

PTO General Meeting – September 9, 2013

4:00 pm - Library

1. Welcome/Introductions

Mike McMahon – President, Shelley Shepherd – Treasurer, Emma Dunrud – Secretary and Co-Chair Backpack Program; Dawna Edwards – Co-Chair Backpack Program; Judy Hagerty – Bradley Dines Out ; Vicki Mobus – Teacher Appreciation; Dawn Masters and Janee Mauney – Wine Tasting and Auction; Holly El-Jammal – Donors Choose; Sonja McMurray – Garden; Julie Vollmer – Spirit Wear and Yearbook; Lisa Seaman – Boxtops and Original Works; King Soopers/Safeway/Target cards – Sue Hrin; Movie Nights – (open position)

2. Art – Karen Kenney

- a. Call for volunteers to help spearhead a community mural project on the outside walls of Bradley. Will have to help with proposing project to the district. Will have a meeting September 17 at 4pm – contact Karen Kenney if you are interested:
Karen_Kenney@dpsk12.org
- b. Karen will be working with the classrooms and kids for a project for the auction.
- c. Karen may also ask for money from PTO this year for a frame project for the kids

3. Principal Steve Wera Update

- a. Huge thank you to the PTO for all we do for the teachers and the school. PTO funded Promethean Boards for 5th and 4th graders and working on 3rd grade classroom; ice cream social was a success; teacher survival kits for back to school night; your efforts are priceless
- b. October 1 is count day for the district. It's very important to have kids in school this day – you will receive more information closer to the date. Numbers help the school with funding and if we are close to correct on the school's projected numbers we will not have to cut teachers, lose funding we thought we had, etc. We should be close enough to not have any negative consequences. Next year, the district will do 3 counts instead of just the one.
- c. Call for CSC parent volunteers!! Still in great need for Collaborative School Committee. There will be a meeting on Tuesday September 17 if you think you might be interested in joining the committee. If you would like more information, please contact Steve Wera.
- d. TCAP scores from last year are in and will be posted soon. Across the board we improved: 10% increase in writing; 5% increase in reading and overall flat on math – not increased or decreased. This year's focus will be increasing math scores as well as continue to work on writing and reading.

- e. Parent satisfaction forms that were sent out last year results are in – 86% of parents were satisfied with Bradley, we needed 90% to increase our rating score. Only 70% of the parents turned their satisfaction forms into the school – the more parents return their forms, the higher the ratings as well. A goal would be to get this closer to 100% return this year. The parent satisfaction forms will come out in the spring closer to the end of school.
- f. Parent Parking help – thank you to the volunteers so far. Parking/Kiss and Drop Zone is better than last year. Still have parents u-turning in front of the school at pick up – very dangerous.
- g. School wide emails – will be sending out emails 70 at a time to help those parents who are still not receiving the emails.
- h. Picture Day – Thursday September 12 – don't forget to bring in order forms to your teacher.
- i. Saturday September 14, 2013 Kids Day of Service from 10am – Noon. Whole Foods Tamarac will be here to help clean up the garden area to get it ready for winter and to help paint the playground asphalt. Sign up at www.eventbrite.com/event/7451516687 or contact Amy Wright at Whole Foods at amy.wright@wholefoods.com or call 303-488-2000 ex. 237. All families who sign up will get a lunch at Whole Foods from 12:00-1:00 to help them celebrate their 8th birthday! (See the Bradley PTO website for the flyer and more information on our Welcome page)

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Treasurer (Shelley Shepherd):** Call for new Treasurer – if you are interested in this position, please contact Shelley at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Next meeting (October 7) will be about the budget so please come to vote on this and hear more plans for this year.
- b. **Wine Tasting/Auction (Dawn Masters and Jane Mauney):** last year was just wine; this year we are adding a band and a silent auction. Need for volunteers before, during and after auction. Any experience with an auction – please contact us at the PTO website BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Date of event is November 15, 2013 time probably 6pm – 10pm to be held at the Welshire Country Club. Band will be free, Wellshire will be free but they will charge for food about \$10/person. We would like to shoot for 200 attendees – invite neighbors, family, non-Bradley friends/parents – if anything, it's a wine tasting too so it's a great opportunity to invite friends to buy their holiday wine and to learn from the wine vendors about the different wines. Ticket prices may be about \$25/person – not sure on the prices just yet. First volunteer meeting is Monday, September 16 at 6pm at a local wine venue – details to come on website/facebook page/email. Contact us at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com with any other questions.
- c. **Donors Choose (Holly El-Jammal):** Call for new Donors Choose Chair – if you are interested in this position, please contact Holly at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Working on more Promethean Boards. Donors Choose is a non-profit website just for teachers to help teachers raise money for items for the classroom. Many corporate matches and

corporations that fund projects. It's a great way to get stuff for Bradley. There will be a Donors Choose training session soon from the person who taught Holly – if you are interested, please contact Holly.

- d. **Spirit Wear (Julie Vollmer):** (Julie Not Present) Mike addressed the need for a new Spirit Wear Chair – if you are interested in this position, please contact Julie at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Spirit wear forms were sent home in Friday folders. Contact us if you'd like more information or would like to place an order. Order forms can be found on the PTO website and also on the Bradley PTO table across from the main office at school.
- e. **Yearbook (Julie Vollmer):** (Julie Not Present) Mike addressed the need for a new Yearbook Chair – if you are interested in this position, please contact Julie at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Work with 4th and 5th graders to get the yearbook put together, gather pictures from parents at school events for yearbook. Need to get ads from community to keep price of yearbook low – need help with this and organizing committee.
- f. **Appreciation (Vicki Mobus):** Call for new Teacher Appreciation Chair – if you are interested in this position, please contact Vicki at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Fun committee – next event is parent/teacher conferences where the PTO will be in charge of soup and salad bar for the teachers.
- g. **Garden (Sonja McMurray):** Works with the kids with planting themes in the garden. Join us at the Farmers Market by the garden each Friday during the fall – now until the end of October. Also, we will be selling peaches and apples this Friday at the Farmers Market. Let us know if you would like to help with the garden committee.
- h. **Restaurant Nights (Judy Hagerty):** Booked restaurants until February 2014. Some months will have a big restaurant night along with a FroYo - we will try not to do too many in one month. Check Bradley PTO website for flyers and restaurants dates. Would love help with making copies/flyers and stickers to teachers – let me know if you can help (BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com).
- i. **Backpack (Emma Dunrud and Dawna Edwards):** Call for volunteers!! We will plan to start the backpack program October 18. Letters to teachers for nominations will go out next week. This is a great committee to get your 'feet wet' with the PTO. Volunteer for once a month, twice a month, just pick up from vendors, help with large pick ups, there are so many areas that you can help. Contact us BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com with any questions or if you'd like to help.
- j. **Box Tops (Lisa Seaman):** (Not Present) Mike addressed need for help in this committee – if you are interested please email us at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Our goal this year is to promote the Box Tops fundraising as a big fundraiser. Easy way to help Bradley – have parents, neighbors, co-workers, out of state families who do not need the Box Tops – see if they will save and send to you. Last year we made about \$800 not doing much to push Box Tops – this year we hope to raise \$1,000. If you are familiar with successful Box Top fundraising ideas – please let us know!

- k. **Original Works (Lisa Seaman):** (Not Present) Mike addressed need for help in this committee – if you are interested please email us at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Kids make artwork which is then made into mouse pad, tote bags, stickers, magnets, notepads, etc. Usually around November/December.

- l. **King Soopers, Target and Safeway (Sue Hrin):** (Sue not present) Mike addressed need for help in this committee – if you are interested please email us at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. Easy money for Bradley – King Soopers and Safeway return 3-5% of your purchases back to Bradley by buying a reloadable gift card through the PTO. Idea: if 200 families use a \$200 reloadable gift card each month, Bradley could make \$2,000 a month!! Target Red card is a debit card that you use at Target – you get 5% off your purchase immediately at register and 1% of your purchases come back to Bradley.

- m. **Movie Nights (Open Committee Chair):** Mike addressed need for help in this committee – if you are interested please email us at BradleyIBPTO@gmail.com. 3-4 movies a year. First movie in October will be Spooky Buddies. We'll make popcorn and order pizza's which we'll sell for \$1 slice. Not a money making event, just a community event.

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