

- A. Welcome & Call to Order: Carolyn Witte
- B. Motion to approve May 2016 Minutes: Beth Lynn Norton, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Cotner, approved.
- C. Principal's Report
  - a. This year's kindergarten class is the biggest ever.
  - b. Kids are managing the heat and roating classrooms. Each class gets 100 minutes in an air conditioned room.
  - c. Curriculum Night is Wednesday, September 14. There will be a new format.
- D. President's Report
  - a. One of the main topics at the President's Meeting was air conditioning. Currently 1/3 of the classrooms in the District have AC. 56 more classrooms will be completed this year. There is \$2 million per year budgeted. The hope was that District would have a surplus to allocate completely to AC. However, the State did not make their last payment to District for \$4.5 million. Also considering dipping into reserves.
  - b. 1:1 Technology is in the works. Middle Schools got the full rollout this school year. It's being piloted now in High Schools. In 2017, it will fully roll out to high schools and elementary will pilot. In 2018, it will roll out to elementary schools grades 3-5.
  - c. PARCC this year will be for grades 3-8. This could be the last year of PARCC testing because of lack of data.
  - d. A new school funding formula is in the works.
  - e. At Brookdale, our PTA is focused on increasing volunteerism for our many events.
- E. Vice President's Report
  - a. Reflections Arts Program fliers are ordered and will be in backpacks next week. This is an optional program. Volunteer judges will be needed.
  - b. Fun Run Fun Run is on October 5, which is also the same day as Walk to School Day. The committee is working on a new theme. This year's goal is \$11K. Working on prize ideas for kids. All materials will be coming two weeks before Fun Run.
  - c. Morning Greeters The September calendar has filled up, but we are still needing some spaces to fill in October.
  - d. PDAC Our committee chair is attending training and has provided the events calendar for those who are interested,
  - e. World Cultural Fair Has a new co-chair. This year's event is set for January 20. Planning is underway and looking for people who want to share talents and/or ideas.
  - f. Box Tops A new Box Top display is coming soon.
- F. Treasurer's Report
  - a. 2016-2017 Budget
    - i. Budget was increased for kindergarten t-shirts, teacher allocations and field trips due to the increase in students and new teachers this year.
    - ii. Budget was also increased for the PTA's insurance policy.
  - b. Ann Cotner presented the 2015-2016 audit report.
- G. New Business
  - a. Motion to approve audit report: Deb Hervey, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heidi Hall.
  - b. Motion to approve the 2016-2017 budget: Ann Cotner, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Beth Lynn Norton.
  - c. Budget Surplus Presentations The budget surplus is \$5,000.
    - i. Orff Instruments (Danielle Donaldson, Brookdale Music Teacher)
      - 1. Most schools have more instruments than Brookdale currently. Danielle Donaldson has worked at five schools within the District.
      - 2. If there should be other music teachers at Brookdale, they would be able to utilize these instruments.



- 3. Any amount the PTA would approve would be appreciated.
- ii. Volunteer T-shirts
  - 1. Jen Surma suggested generic t-shirts for volunteers at big events that could be recycled (washed and reused) so shirts wouldn't have to be purchased each year.
- iii. Flat Screen at main entrance
  - 1. Mrs. Furstenau would update the information provided on the monitor.
  - 2. Size of the flat screen is in question, however Mrs. Walsh called other schools to inquire about what was being used there.
- iv. Classroom Library Project
  - 1. The books purchased by the PTA would stay with the classroom.
- v. Sphero Robotic Balls
  - 1. This proposal is for \$300 (dropped from \$500) to purchase three balls at \$100 each.
  - 2. The District is making some big changes to put more of a focus on STEM in the coming years. This initiative is beginning in the LMCs and remodeling for Maker Spaces. Eventually all teachers will bring their students to the LMC for STEM.
- vi. Three iPad Mini
  - 1. These three iPad Minis would be for the three Sphero Robotic Balls and Dash.
  - 2. Currently the LMC does have iPad Minis for the robotics the school already has.
  - 3. More iPads are wanted to make Sphero and Dash more useful to small groups.
- vii. Classroom Fans
  - 1. This proposal is for \$1,112 to get wall mounted fans in the 16 classrooms.
  - 2. Mrs. Howicz stated that all classrooms have fans currently.
  - 3. The air conditioning is turned on at 75-degrees
  - 4. We are anticipating, but it is not certain, that three more classrooms will receive air conditioning by the end of the school year.
  - 5. The wall mounted fans are ideal because they do not require storage.
  - 6. Some electrical would have to be determined for the fans.
- d. Formation of a Budget Surplus Committee
  - i. There will be one representative from each grade and one member of the Executive Committee on the Budget Surplus Committee.
  - ii. The Budget Surplus Committee will review all proposals, follow up and research. The Budget Surplus Committee may revise original proposals. Once the proposals are finalized by the Budget Surplus Committee, they will be posted to the PTA website and a surplus gift vote will take place.
  - iii. Budget Surplus Committee:
    - 1. Kindergarten: Megan Hofbauer and Yolanda Morris
    - 2. First Grade: Kristyn Wojciechowski
    - 3. Second Grade: Kelly Clark
    - 4. Third Grade: Heather Thunstedt
    - 5. Fourth Grade: Susan Wasson
- e. Meeting Adjourned.

## Meeting Attendees:

Mary Howicz, Carolyn Witte, Alison Hannon, John Diendorf, Carrie Cole, Beth Lynn Norton, Jennifer Dang, Heidi Hall, Kristen Wojciechowski, Sue Cicero, Gina Secrist, Megan Marshall, Cynthia Pecoraro, Joanie Brooks, Megan Hofbauer, Carrie Swanson, Steph Benesh, Jessica Sonntag, Annie



Nell, Kelly Clark, Susan Wasson, Yolanda Morris, Vernon Morris, Ann Cotner, Gretta Stables, Angela Purcell, Becky McDowell, Deb Hervey, Jen Surma, Jen Louden, Megan Happ, Heather Thunstedt