

PTO General Meeting

9/2/2021 - 3:30 pm & 7 pm

Recording Link: <https://vimeo.com/596963309>

Meeting Minutes

Principal Steve Wera

- **Bond Money:**
 - When the school receives bond funding, Bradley uses the funds in a way that always prioritizes the students. Previous years funds allowed for upgrades to the gym, cafeteria painting, auditorium updates, etc.
 - Library is all new! The technology lab is being painted now.
 - All new WiFi was installed around the outside of the school - this enables the teachers to hold classes outside throughout the year.
 - Over the summer, Bradley was supposed to get an outdoor classroom, but this has been delayed. Expect this still to happen in the future!
 - All teachers received new laptops.
 - 3-5th graders got new touch screen Chromebooks; kinder-1st had new Chromebooks last year; figuring out how to update 2nd graders next.
- **Thank You PTO:**
 - Huge thank you to families - your support is SO important!
 - PTO typically helps to fund technology for the school - previously purchased Promethean boards for all classrooms over the course of a few years. Now some boards are getting older, so will begin updating with new projection screens, starting with 4th grade (entire grade at a time, theirs are the oldest at this time).
 - PTO finishes teacher's Donors Choose (1 per year, per teacher request) up to \$300 per classroom.
- **Communications from Bradley:**
 - School communicates by voicemail (much fewer from here on out) and Deets/messenger. Discussions:
 - Deets can translate into 5 languages; useful for teachers to communicate 1:1 with parents.
 - If having issues with listening to a voicemail (restarting, etc.) some parents mentioned this issue and found it was helpful to not have the voicemail on speaker, as when it hears background noise it may keep restarting.
- **Parent Questions for Mr Wera:**
 - **Will there be field trips this year?** Yes, we are already planning field trips - most will be in the spring semester most likely. First planned field trip will be 1st grade to the pumpkin patch in October.
 - **Will parents be able to volunteer to help at field trips?** Yes! Parents/caregivers interested in volunteering to help at field trips will be allowed, but they must show proof of covid vaccine AND pass the DPS

volunteer background check

(<https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en/Candidates/Account/Register>) prior to joining the field trip. Parents most likely will not be allowed to ride the bus, but would meet at the field trip site (ECE may be an exception, unknown so far).

- **Will there be enrichments this year?** Yes, teachers are already planning these and you will get a detailed list for the first quarter options in this week's Friday Folder.
- **Will there be family nights at Bradley this year?** In typical, pre-covid years, we had nights where all the family was invited to come to Bradley for pizza dinner, potluck desserts and topic focused fun in various classrooms - Math Night, Literacy Night, Fitness Night. We are unable to allow parents into the school at this time, but we are hopeful we may be able to do something perhaps outdoors at some point or virtually.
- **Can parents organize class-wide gatherings of families on the playground?** Yes, that is fine, please coordinate with teachers for this. No food or potlucks are allowed and must be restricted to outside.
- **Covid news:**
 - Students can move around their classroom now.
 - Lunch - 1 grade level goes to the cafeteria at a time.
 - Recess - only 1 grade at a time. Slightly longer lunch/recess time than last year to prevent mixing of grades.
 - Cafeteria - "New Friend Thursdays and Fridays" - they have to sit in a different spot in the cafeteria each day to be sure everyone is included and students make new friends.
 - No mask breaks during the school day outside of lunch/recess. Last year there were breaks outside with no masks for the students, but this turned into many extra recesses and took away from learning minutes.
 - First covid case of the school year occurred today.
 - New procedures for covid =
 - ask that students get tested as soon as possible exposure or symptoms. If negative, can return with proof of negative test. If positive, quarantine (student will be notified length of time).
 - School wide will be notified of a covid case, but no details.
 - Only individuals with direct contact with a positive student/staff will be notified individually and will be consulted about quarantine.
 - Students are great about wearing masks and know when they can take them off.
 - New Schedule: Returned to regular scheduled hours in each day of school again = can get full 45 minutes of specials again - yay!

PTO Updates

- **Financial Update:**

- In the process of transitioning to a new treasurer this year (Nao Smith is our new treasurer and Erik Towt, outgoing treasurer, is assisting).
- We plan to have a complete financial update at the October meeting.
- 2020-2021 School Year Summary:
 - Ended the year ~\$3,500 ahead!
 - Last year and the previous 4 years PTO has had record setting revenue years compared to the year before - thank you Bradley families for all your support!
- 2020-2021 Fundraiser Breakdown (profits; approximate):
 - \$10,000 - Read-a-Thon;
 - \$10,000 - King Soopers Community Rewards;
 - \$10,000 - Auction (spring 2020 rescheduled to fall)
 - \$5,000 - Dines Out (typically \$350-900 per event);
 - \$20,700 - 2019 Fun Run; and
- **2021-2022 Fundraising Goal: \$75,000** (Fun Run \$25,000, Read-a-Thon \$25,000, King Soopers \$15,000 = \$65,000)
- Nearly all of the money PTO earns is given directly back to the students. PTO always tries to spend money on things that will benefit the students and teachers right now, this year.
- Examples of what the PTO money funds:
 - Technology upgrades for the technology lab and classrooms - new white boards/promethean boards, projectors, computers, etc.
 - School wide supports - library books, new outdoor signs, etc.
 - Student & Classroom supports - finishing out teachers' Donor Choose projects, white boards for all students, free tutoring, etc.
- **We want new ideas for fundraisers!** We are looking for ideas to replace our spring Auction. Email us: BradleyBPTO@gmail.com.
- **2021-2022 Happenings So Far:**
 - Community and Kleenex - sent home to tissue packets to kindergarten families with a QR code directing to the PTO website's new helpful info: <https://bradleyptoib.wordpress.com/family-resources/new-to-bradley-helpful-info/>;
 - Photo backdrop on the first day of school for families to enjoy;
 - More to come!

PTO Volunteer Opportunities

- We are always looking for individuals who can help the PTO. No matter if you can help for an hour or for an entire fundraising event, we want your help!
- Please email the PTO and let us know how you want to help!
BradleyBPTO@gmail.com
- **PTO Board** - Looking for anyone interested in joining the Board, especially those with younger students to ensure longevity of the PTO's success.

- **Fundraising** - help with planning fundraisers throughout the year, getting companies to donate to Bradley, etc.
- **[Backpack Program](#)** - We need volunteers to help however long you are able on Friday mornings to fill backpacks that go home to students in need over the weekend.
- **[Dines Out](#)** - We are looking for people to help contact restaurants to request a fundraising event for Bradley. Contact Jennifer if you are interested in helping, or if you have ideas of nearby restaurants to contact (see upcoming Dines Out dates below).
- **[Spirit Wear](#)** - In need of individuals to help staff booths when online purchases are being distributed after school.
- **Teacher Appreciation** - Help with planning and executing various teacher appreciation events, goodies, etc. throughout the school year with the main week-long event in May.
- **General volunteer** - just want to help as you are able and needed? Let us know!

Spirit Wear - Online Store Update

- **Sales are moving all online!** The new online store will be added to the [Bradley PTO website](#) and shared via email and on Deets in September. The online store will allow us to not rely on Bradley for storage of items and provide us with more options of new gear.
- New this year - many more sizing options, trucker style hat, tie-dye sweatshirts, and so much more!
- **How it will work:** 1. People will place orders and pay online; 2. Items will be delivered to Bradley periodically; 3. PTO Volunteers will help distribute purchased items after school on the front steps on set dates.
- We need **Spirit Wear Committee volunteers** to help sort/organize orders and distributing them after school on certain dates. Interested in helping? Email Natalie at natalie.buys@gmail.com
- Trying to get rid of all current inventory of Spirit Wear. Questions from the group:
 - What if we added spirit wear inventory we currently have to the backpacks one week?
 - What if we had a hand-me-down exchange of Bradley spirit wear one day on a table outside of school? This would allow for families to swap shirts and such that no longer fit their students.

2021 Fun Run

- Planned for Friday, October 1 (bad weather makeup day will be the following week on Oct 8, if needed). All students run together with their grade during their Specials time, regardless of fundraising efforts.

- **We need lots of volunteers!** All volunteers must show proof of covid vaccine status. **Complete the Fun Run Volunteer sign up:** <https://forms.gle/QzWfUv6xem5JSr7e6>.
- Visit the Bradley PTO website for more Fun Run details - <https://bradleyptoib.wordpress.com/fun-run/>. Volunteer tasks include:
 - Event planning
 - Preparing fundraising envelopes for each student (1-2 weeks prior)
 - Gathering prizes for Pep Rally to increase excitement (gender neutral prizes/toys only please - we can purchase these through PTO funds or try and get donations).
 - Day of help - Set up (balloon arch, water station, tables, etc.)
 - Day of help - lap markers, water station, data entry (typically need 6 people per grade to mark laps)
 - Day of help - tear down, clean up, complete data entry
- Question: Are we allowed to have snacks and water for the students? Yes, snacks are allowed if prepackaged, individually wrapped. Water station is allowed also, but encourage students to bring full water bottles to the run.

Backpack Program

- The Backpack Program is dropping off bags of nutritious food for our families to classrooms again on Fridays.
- TO SIGN UP simply fill out our online form [Bradley Backpack Sign Up](#).
- NEEDED: Reusable grocery size tote bags. Please contact Susan suswas128@gmail.com or Marta satorydojo@hotmail.com.

Dines Out - 2021 Updates

- Committee Lead for 2021: Jennifer Bruns - email her if you are interested in helping or have ideas for restaurants to reach out to: dujennifer@yahoo.com.
- Check the [Bradley PTO website](#) for dates:
 - **September 16:** Chick-fil-A (20% back all day)
 - **October 19:** Bird Call (35% back all day)
 - **November 11:** Bagel Deli (20% back all day)

Community Rewards

- Quarterly Community Rewards 2020-2021, we raised roughly \$10,000 from King Soopers and nearly \$1,000 from Amazon Smile! Thank you for helping us through your shopping!
- Check out the [Bradley PTO website](#) for easy step-by-step instructions!

Next Meetings - Every First Thursday of the Month

Help us plan a time! Complete the Scheduling Survey:
<https://forms.gle/mT55FJT8yziJKwUV9>