

## Brooklawn PTSA Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Carol Begley at 7:35 p.m. Attendance sign-in sheet passed around and will be attached to these minutes. October minutes passed around and approved.

**Principal's Report:** Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> is the end of the marking period. Teachers enter grades next week, then the report cards are printed and will be sent out right before parent conferences. You may not receive the report card in time for your parent conference. If you don't get a report card at all, please call the school. November conferences are 11/21, 1:15 to 8:30 and on the 11/22 from 1:15 to 3:00. 1/3 of the school can be accommodated. You can call and have a conference with your child's team whenever you wish though. We will get letters to let us know how to schedule your parent conference. There is also a letter on the Brooklawn web site. The conference sign up starts on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We are done selling the spirit wear at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance on hand as of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 is \$8661.01. We received a donation from Mt. Tabor PTA of \$150 and they gave us cookies for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to buy on the first day of school. Stop and Shop donated the plant for the raffle for tonight.

**Secretary's Report:** Not present.

### Committee Reports

**Membership Committee:** Chairperson Kerry Griscti said that we have 144 members. We had 157 members last year. A letter will go in the staff mail boxes soon and will be sent to Mr. Miller to send out also.

**Gold Cards Committee:** We are still selling Gold cards. They are \$8.00 and are on sale at the main office. This is one of our main fundraisers and we sell them all year long.

**Variety Show Committee:** Christina Folan chairperson. She needs volunteers to help her. The date of the show is January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Letitia Lombardi will help with refreshments. Donna Hilsinger will help also. Ticket sales are at the door. Ilene Sanford will help sell tickets at the door.

**Mt. Tabor Band Scholarship:** Mike Begley reported three \$200 scholarships were awarded for Band Camp. Students had to write an essay in order to win.

**Book Fair:** The book fair is November 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. November 28<sup>th</sup> is the set up. Lori Mastalia and Ilene Sanford met with the Scholastic rep. We are going to have an online book fair after the regular book fair. This will start the last day of the book fair (December 1<sup>st</sup>). Parents/relatives can order on line. (Tax is charged for the online orders.) Books will be delivered to the school for the child.

We will also have a donation box for money and Scholastic will match our donation and purchase books for a charity of our choice. We have chosen Good Grief (but this can be discussed). An email is going to go out to volunteers. We can come in on the 28<sup>th</sup> after 1:15 to set up and we will be done by 3pm. We need 3 people at all times to help with the sale. PLEASE VOLUNTEER. Every reading/writing class comes down to the book sale. The sale on the last day is open to 3pm. There will be no night sale. We are thinking of maybe opening up a night sale at the Spring book fair.

Mr. Miller's report: November is a little quieter than usual because Big Night has been moved to February/March due to the repairs to the gym floor. Monday and Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> are the evenings for the practices. Wednesday and Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> will be the competition nights. BIG stands for Brooklawn Intense Games. There are team building competitive games. Faculty, students, parents and alumni all compete. It is a great time and a lot of fun. We typically have 400 or so participants a year. The PTA buys T shirts for everyone. Sign up forms will go out in January. Mr. Phil is coming Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Phil is a motivational, inspirational speaker. Parents are invited to attend also. This is in the afternoon. Mr. Miller will be calling in January for parent volunteers for big night.

Teacher Appreciation: Emma Santore and Smita Patel volunteered to co-chair. Will take place in May.

BOE Committee: Still open. Need a chairperson.

Sunshine: Nothing to report today.

Teacher representative: Not present.

Student Rep report : Lucas Folan - right now we are running the student activities Magazine Drive. We have extra packets here at the meeting. Mr. Miller also has extra packets. These are order forms for new magazines and you can also renew your magazines. We keep 40% of all proceeds and it helps keep SA prices low and goes to 8<sup>th</sup> grade fun day. When students bring in an order form on a collection day, their name goes into a raffle and 20 names are picked out and they go to FunPlex. November 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day. We do collections every Tuesday until then. The prices are very competitive. If you order online, it still counts. There is a link on the Brooklawn SA web site to order the magazines on line.

Old Business: We need people for the Nominating Committee: Still open. Need three people for this committee. Our president is up for election.

New Business: Maybe the PTA can donate some items to the school store. Maybe a Brooklawn car magnet. It is open during lunch periods and the kids run it with a teacher advisor.

**PTSA Raffle: Smita Patel won the plant donated by ShopRite.**

**Joe Reilly was a special guest speaker to talk about financial aid for college.**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – SCHOOL CLOSED, NJEA convention**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.**