



**W. B. Browning Elementary
PTA Meeting
Tuesday, 9/22/10 from 7PM - 8 PM
Browning Elementary Research Center**

2010/2011 PTA Theme:

Healthy Habits/Healthy Minds

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order / Welcome Members - meeting started at 7:01 with 18 members
- II. Review By-Laws & Meeting Procedures –
- III. Review of Minutes from 6/9/10 meeting - Motioned by Lee G. and Seth R. – unanimously approved
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Motioned by Laura S. and Chris W. – unanimously approved
- V. Principal's Report – Mrs. Hassell mentioned that there has been very positive feedback with the transition Magahay students coming to Browning. She also reported that the Diversity Circus the first day of school was great. She said that the welcome back picnic was wonderful. Next year an idea was to possibly have it after the first day of school. Mrs. Hassell also commented on how well curriculum night went. Teachers did a great job. She said that on September 27th 2010 there is going to be an assembly called Mystery of the Character Surprise. Mrs. Hassell reported that MEAP testing is going to be starting October 12 2010 and encouraged everyone to make sure students get lots of rest and eat healthy to be ready. She had ordered ribbons (bookmarks) for the students taking the meaps which the pta has generously provided.
- VI. Membership – This year's theme is Healthy Habits/Healthy Minds. This year pta membership fee is \$5 per family. Each family who joins the student or students of that family will get a logo of a fruit, vegetable, egg, or fish hung outside their classroom and which ever class has the most pta members by Oct. 31 2010 will receive a healthy celebration party. There are a total of 93 members as of 9-21-2010.
- VII. Volunteers/Chairs Responsibilities – PTA is looking for people to volunteer and chair events. Lisa stated that anyone who wanted to chair an event that the task would be an easy one. For instance, the Balloon Launch had a binder with everything you needed to know on how to chair the event. She said Lisa Studzinski created the binder and everything in it was so well documented that it was very easy to do. We encourage anyone and everyone to volunteer and or chair an event. If anyone had any questions or needed help there were many people to help.
 - Know your budget – Michelle requested that chairpersons ensure they know & stay within budget. If you need some extra funds, please approach the board and make sure they are able to provide it. There has to be an approval of funds. One cannot just go and buy something and then expect the pta to reimburse you.
 - Flyers (approval process, paper, copying, and distribution) for any event you must get approval from Mrs. Hassell and the PTA Board. To print flyers you must use pta paper that is located in the pta closet. You may use the copy machines in the teachers lounge. Make sure teachers are able to use the machines before you do. Then you need to distribute the flyers and put them in the teachers mailboxes located in the office.
 - Weekly eNewsletter – Any information that you want put into the weekly enewsletter must be sent to Michelle Pugh PTA president by every Friday.
- VIII. Fundraising, Events, & Initiatives -
 - Health & Fitness Committee Needed. We need volunteers who want to try and come up with ideas for things to do for Health and Fitness activities.
 - A big thank you to Mrs. DeJesus who has been very generous with lending her writing skills in helping us with putting together some health and fitness grants.
 - November Health Awareness Initiatives
 - Apparel Orders – This year the pta will be sponsoring new Browning Apparel. We are working with JAKS Creations (parent Kristen VanRosenberg) putting together new apparel for Browning. There will be hats, sling bags, sweatshirts and many other exciting things. We are in need of someone to chair this event. Someone to keep track of the orders and such.
 - Market Day – Sue Trypus has volunteered to chair the Market Day fundraiser. She is asking for volunteers to help her once a month to pick up and unload. The school get 10% of the proceeds

- LEGO League – Cindy Rodack and Kathy Powers went to Switzer Elementary on Sept 13th to find out more about the Lego League. They came back with lots of information and said that other schools were already ahead in the game and suggested that we have a trail run with the LEGO League this year. This way kids and parents get a sense of what is expected and needed. A team consists of 4-10 4th to 8th grade students and 4-6 coaches per team. They need a room with a computer and internet access to set up a 4x8 table for the robot challenge. Need supplies for table and all presentations. Mr. Palmer principal of Switzer Elementary has given Browning an older challenge and Robotic Kit for us to use.
 - Balloon Launch – Lisa Larson is chairing this event. She needs volunteers the morning of Oct. 7th to help blow up, tie and put tags on the balloons. Every child whose balloon returns gets a token prize. Lisa Williams was able to round up many prizes for people who donate to the balloon launch. Some of the prizes are dinners, overnight stays, and any one who's donated over \$60 has a chance to win 1 night stay at Kalahari Resort. Also, the Teacher's decorated pumpkin contest will be held after the Balloon Launch. Tickets will be sold during lunch the week of the balloon launch. Also, Blakes Orchard is donating the pumpkins to the teachers.
 - Entertainment Books – A huge thank you to Cheryl Troppens & Mary Michalek who chaired this event. As of 9-22-10 we made approximately \$6200. More books are coming in.
 - Browning Pumpkin Patch @ Blake's Apple Orchard – Thank you Roni Sorgi for chairing this event. This year Pumpkin Patch will be at a different location which coincides with our Healthy Heart/Healthy Mind theme. Bring your family out for some family fun to Blakes Apple Orchard on Saturday October 9th from 10am-5pm.
 - Box Top\$ - Kristen Guitar has volunteered to be in charge of box tops this year. Classroom with the most box tops wins a healthy treat.
 - My School is Cool – Dawn Neubacher & Tracy Sorrentino continue as co-chair for this fundraiser. This year there is going to be only one semester running from August 1, 2010 until May 20, 2011. Anytime you purchase something at Lakeside mall turn in your receipts to the customer service area of the mall or turn in copies of your receipts to Tracy or Dawn via email or in person. Last year we raised >\$1,600.
 - Kroger/VG's – Laura Schneider has volunteered to be in charge of this fundraiser. Last year we raised almost \$2500 from Kroger and approximately \$88 from VG's just by using your Kroger card and turning in your VG receipts.
 - Square1 Art Project – Christina Vitale will chair this fundraiser and all proceeds will go to the art department.
 - Family Fitness Nights – Dawn Neubacher is working hard on getting people to come and provide fitness services for our fitness night. November 9th she has Mrs. Santilli coming and teaching kids and parents kick boxing.
 - Accelerated Reader Program – Lisa Williams/Jill DeJesus is continuing to head up the accelerated reading program. As soon as teacher sign up, students can come and get a blue stickered book from the library and taking a comprehension test. With the points that they earn they are able to shop and buy wonderful prizes.
 - Adventures in Art Program - Vaishali Mahimkar needs help in finding volunteers who have the time to come and share art work with the students. It is a wonderful program where anyone who has a passion to read and show art work to the students will find it a very rewarding experience.
- IX. Recycling Club –Mr. Kehres used to be chair and since has relocated to another school. Mrs. Tocco is trying to recruit teachers into being a sponsor. Students in 4th, 5th and 6th grade are eagerly waiting and wanting to join.
- X. Open discussion - Boy Scout Rep Todd Browe Troop 345 and fellow scout rep Kim wanted to help promote boys to join the Boy Scouts. They were asking Browning to help in recruiting the boys. They were telling everyone that the boy's scouts are always looking to help out with school by planting flowers, helping with school functions and many other volunteer work. It a wonderful program where boys learn moral values and gives them a sense of self worth by learning how to help others. On September 23 2010 at Havel Elementary is having an open house for any boy who wants to join the Boy Scouts.

XI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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