



**W. B. Browning Elementary
PTA Meeting
Tuesday, 01/12/10 from 7PM - 8 PM
Browning Elementary Research Center**

2009/2010 PTA Theme:

Growing Up Green

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order / Welcome Members - meeting started at 7:00 with 22 members attending.
- II. Review of Minutes from 11/10/09 meeting – motioned by Cristie F and Debbie B and unanimously approved
- III. Treasurer's Report – motioned by Dawn S and Laura S. Cristie F motioned and members approved to pay Chris W \$34.99 for tennis ball purchased since it was over the account balance. Cristie F and Laura S motioned and members approved to pay the Music Express 8/10 – 6/11 subscription for Mrs Bogoski for \$195. The renewal subscription had to come out of this year's budget to keep the subscription running.
- IV. Fundraising & Events -
 - Browning window clings – selling 3 per week, will be sold at Family Reading Night, Bingo Night and Go Green Night
 - Box Top\$ - first contest raised \$2,054.37. New contest now until February 12.
 - My School is Cool – \$848 raised from August – November.
 - Donuts with Dad – Need volunteers. Dunkin Donuts is 20% off. Will check with Tim Horton to compare price. Encouraging moms to help and have dads volunteer at Muffins with Mom event. Suggested using two lines for serving rather than one.
 - Staff Appreciation – Volunteers needed
 - Accelerated Reader Program – Lisa Williams and Jill DeJesus taking over chairing program. Sending notices to staff that program is running. Teachers need to notify Mr Furtah if they want AR done in library. Lisa and Jill will also chair AR store bi-monthly.
 - Picture Lady Program – Volunteers needed. Don't need to know art, just need to educate students about art. Show art to students for 10-25 minutes per classroom. All books and info about artist and artwork is provided. Fun program. Whether 1 classroom per week or 1 per month help is needed. You pick the artwork you want to show students.
 - Family Reading Night – Crafts, snacks, guest readers, & child author from our area to visit. Book fair going on at same time. Suggested having staff members help at event.
 - BINGO Night – bingo license and 50/50 license applied for. Each paid admission will include Capri Sun, bag of chips, 3 paper bingo cards, highlighter and either soft frisbee or seven foot balloon. Will be selling hot dogs, pop, cheesecake and coffee. Will have laptop set up in gym so parents can sign up their Kroger card to Browning's fundraising account. Admission is \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. If child wears green shirt or pants they will put an additional ticket in the door prize jar. 50/50 tickets and window clings will be on sale during event. Mr Furtah will be calling the bingo numbers.
 - Go Green Night – Will demonstrate ways to save energy and fight global warming. Suggested having staff members help at event. Will have crafts, activities, & educational info about recycling.
- V. Recycling Club – Recycling ink cartridges. Club has 25 student members. Lunchroom is recycling lunch trays, plastic and paper daily. Classrooms are recycling paper weekly. Deadline to apply for "Green School" is March 1 and we plan to apply. Teachers will work green facts and activities into March is Reading Month.
- VI. 2010/2011 PTA Board Elections – members were told to start thinking about people they want to nominate and whether they would consider the nomination.
- VII. Staff Representative Report – Proposed field trips/events per grade this year are KINDERGARDEN – farm visit to Browning, Petco and Meijer. FIRST – Detroit Science Center and Nino Salvaggio or Morley Candy. SECOND – dino dig and Macomb Performing Arts. THIRD – nature center, Macomb Perform Arts and historical museum. FOURTH – science center. FIFTH – boat trip or Henry Ford Museum. SIXTH – Joe Dumars, Camp Tamarack and Farmstead Park.
- VIII. Requests for Funding Assistance
 - Wildlife Education On-Site Learning Opportunity – members decided to use Shelby Nature Center instead due to lower cost of \$2.00 per student. Three sessions (each session includes two classrooms) will be going on in gym. Session 1 is hands on with the animals. Session 2 is hands on with the skulls and skins of the animals. Session 3 is games about the animals. Animals include hedgehogs, snakes, turtles, bunnies, scorpions, and beady dragons. Need \$1,000 for program and \$885 in account. Lee G

and Dawn S motioned and unanimously approved. Mrs Hassell and staff to decide on what day to hold full day program.

- Mural/Birds Request – Artist will make approx 35 birds to be placed throughout the school on the four outside walls in the clouds for \$600. Motioned by Jill D and Jenny S and unanimously approved. Art teacher will paint a mural in front of office rather than pay the artist to do the work. Babysitting night had 33 students and raised \$135. Once the popcorn and juice were paid the event broke even.

IX. Principal's Report – UCS nomination forms for Outstanding Teacher of the Year are available on website and are due 1/21. Lisa W, Cindy W and Chris W did a great job at the Balloon Launch and bear naming assembly. Holiday dance was a lot of fun. Toys For Tots and Canned Food Drive was wonderful. Thank you for everyone for donating.

X. Open discussion - Lisa W shared information regarding Writer's Boot Camp starting 1/25. Program is for 8 weeks, cost is \$80 and is Tues/Thurs from 3:50-4:50 at Browning. Open to 3rd – 6th grades. Marcy S mentioned golf outing and if anyone knew of a business that might want to sponsor a golf hole to let her know. Sponsoring a hole will give advertising to the business. Cost to be determined later. Cristie F mentioned Tyson and that we are still collecting Tyson labels. Have also enough to send in to raise \$25 so continue to save labels.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

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