

**W. B. Browning Elementary PTA Meeting
Tuesday, 11/10/09 from 7PM - 8PM
Browning Media Center**

2009/2010
PTA Theme:

Growing Up Green

Agenda:

- I. **Call to Order / Welcome Members** - meeting started at 7:00 and 25 attended
- II. **Review Minutes from 9/29/09 meeting** – motioned by Julie B and Sue Medina and unanimously approved
- III. **Treasurer’s Report** – motioned by Amy I and Laura S
 - **Member Update on Accounting Firm & Proposed IRS Changes** – Gary Waller explained the treasurer’s fiscal year book was 6/1/08-5/31/09 and we had Fun Fair in 6/09 which raised \$8,000 and went into 6/1/09-5/31/10 fiscal accounting books. Wants to change fiscal year book to match school year time frame. Accounting firm wants \$250 for extra time frame and \$350 for application fee to U.S. Treasury. Original accounting fee was \$650/budget amended to \$1,250. Motion by Cindy W and Laura S and unanimously approved.
- IV. **Requests for Funding Assistance**
 - **Ford II Band** – requested \$86 for business fee to bring band to Browning for a Xmas show for students during assembly. Motioned by Lisa L and Lisa G and unanimously approved.
 - **Mural** – only first mural will be done. Print shop is going out of business and no one will match the original price. Discuss at January 2010 meeting. Might have art teacher paint mural.
 - **Book Replenishment** – Mr Furtah spent \$2,300 on 40 new books using income from two years worth of Book Fair. Mrs Hassell committed \$1,200 to Media Center and Mr Furtah had \$1,800 already. Mr Furtah requested an additional \$3,000 from PTA to buy more books and bring us up to same standard as other elementary schools. Going forward we plan to use income from Family Reading Night Event during March is Reading Month for the Media Center only. Motioned by Marcy S and Jenny S and unanimously approved.
- V. **Fundraising & Events** - Cindy Werbrouck & Marcy Steixner
 - **Volunteers/Chairs Responsibilities** - please ensure you know your budget, flyers (Mrs Hassell requests 24 hour notice for approval) and must have information to Secretary by 20th of the month to be in next newsletter.
 - **My School is Cool** – reminder to turn in Lakeside Mall receipts
 - **Square1Art Project** – so far \$2,600 in sales with Browning keeping 33%
 - **Santa Shop** – Sharon Waller will chair and needs volunteers.
 - **Restaurant Nights** - \$146.43 made at Arby’s/DD/BR this month
- VI. **Picture Lady Program** – Vaishali Mahimkar (chairperson) needs volunteers
- VII. **Recycling Club (B.E.A.R.S. Browning Earth Active Recycling Stars)** – started recycling lunch trays and Capri Sun in lunchroom. More recycling programs coming in future.
- VIII. **Membership Drive Results** – total of 206 members with 200 being our goal. Last year 185 members. Ms Pacioni’s class won pizza party with 81%

participation and 22 out of 27 families joining the PTA.

- IX. Newsletters/Website/e-Mails – PTA trying to go paperless. Sent out letter to families not on our email list. No longer sending paper reminders for events.**
- X. Legislative Update: State School Aid Funding – Budget cuts in Feb/March 2010 could happen. Encouraged families to send letters or call UCS legislators. We are dipping in excess of \$14 million so far due to the legislature not properly funding public education fund. Trip to Lansing 11/12/09 is planned.**
- XI. Principal’s Report – Mrs Hassell said staff praised Bucketfillers for Life program. Mrs Hassell suggested 90 minute parent program for \$300. Will discuss at Jan 2010 meeting. Pumpkin Patch/Balloon Launch/Jessica Baker fundraiser was an amazing day! Halloween parade was great! Thank you to parents for all their support.**
- XII. Open discussion –**
- **Mrs Tocco suggested (Mrs Misch’s idea) day long “Mobile Ark Assembly” for hands on animal presentation. Cost \$650-\$675 per group and school will need 4 groups. Possible dates are April 21-23, 2010. Last school year we had a half day presentation and cost was \$1,350 for 2 groups. Will discuss at January, 2010 meeting. Mrs Misch will get more info and present at meeting.**
 - **Mrs Gauthier suggested W.B. Browning Scholarship with \$500 to one male and one female. Parents and teachers will form “Scholarship Committee” to decide the winners. Student’s family doesn’t have to be a PTA member. Student must attend Browning for a minimum of 1 year and grades don’t matter. Will discuss at January 2010 meeting. Mrs Gauthier showed an example of scholarship application and asked for PTA board’s thoughts and suggestions. She will get more information and present at next meeting.**
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:40**