

- A. Welcome & Call to Order: Deb Hervey
- B. Motion to approve amended May Minutes: Judy Nagel-Conley, 2nd: Ann Luttrell, approved.
- C. Principal's Report
 - a. Board has approved additional funds to get more classrooms air-conditioned before the end of the school year. It's uncertain at this time how Brookdale will be affected by the additional funds.
 - b. With the newly air-conditioned rooms for this school year, there have been fewer students visiting the office/school nurse.
- D. President's Report
 - a. Deb Hervey attended the PTA President's Meeting and reported:
 - i. Enrollment is down 200 students, but the numbers have been dropping steadily since 2010.
 - ii. The changes to the residency verification process have been positive. It may potentially be implemented at every grade level.
 - iii. State testing (PARCC) has changed from two testing windows to one testing window for this school year, which will be in either April or May.
 - iv. A potential change in property taxes could affect the school district's funding.
- E. Vice President's Report
 - a. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Ann Cotner reported that the Fun Run is October 7 and the kick-off will be the week of September 21.
 - ii. Kala Arunachalam reported that Reflections Art Program had 25 kids participate last year, with one student advancing to the state level. Fliers for 2015-2016 program will come home the week of September 21.
 - iii. School picture day took place on September 17 and all went smoothly. School picture retakes are scheduled on October 27.
 - iv. Judy Nagel-Conley reported for Indian Prairie Parent Council (IPPC) that Brookdale Elementary School is on the "unity committee" for the 2015-2016 school year. Brookdale is in charge of finding volunteers for the District's 2015 coat drive.
 - v. After-School Enrichment had 19 class offerings in the fall session, with some new classes being offered and more options for kindergarteners.
- F. Secretary's Report
 - a. Carrie Cole reported that Brookdale PTA has a total of 308 members. The new online membership form was a success.
 - b. The 2015-2016 school directory will be ready in October. Brookdale PTA will again be using DirectorySpot as the directory provider.
- G. Treasurer's Report
 - a. 2015-2016 Budget Presentation
 - i. Gretta Stables reported that the PTA took a conservative approach in the budget estimates to make the budget sustainable.
 - ii. A few changes have been made to this year's budget. A few new programs have been added like One Book One School. A few programs were lost like Market Day.
 - iii. The Fifth Grade Party budget was lowered. The Fifth Grade has options for additional fundraising for year-end party. Brookdale PTA will revisit the Fifth Grady Party budget at a future meeting.
 - iv. Motion to approve the amended 2015-2016 budget: Jeanne Strepnacki, 2nd: Gina Secrist.

- b. Budget Surplus/Gift
 - i. It was reported that what has been happening for the past many years is that the Brookdale PTA has brought in more money than spent. Over time, that money has accrued and this surplus will be used as a gift to the school.
 - ii. Brookdale staff and PTA Members may submit ideas for the PTA gift to the school. There will be a special meeting in October for presentations of the proposals. PTA members will vote on the proposals at the next meeting in November.
 - c. Audit Report
 - i. The new PTAEZ accounting system makes it easier to keep books and pass books on.
 - ii. Ann Luttrell officially submitted the audit report to the PTA.
 - iii. Motion to approve the audit report: Ann Cotner, 2nd: Judy Nagel-Conley, approved.
- H. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Attendees:

Mary Howicz, Deb Hervey, Carolyn Witte, Carrie Cole, Heather McClean, Gina Secrist, Jeanne Strepnacki, Nikki Guerrero, Ann Cotner, Bill Follin, Susan Wasson, Jen Surma, Ann Luttrell, Tanya Galer, Kala Arunachalam, Silvia Vega-Mitchell, Tamera Brandon, Judy Nagel-Conley, Sandy Follin, David Rominsky, Amy Biesenthal, Mandy Rominsky, Laurie Hernandez