

PTO General Meeting

4/14/2022 - 3:30 pm - In Person

Meeting Minutes

Principal Steve Wera/Karen Maggio

- **IB Visit** - five year reevaluation remote visit - included a student panel (2-5th graders), parent committee, district panel and met with all teachers in different capacities. **Passed with flying colors!** Liked mission alignment with IB philosophy, stable leadership/administration and appreciated work teachers do to plan/work together. Areas of growth - realigning program development to focus more on social emotional learning, student agency (voice, choice and ownership = newer key component).
- **CMAS Update** - 3-5th completed language arts and starting on science and math. Wrap up by the end of April. Students have worked very hard during this testing. PTO provided students with snacks and puzzle erasers that students will get at the end of testing.
- **Choice Completed** - Bradley appears to have the same numbers of students as in the past. Parents will hear from the district soon about school consolidation due to the decrease in DPS enrollment. Bradley is a high choice school and this is a testament to the staff and quality of the school.
- **DPS Calendar Released** - Bradley will have their own calendar out soon with specific days off. Most likely will try for full first Fridays off again - must be approved by DPS.
- **Big Thanks to PTO** - received 2 new water bottle filling stations! The PTO purchased one and the district paid for the second. PTO also provided all classrooms with new TruTouch touch screens boards.
- **Outdoor Classroom** - completed and almost ready to use! concrete stairs/seats, shade structures. Will have a portable virtual board for teachers to use.
- **May 5th will have IB student-led conferences** - will be the first big grand reopening for parents to be able to come into the school. Can't wait to have the community reengage. Kinder bridging ceremony will be outside, ECE may be indoors in the auditoriums, unsure location for 5th grade graduation.
- **COVID Updates**
 - **Illnesses** - Since spring break no increase in absences. No more covid notices if someone tests positive, treating it as we have in the past with influenza. ECE is still wearing masks and a lot of staff keep wearing masks, as well as some students.
 - **Lunchroom** - will go back to grades mixing again during lunch in the cafeteria. Free breakfasts from district and state legislature looking to pass bill to provide free lunches as well, so TBD.
 - **Pick Up/Drop Off** - locations will remain separate again next year. School day/times remain the same.
 - **ECE Sign In/Out** - will keep sign-in/out outside again to keep hallways separate. Separate entrances and times for ECE to protect them and simplify.
 - **After School Enrichments/Family Nights** - these will return next year!

PTO Updates

- **Financial Update**
 - Balance: \$50,950.65
 - **Expenditures** since February Meeting

- Donors Choose Closeout: \$884.93
- 11 Student Scholarships (field trips, etc.): \$340
- CMAS snacks and rewards: \$615.38
- Classroom grant 2nd grade: \$464.00 (2 field trip buses)
- TruTouch Screens - \$7,186.00 (still due for one screen and installation)
- **Incomes**
 - Dines Out: \$2,038.58
 - Torchy's \$475.10
 - Esters: \$484
 - Birdcall: \$1,079.48

Read-a-Thon

- Planned for **April 11-22**
- In 2021 Fundraised \$25,616 (100% amount; we did have one extra week over spring break last year)
- Currently at \$10,676 after one week! Looks great and is regularly increasing. At almost 70k minutes recorded! About 450 students signed up (out of 575)!
- Teachers shared the system seems odd this year and the company has shared they are going back to the old system for next year.
- D.E.A.R. Day on Friday, April 15 - Drop Everything And Read Day! Also PJ day for those students that have signed up.

Spirit Wear - Online Store Update

- Online sales open now - **ends tomorrow April 15**. Many options for logos and clothing!
- If anyone needs anything between sales - reach out and if we have the size on hand, we would love to sell it. Listed on Facebook.
- Planning a "fire sale" to get rid of our in-stock inventory around field day in May, mostly larger sizes and adults (thinking \$5 costs each item). More details soon.

Dines Out

- March - Esters 3/14 at 20% of food sales: \$484
- April - Birdcall 4/12 at 35%: \$1,079.48
- **May - Modern Market 5/12 at 30%**
- Dines out has been very successful this year!

Join PTO Leadership!

- **Open Positions** - Secretary and Treasurer (1 year remaining)
- **Nominations:**
 - Secretary - Laura Mersmann
 - Treasurer - Erik Towt is currently finishing Naoe's term (will need a new person within a year)
- **Voting:**
 - Secretary - Molly motions; seconded; all in favor, no opposed
 - Treasurer - Nominated; seconded; all in favor; no opposed
- Also need Committee volunteers - Backpack program, teacher appreciation, special events, spirit wear, dines out

- We really need someone to help come in next year for the **Backpack program!** Need someone to try and do more outreach to business partners to donate food regularly.
- May 5th Student-Led Conferences - suggest having a PTO table to recruit volunteers, leaders and parents to join the contact list.

Current and Future PTO Activities - Where we need help and what it entails

- **Backpack program (Susan)**
 - Need 1-2 people each week to help during the school year to pack the bags (if more volunteers can rotate not every week).
 - Can also volunteer to pick up food donations, work with food banks, etc.
 - Volunteers come in after drop off on Fridays (could be different mornings if you want), go into the basement (dry goods) and pack the bags.
 - Currently we only have 15 bags to pack each week - takes less than an hour.
 - Would love help with making more connections with businesses that can donate foods for the bags.
- **Dines Out (Jen)**
 - Connect with restaurants to find dates when we can have a donation event. Reconnect with restaurants after the event and collect funds.
 - Create a flier and stickers, draft a Deets post; stuff into Friday Folders.
- **Spirit Wear (Natalie/Laura)**
 - Leading - coordinate online store with supplier, setting up the items, setting dates for sales, gathering input
 - Post sales sorting and handout after school one night(s)
- **Teacher Appreciation**
 - Several days throughout the year plus the first week in May is National Teacher Appreciation Week (this year May 2-6). If anyone wants to help, email Bradley president: molly_o@hotmail.com.
 - Leading - coordinating ideas/gifts/food to show appreciation
- **Events Coordination:** Fun Run, Family Nights, Read-a-Thon, Bike Night? Other ideas! Need a person to help coordinate each event.
 - Neighborhood looking to have a movie night, a bike day
- **Field Day** - PTO provides t-shirts for each student and teacher every year.
- **Suggestions:**
 - Having a floating committee member that can help where needed
 - Would like a calendar of events/volunteer needs and reminding before an event/need for volunteers - will work to create something online.

Comments/Sharing

- May 6th - Art show at Milk & Cake coming soon - donations to the art room at Bradley! Students have made all the art and the show will run from April 20-May 8.

Next Meeting - September 2022 - TBD!