the monitors, promoting their AR achievements, etc. things like this make the kids feel special here at Bradley. Creates a special, caring community at Bradley.

### **3. Dramatic Learning – Tracy Cress**

Tracy would like funding from the PTO to bring the Dramatic Learning program to our school. It is a program that is put on by the Denver Center Theatre Academy. The group helps address science and other content areas in ways that not only make learning fun for the kids, but in a way that makes it real and memorable. Tracy said there are grants available but until she books, she will not know what grants she can get. For the whole school to experience this program, it will cost \$1,200 which is not really the total since grants will be given once we book. Parents in attendance did not want just the upper grades to experience this and thought it would be fine, after seeing the budget, to approve the whole amount so the whole school can benefit from this program. Tracy will look into an ECE program too. Motion by Shelley Shepherd to approve the \$1,200, Kim McMahon 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, no nays. Motion passed. See attached flyer.

### **4. Wine Tasting/Silent Auction – Dawn Master and Janee Mauney**

Big media blast to neighbors and within the Welshire neighborhood. Look for information on tickets in Friday folders. Buy tickets from the PTO website using Paypal starting October 11, 2013. Tables will be set out in front of the school to promote ticket sales and procurement. Get your donation items to the committee by October 15 to be included in the Silent Auction catalog. There are many committees to join if you are still interested – contact Dawn or Janee via the PTO website/email. Event will be November 15 from 6pm-10pm. Wine tasting with low music from 6-8pm. Cash bar from 8-10pm with louder music and silent auction bidding. Don't forget to ask friends, family, neighbors, anyone you can think of who would love to come to the wine tasting to learn about great wines, get some wines for their holiday dinners, maybe even win an auction item or two! Auction items will be listed on the PTO website.

### **5. Day of Service – Whole Foods with Bradley – October 19 – 10am-1pm**

Sign up for free lunch – see Bradley weekly email or find that link on the PTO Website. There will be garden work, painting, betterment of Bradley grounds. Come join the fun!

### **6. Committee Reports**

- a. **Year Book** – Julie Vollmer & Sonja McMurray
- b. **DonorsChoose** – Holly El-Jammal
- c. **Appreciation** – Vicki Mobus – look for information about teacher dinners during parent teacher conferences
- d. **Garden** – Sonja McMurray
- e. **Restaurant Nights** – Judy Hagerty – getting great response from area restaurants. Come to Milk & Cake on October 11 – everyday we can go to Milk & Cake and tell them we are with the PTO or are a teacher at Bradley and they will give you 15% off and the place is fabulous! Working on 100% teacher stickering the kids to let parents know about restaurant nights. Also, check PTO website for upcoming dates. Working on a Chipotle and Noodles night.
- f. **Backpack** – Dawna Edwards and Emma Dunrud – starting Backpacks October 18. Please sign up to help.
- g. **Kings, Safeway & Target** – Sue Hrin (not present) – need help to sell these. Easy money maker for Bradley.

- h. Movie Nights** – Jessica Dungan (not present) – Spooky Buddies on October 25 at 6pm
- i. Original Works** – Lisa Seaman (not present) – October 8, 6:30-8pm come to Bradley to work on art projects and possibly sign up for Original Works where you will get your art work on canvas bags, mouse pads, magnets, stickers, etc.
- j. DU Night** – Jami Paronto and Brandy Baltier will take over DU Nights. Look for information in the future.
- k. Fun Run** – Eric DeMaria – Set for April 27. Need a sponsor for shirts for the fun run. Please let us know if you have connections with a company who would love to have their business name on the backs of the shirts – great promotion. Contact Eric at the PTO website/email.

**7. New Business - none**

Next meeting – November 4, 2013 – 4pm Library

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**BRADLEY PTO BUDGET - SUMMARY**  
**2013 - 2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Budget Approved by PTO

	2013 - 2014 SCHOOL YEAR		2012 - 2013 SCHOOL YEAR		As of 7/21/13	COMMENTS
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,833.74	\$ 18,833.74	\$ 8,406.82	\$ 8,406.82		
Fundraisers (Active & Passive):						
Box Tops	1,400.00	-	1,100.00	15.00		Current year budget includes \$761 receivable for prior year box tops
Duck Drop	-	-	5,166.60	5,166.60		Final Duck Drop was May 2012 (organized by Denver Councilwoman Peggy Lehman)
Entertainment Books	5,600.00	-	3,000.00	2,315.98		Fundraiser discontinued for current school year
Fun Run - 5K/Kids Run	7,550.00	-	2,000.00	5,600.79		
Kings Scoopers/Safeway Redeemable Gift Cards	500.00	-	7,900.00	6,827.32		Est. of \$650/mo for both KS and Safeway cards (based on average for prior year)
Original Works	300.00	-	900.00	814.97		New fundraiser for 2012-2013 school year
Other (Target, Escip, etc)	4,100.00	-	300.00	313.31		
Restaurant/sports Nights	3,350.00	-	3,500.00	3,617.92		
Spelling Challenge	4,600.00	-	3,300.00	3,347.67		
Wine Tasting and Silent Auction	-	-	1,000.00	1,831.60		
Memberships Donations	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	805.00		
School/Community Events:						
Dance	(200.00)	-	250.00	(645.13)		
Destination Imagination	(1,110.00)	-	(930.00)	(1,065.00)		DI budget includes 9 teams plus state qualification
Field Day (T-shirts, ribbons, etc)	(2,500.00)	-	(2,500.00)	(2,273.45)		
Grants - Classrooms	(5,000.00)	-	(3,000.00)	(2,374.85)		
Grants - Student Scholarships	(1,500.00)	-	(1,500.00)	(202.00)		
Harvest Day	200.00	-	500.00	38.20		Community event for 2012-2013 school year only
Movie Nights	(2,000.00)	-	400.00	124.48		
Principal Fund (Team Builders, Staff Appreciation, etc)	(1,000.00)	-	(500.00)	(1,045.85)		
Reading is Fundamental	(3,500.00)	-	(600.00)	(345.80)		District provided books during the 2012-2013 school year to supplement RIF funding
Summer Reading & After-School Tutoring Programs	(2,000.00)	-	(3,500.00)	(2,537.04)		
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	(625.00)	-	(2,200.00)	(1,572.36)		Includes Bradley teachers, faculty, paraprofessionals and admin assistants
Other	(1,000.00)	-	(900.00)	(625.25)		
Community Resources	(2,329.00)	-	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)		
Operating Expenses (insurance, printing, etc)	500.00	-	(2,329.00)	(1,507.16)		
School Yearbook	(15,000.00)	-	500.00	469.64		
Spirit Wear	-	-	-	827.52		
Technology & Equipment / Donors Choose Projects	-	-	(12,000.00)	(6,694.16)		Includes promethium boards - ECE/3rd/4th grade classrooms (Fall 2013) & 5th grade classrooms (Fall 2012) less funding received from grants and donations
Ending Balance	\$ 10,369.74	\$ 18,833.74	\$ 8,564.42	\$ 18,833.74		

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	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Budget Approved by PTO -						
<b>INFLOWS</b>						
Fundraisers (Active & Passive)						
Box Tops	1,500.00		1,300.00	15.00		Current year budget includes \$761 receivable for prior year box tops
Duck Drop	-		5,166.60	6,166.60		Final Duck Drop was May 2012 (organized by Denver Councilwoman Peggy Lehman)
Entertainment Books	7,700.00		6,000.00	4,910.00		Fundraiser discontinued for current school year
Fun Run - 5K/Kids Run	7,800.00		2,500.00	7,740.00		
Kings Scoopers / Sateway/ Reloadable Gift Cards	4,000.00		8,400.00	7,897.32		Est of \$650/mo for both KS and Sateway cards (based on average for prior year)
Original Works	4,000.00		1,000.00	4,278.75		New fundraiser for 2012-2013 school year
Other (Target, Escrip, etc)	4,100.00		400.00	356.31		
Restaurant/Sports Nights	9,300.00		3,500.00	3,617.92		
Spelling Challenge	8,000.00		9,000.00	9,338.29		
Wine Tasting and Silent Auction	1,200.00		1,850.00	4,210.89		
Membership Donations			1,200.00	805.00		
Miscellaneous				87.00		
School/Community Events						
Dance	250.00		500.00	207.00		
Harvest Day	800.00		1,000.00	91.00		
Movie Nights	3,200.00		800.00	649.15		
School Yearbook	2,000.00		3,500.00	3,184.00		
Spirit Wear				3,050.50		
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>50,250.00</b>		<b>46,116.60</b>	<b>55,624.73</b>		
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>						
Community Resources	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Fundraising Expenses (Active & Passive)						
Box Tops (Pre-Expense)	100.00		200.00			
Duck Drop						
Entertainment Books (60% of book sales)	2,100.00		3,000.00	2,584.02		
Fun Run - 5K/Kids Run	250.00		500.00	2,139.21		
Kings Scoopers/Sateway Reloadable Gift Cards	3,500.00		100.00	970.00		
Original Works	100.00		100.00	3,463.78		
Other	1,900.00		110.00	110.00		
Spelling Challenge (Pre-Expense)	4,650.00		1,200.00	1,284.76		
Spelling Challenge - Classroom Allocations (50% of collected donations)	3,400.00		850.00	4,705.66		
Wine Tasting and Silent Auction	679.00		679.00	2,379.29		
Insurance and PTO Plus Membership	200.00		200.00	115.13		
Miscellaneous	1,000.00		1,000.00	275.81		
Printing (Newsletters/Communications)	450.00		450.00	437.22		
PTO Meetings						
School/Community Events						
Dance	450.00		250.00	752.13		
Destination Imagination	1,110.00		930.00	1,055.00		DI budget includes 9 teams plus state qualification
Field Day (T-shirt, ribbons, etc)	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,273.45		
Grants - Classrooms	5,000.00		3,000.00	2,374.85		
Grants - Student Scholarships	1,500.00		1,500.00	202.00		
Harvest Day			500.00	32.80		Community event for 2012-2013 school year only
Ice Cream Social	175.00		150.00	102.76		
Movie Nights	600.00		400.00	524.67		
Other	250.00		250.00	150.64		
Pastries with Parents			500.00			
Principal Fund (Team Builders, Staff Appreciation, etc)	2,000.00		500.00	1,045.95		
Reading is Fundamental	1,000.00		500.00	346.80		District provided books during the 2012-2013 school year to supplement RIF funding
Summer Reading & After-School Tutoring Programs	3,500.00		3,500.00	2,537.04		
Special Occasion Gifts	2,000.00		200.00	331.86		
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	2,700.00		2,200.00	1,572.36		Includes Bradley teachers, faculty, paraprofessionals and admin assistants
School Yearbook	2,000.00		3,000.00	2,282.99		
Spirit Wear	15,000.00		12,000.00	6,694.18		
Technology & Equipment / Donors Choose Projects						
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>58,714.00</b>		<b>45,959.00</b>	<b>45,197.81</b>		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 10,369.74</b>	<b>\$ 18,833.74</b>	<b>\$ 8,564.42</b>	<b>\$ 18,833.74</b>		

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# Dramatic LEARNING



## Dramatic Learning helps

address issues not often  
covered in school. It helps them  
not only learn, but also to  
be the ones who teach, and  
that makes it fun.

## It's memorable.



It makes learning  
fun and memorable.



**Students are more expressive in their oral language because of Dramatic Learning, which is especially rewarding for second language learners.**

**- 3RD GRADE TEACHER,  
SWANSEA ELEMENTARY**



**Prepackaged programs** are available or a program can be tailored to meet specific needs. Dramatic Learning offers four categories of programming.

### **Stage 1: WORKSHOP**

Each Workshop lasts 45 minutes to an hour. Workshops can be tailored or can be chosen from a list of preexisting topics. Up to five Workshops can be scheduled, but for a more in-depth study of a particular subject, take a look at Stages 2, 3 and 4.

### **Stage 2: PACKAGE**

Each Package consists of five or more sessions in a classroom with each session lasting 45 minutes to an hour.

Choose a Package topic:

- Colorado History
- Civil Rights
- Historical Biography
- Animal Classification
- Water Cycle
- Digestive System
- Page to Stage (Literacy)
- Introduction to the CSAP  
(3rd grade only)
- Poetry
- Introduction to Shakespeare
- Playwriting

### **Stage 3: RESIDENCY**

Each Residency is six or more sessions with each session lasting 45 minutes to an hour. Residencies are tailored to meet specific needs of the curriculum and participants. Residencies require resources and additional planning time from the participating classroom teacher. Residencies often end with a culminating activity. Prerequisite: Participation in Stage 1 or 2 Dramatic Learning programs.

### **Stage 4: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Each Professional Development Partnership is eight or more sessions with each session lasting 45 minutes to an hour. Teaching artists and educators collaborate to research, co-develop and teach curriculum. Depending on the length of the Partnership, educators can receive up to two renewal credits as certified by the Colorado Department of Education. Prerequisite: Participation in Stage 2 or 3 Dramatic Learning programs or attendance in the summer Professional Development Practicum.

**Participants:** All workshops include a physical warm-up period to introduce students to the teaching artist and an overview of the material to be covered. All students are expected to participate. Class size is limited to 30 students. Additional students may participate for an extra charge, which covers the cost of extra instructors and materials. Teachers: A certified teacher must be present and involved for the duration of each session and complete the required evaluation form(s).

**Location:** Most Dramatic Learning programs can be done in a classroom, while some (such as movement) are more effective in an open space. All of the programs require students to get up from their desks and get involved with the group. Workshops also can be held on site in the Denver Center Theatre Academy's education studios.

**Design workshops:** May need additional time for clean-up and additional costs for materials.



**DCPA's teaching artists are amazing. They had our entire third grade enjoying their preparation for the CSAP. The DCPA reached our students with so many learning styles, it truly was fantastic.**

**- 3RD GRADE TEACHER, SAMUELS ELEMENTARY**





# Educational Menu

Here is a sample of the many topics available.

## Science

Digestive System  
Electricity  
How Things Work  
The Rain Forest  
The Underground: Bugs, Bones and Dirt  
Migration  
Periodic Table of Elements  
Water Cycle

## Social Studies/History

American Folk Heroes  
Architecture  
Autobiography in Action  
Colonial America  
Colorado History  
Create a Culture  
Immigration  
Mythology  
Folk Tales  
Pioneers  
Political and Social Structures  
Salem Witch Trials  
Status and Power in Society  
US Government  
Night of the Notables

## Theatre

Accents and Dialects  
Auditioning  
Building an Ensemble  
Character Study  
Commedia dell'arte  
Directing  
Greeks  
History of American Acting  
Improvisation  
Mannerisms, Gestures and Protocol  
Masks  
Movement for Actors  
Playwriting  
Rehearsal Techniques  
Shakespeare  
Voice and Speech  
Puppetry

## Language Arts

Adaptation  
Creating a Character  
CSAP Preparation  
Literacy  
Page to Stage with Caldecott Winners  
Poetry  
Story Structure  
Shakespeare's Language and Plays

## Character Education

Team Building  
Body Language  
Conflict Resolution  
Public Speaking

## To schedule

or for more information  
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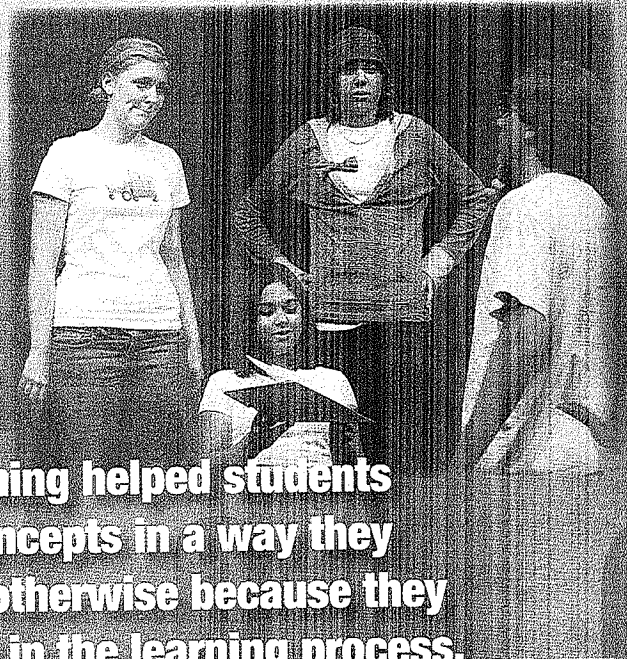
**I was able to see  
my students from a  
different perspective.  
It's always rewarding  
to see how another  
educator works.  
I always learn  
something.**

**- LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER,  
HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# Dramatic Learning

is an innovative and interactive teaching method that applies principles of dramatic arts to basic classroom curricula. Dramatic Learning:

- integrates the arts into the curriculum through the active involvement of students and brings the expressive world of the dramatic arts with an emphasis on the creative process into any classroom.
- incorporates problem solving and provides opportunities for critical and imaginative thinking, in addition to instilling an appreciation for the arts. The process of active investigation, multiple-learning styles and full participation is fundamental to Dramatic Learning.
- helps students relate to universal themes, understand concepts and discover basic principles in math, science, social studies, language arts and health.
- enhances any curriculum and addresses Colorado Model Content Standards.
- shows students how art express a wide range of human experiences in a way that is original and culturally evocative. Students make connections to their own cultural heritages, discovering how the arts can be used to communicate varied perspectives and ideas.
- uses creative dramatic pedagogy for relating the study and experience of dramatic art to core curricula studies.



**Dramatic Learning helped students understand concepts in a way they may not have otherwise because they were so active in the learning process.**

**- 8TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER,  
PINNACLE CHARTER SCHOOL**