

**BROOKDALE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**November 11, 2015**

**Faculty Update:**

- Celebrating Veteran's Day early. Thanks to everyone for sending in photos of family member and friends of veterans. Love looking at pics.
- Home and School donated teacher lounge. New curtains look beautiful.
- Halloween parties and parades went well. Thanks. Went well and kids had a great time.

**Ellen Rogers – BoE Rep**

Bridge behind Middle School had structural issues so it's been closed. Architects looking into problem. Rutgers football game does a bio about a bridge made out of recycled material.

Superintendent and Bus Admin starting developing the 2016/2017 budget.

Readers and writers is a positive initiative.

Board has been involved with 2 retreat.

Sadly, we lost one of our Board Members. Something will be listed in the paper on Fri about his unlisted term. So if anyone is interested, they can submit their resume.

Retreats are separate from BOE meeting. They need to have certain amount of ours to be a certified Board. (aka extra credification). They are there to advise and not micromanager.

PARCC results are starting to be released and the district will help parents .

Salli Sochko asked if plans include lights with the bridge. ER will look into it.

Jody Polidoro asked about the administrative fee with Maschio. Patty Wilson is looking into it. ER just had a mtg with Maschios and HS students. Site Director is still looking into it. Getting good feedback on Maschio's. Sales are up 500%. 21% last year and now approaching 40% this year.

## **Joe Fleres**

Cold weather – reminder to dress students appropriately.

If over 32 degrees we will be outside for recess, line-up.

Remember hats, gloves, scarves.

No indoor lineup unless under 32 degrees or inclement weather.

Cold weather 8:20 is when the doors open.

No one is there to monitor them before that. You will get one warning and that's it.

Lates and absences - Exceeding 15% (5-6 days) lates and/or absences, even with medical excuses, you will get an automatic letter.

Mr. Mayer wants to remind everyone to bring sneakers with the cold days when boots are being worn. Gym days, still having gym.

Welcome back to Mrs. Lehandsky, Mrs. McGones.

Thanks you for adhering to the class parties policies. Be mindful of goodie bags need to have ingredients.

Basketball skills ends at 4:30.

1<sup>st</sup> grade had a fantastic field trip.

5<sup>th</sup> grade pumpkin day. Gubkin did a great job.

Halloween Parade was fantastic. Crowd control was great. Moss and Leard led the parade. The last one as they are retiring at the end of year.

Dance was great. Wife and daughter had a great time.

Veterans Day celebration with Vets came out and spoke to the kids.

Staff room looks great. Japhet and Klotz have done that. Thank you for contribution.

Thurs 11/19 – starts our half day schedule

Unsure of any time, reach out to the teacher.

Tues 11/24 – ½ after afternoon conferences

11/25-Wed 1/2 day no conferences

12/23 – ½ day of school

Jody P asked about Holiday Concert: 12/18 – Xmas concert (1:30, open doors 15 mins prior) grade 1-2. We will send out details later after checking with Fusaro.

## **Rafael:**

Calendar Raffle is going on until 11/30. Start paying out Dec 1 for 3 months. If you want more, contact Jody P.

After School Pro goes until 12/10. When there is ½ days, there will be no after school enrichment.

Basketball Registration – still open

Farmigo – only 2 orders and we need 10 so we couldn't continue

Holiday Gift Shop – 12/9 and 12/10. Call Monica Lutz to volunteer.

After successful Chipotle night, we will be at California Pizza on Fri, 12/11. 20% will be given back. 10am-11pm. At Willowbrook Mall. Is alcohol included? Raf will find out.

New Ideas – Shopwithscript (Jody Polidoro):

Dawn Sangiovanni brought it up. 700 stores. Example, TRU with give 3%. Order the gift card and Dawn will order it. We pay for the face value minus the percentage. Dawn's son does it with church group and has raised thousands of dollars. Will get distributed in this week's newsletter. No minimum we have to order.

Thank you Roster:

- Jody & 5<sup>th</sup> grade class parents for the boogram
- Samantha Wallace for organizing the Entertainment Guide
- Monica and Maria for Dance
- Olga and Japhet family for finishing the teacher's lounge
- Stan Williams - sold \$1,800 worth of items for Xmas fundraiser. Catalogue was good this year and a lot of improvements.

Reminders:

1/13 – is next HAS meeting.

Holiday Giving – Nicole B, still using Animal Shelter. After Thanksgiving, she will have the tree up with ornaments for parents to donate specific items.

Student Council – should have gotten the flyer about Thanksgiving donations.

They provide family with everything they need to make a thanksgiving dinner minus the turkeys'. Student Councils put together the meals bags.

Fleres – The holiday concert. Grade 1, 2, 5, 6 are singing and 6 instrumental.