

BROOKDALE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 10, 2015

The Brookdale Home and School Association was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm. Board members in attendance were Mike McLaughlin, Jenn Harvey, Monica Lutz ,and Nicole Bornemann. Rafael Jimenez was absent. Thank you Monica Lutz for bringing the fruit and refreshments to the meeting.

Faculty Representative: Ms. G. thanked the HSA for a fabulous year and for attending the Spring Concert. The students did a wonderful performance and worked very hard. She and the entire staff thanked the HSA for the Sumdog Math Program and to keep the students reading over the summer to keep their minds active. The teaching staff will see everyone in September.

Principal's Report: Mr. Fleres reported on important events that are happening at Brookdale School. He also thanked Mike McLaughlin for doing such a wonderful job as HSA Co-President over the past two years. The HSA will miss him as Co-President.

a. Family Fun Night: Mr. Fleres stated that Family Fun Night will occur twice during the 2015-16 school year. He is still waiting on a response from Friendly's and someone should be contacting him. The Student Council will be sending home lemonade and hot chocolate with the students.

b. Summer Brain Drain: Mr. Fleres stated that students can lose what they have learned over the school year. Montclair State and Rutgers have summer programs. Students should be reading and they will have assignments to complete because 2 ½ months is a long time to stop reading

c. Class Lists: Mr. Fleres stated that the tentative class lists have been decided and that this was discussed at the last meeting. There will not be a TBA on the report cards on the last day of school. The First Grade Teacher will be listed on the Board of Education's June 23rd notes. Gifted and Talented selections will be sent out at the end of August and there will be a new notification system sent out. The Gifted and Talented program will run through a lunch period activity and there will not be a different class or a different teacher. Mrs. Pico and Ms. Gallagher will be in charge of the program. Gifted and Talented will consist of Grades 4, 5, and 6.

d. ISTEM: Mr. Fleres thanked Mr. Triano and Ms. G. for implementing ISTEM in the Sixth Grade and Mr. Alban will be implementing it in his Fifth Grade class.

e. Monte Carlo Night: Mr. Fleres thanked Jenn Harvey and all of the volunteers for making this event possible. Everyone had a wonderful time and he is looking forward to next year.

f. Hero and You: Mr. Fleres apologized to the fifth and sixth grade parents. The school could not reach the parents, there had been no venue, and personal funding was spent to make the production go off as well as it did. He thanked the parents for understanding. Next year the venue will be held at Brookdale School.

g. DARE Day: Mr. Fleres thanked the Bloomfield Police Department. The police officers, the teachers, and the varsity coaches did an excellent job.

h. Award Certification and Bengal Pride: Mr. Fleres thanked Ms. G and Mrs. Pyser, Congratulations to Alex Soya for winning the Dina Whittner Award. There were many excellent candidates.

i. Kindergarten Registration/Orientation: Mr. Fleres stated that the Kindergarten Orientation had the best that they ever had. There will be three sections and thanked everyone who made this a success.

j. Battle of the Books: Mr. Fleres stated that this event was fantastic and the school placed third. He thanked Mrs. Sedlacek for running it.

k. Fun Fair: Mr. Fleres stated that everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the balloons being in his car. Jody Polidoro did a great job, the children had a wonderful time, and the weather turned out great.

l. Fifth Grade Car Wash: Mr. Fleres stated that \$1,000 was raised in this fundraiser.

m. Town Wide Track and Field: Mr. Fleres stated that Brookdale School kept winning races and had won a trophy. Mr. Mayer did a great job and he is very proud of the students.

Contact Mr. Fleres by email if there are any questions over the summer. He will be at the school for one week after the school year ends.

Treasurer's Report: Mike McLaughlin stated that there are some checks that are outstanding.

News and Notes:

Year End Gift Proposal: Mike McLaughlin stated that some of the ideas for an HSA gift include a new sound system and speakers in the gym, a projector, ten chrome books, a rubberized mat in the front doorway, and a new table for the teachers' lounge. A vote will be taken at a later date regarding this.

Mrs. Matturi: Mike McLaughlin stated that the HSA will be giving a retirement gift to Mrs. Matturi and that her class is the new box top champions. The gift will be given at an assembly held for her.

Sixth Grade Class Day: Mike McLaughlin stated that three to four volunteers are needed. The event will start at 1:30pm.

Kindergarten Promotion: Mike McLaughlin stated that he needs volunteers to set up for the event on June 23rd.

Summer Play date for Incoming Kindergarteners: Mike McLaughlin stated that this event will take place this summer and both Kindergarten teachers and Mr. Fleres will be there. The event will take place at the school playground.

Beautification Project: Mike McLaughlin stated that the HSA is looking to do a mural on a school's grounds.

Board Elections: Mike McLaughlin stated that there are four people who are interested in holding a position on the HSA executive board. A parent asked if they can still put their name in. He stated that the parent may still put their name in. Rafael Jimenez will stay on as Co-President.

Mike McLaughlin thanked everyone for all of their help. The Board had made four goals and every single one of them was met. It has been a great school year.

Board of Education Representative: Mrs. Ellen Rodgers stated that Heather Carr has retired as Principal of Berkley School and Natasha Baxter is now the new principal. The soccer field will be replenished and seeded correctly. There will be new security services for both the middle school and the high school. Marchianos will be the new food vendor and more cooking will be done on the premises. She thanked everyone for allowing her to be the liaison for the school.

The Thank You Roster:

- **Monte Carlo Night:** The HSA would like to thank Jenn Harvey and all of the volunteers for doing a wonderful job on running this event.
- **The Fun Fair:** The HSA would like to thank Jodi Polidoro and all of the volunteers for doing a wonderful job running this event.
- **Fifth Grade Car Wash:** The HSA would like to thank all of the volunteers for raising \$1,000 for this event.

- **Track Tee-Shirts:** The HSA would like to thank Rafael Jimenez for doing a wonderful job and that he will be the new Spirit Wear vendor.
- **Bengal Pride:** The HSA would like to thank all of the volunteers for doing a wonderful job on running this event.
- **After school Programs:** The HSA would like to thank Jackie Albaum for doing a wonderful job on running this event. Today was the last day and this will be continued in the Fall. The feedback from the parents has been positive.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved from the previous meeting of May 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next HSA meeting will take place on September 9th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Bornemann, HSA Secretary, on September 6, 2015.