

PTO General Meeting – February 3, 2014

4:00 pm - Library

1. Principal – Mr. Wera

- a. **Choice Applications:** All applications are in. Record number of enrollment applications. Thank you for help with tours, it made a huge difference to have that parent perspective.
- b. We practice as a school 2 lock downs a month and 1 fire drill a month.
- c. Progress reports will be coming out on February 28

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. Community Engagement/Family Engagement

- a. Family Engagement = Community Success: Bradley has many best practices in place that indicate they boost student achievement when employed. On the high impact end of the best practices continuum, Bradley can boast: weekly folders that share personalized information and data, routine parent teacher conferences, interactive homework tips, trips, and tools for home learning. Many schools have 0 of these in place, or it is not practiced school wide. Also impacting, but on the foundational end of the continuum of best practices is Bradley's great capacity for: broad view school newsletter that includes weekly information and communication, back to school night/s, parent social services, student performance opportunities, and parent volunteers and coordinators, and parent resources.
- b. 2. Parent roadmap to standards on the DPS website, also recommended is PTA. See links to know more, all schools in Colorado and DPS participate. - <http://communityrelations.dpsk12.org/> - www.pta.org
- c. **LEAP and LEAD - Leading Effective Academic Practices:** Effective teachers are the single most important factor in student success. Teaching is incredibly complex. Extensive feedback is critical.

An investment in LEAP evaluation systems in DPS is being made, to know more about how the LEAP system will be used across the DPS system or about LEAP as the framework, Elaine Curcurio is your PTO representative to contact.

Bradley does not receive the district's support prioritization for this initiative in that we don't receive LEAP assistance in the form of additional coaches/peer observers.

However, the belief is that this human and humane process of feedback is the responsibility of all in the District, and all of DPS Leadership is utilizing LEAD, including Bradley site administrators, and all are also LEAP trained in order to ensure the framework for effective teaching is our evaluation and feedback tool, regardless of being a LEAP teacher or beta site. .

Ms JOIN ME for the next Superintendent's Forum:

FEB. 25 - AM and PM sessions, location TBD

How the Denver Plan impacts DPS and an overview of the Denver Plan

4. Fun Run – Eric DeMaria

- a. April 27, 2014 – morning run – 3rd annual Fun Run!
- b. 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.
- c. Will Whole Foods, Freeway Ford, Cody Dental, individual sponsor fund the t-shirts???
- d. Need water bottles, ribbons, etc.
- e. Goal is 100 kids running the 5k.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Treasurer (Shelley Shepherd):** Will fund DonorsChoose projects.
- b. **Restaurant Nights (Judy Hagerty):** Join us for Noodles on February 11 for dinner!
- c. **Movie Nights (Jessica Dungan):** (Not Present)
- d. **King Soopers, Safeway, Target (Allie Christopherson):** (Not Present)
- e. **DonorsChoose (Elaine Curcurio):** Funding Ms. Kenney's project which expires February 11.
- f. **Backpack (Emma and Dawna):**
- g. **Garden (Sonja McMurray):**

- 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):**
- k. **Wine Tasting/Auction (Dawn Masters):**
- l. **Box Tops (Lisa Seaman):**
- m. **Grant Application (Sonja McMurray):**
- n. **Fun Run (Eric DeMaria):** 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. Discounted tickets. Mooyah for dinner before as a Bradley Dines Out. See information in Friday folders.

6. New Business

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

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