

- A. Welcome & Call to Order – 7:00pm
 - B. Approval of November 2018 Meeting Minutes – approved and seconded
 - C. Principal’s Report – end of second quarter. Report cards posted last Friday. P/T conferences will be on an as-needed basis. Big thank you to Abby Penich for the gift card program – the teachers really appreciated. Next phase (4) of air conditioning started over break. Covers this side of building (not the MPR and gym, but it does cover art and room 107). Last phase will be LMC in the following school year. Teachers went thru Alice training over break: is a different way for the staff to problem-solve when facing a threat. Goal is to conduct a drill next Fall.
 - D. President’s Report – Screenagers will be shown at Metea February 2 3-5pm from PDAC
 - E. Vice President’s Report
 - a. Reflections: 21 students entered, 18 made it to district, 8 moved on to regional (highest we’ve ever had)
 - b. Gift Card Program: 127 families participated (out of 507 students; growth since last year); just got second shipment of gift cards; one final shipment still coming.
 - c. IPPC: Need a new chairperson immediately; meets on one Thurs am each month.
 - d. Schwan’s Cares: Schwan’s has cancelled program for this year. Anyone with suggested replacement should email the PTA exec committee or Alison Hannon.
 - e. STEAM Night: Coming up Feb. 22. Will be looking for volunteers soon!
 - f. Brainiacs: Goal of 100 students this year! Feb. 20-22. Would like to coordinate parent volunteers for each classroom LMC tour.
 - g. Yearbook: seeking a shadow/new chairperson; Please send photos to Annie Nell.
 - h. Spring Fling: Friday, April 12; starting early for volunteers; need tons of volunteers – fun night and raises a lot of \$ for the school. This is Jen’s third and final year running and would like someone to take over. Looking for a shadow.
 - i. Silent Auction: Same night. Meeting Saturday 2:30pm at Up North to discuss. Would like to tighten the donations from the classrooms and restrict art projects to kindergarten. Striving for stronger descriptions of what people are bidding on. Looking for contacts/potential prizes. Would like bigger items/experiences. Considering grade level partners.
 - j. Box Tops: Now a 5th grade club. \$526 submitted in November. We’ll be getting a payout again in May, then November of next year. Silvia doesn’t want to start a contest because 5th Grade Club comes in from recess early to count Tops and would take up too much of their time.
 - k. PDAC: Last meeting was “Addressing the whole child” focusing on social/emotional learning.. Proposal passed in Dec. to implement “Portrait of a Graduate,” following D204 students from Pre-K thru HS to see what skills they are using. Many services are offered by PDAC, such as Alive and Kids Matter.
 - l. Family Dinner Nights: Nando’s Peri Peri was brought up as a suggestion.
 - F. Treasurer’s Report: Ended Dec with \$15K. Fun Run is still bringing money still. We are close to the goal. Teachers still need to use their gift cards! We will probably end up with a surplus again this year. Book Fair generated slightly less revenue than last year.
 - a. Ruth Sheahan: presented the PTA with \$500 donation from her annual fundraiser, which runs through February.
 - G. New Business
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- a. Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws for Brookdale PTA; need to update the wording. Will be available to review at the next meeting.
- b. Vote on increasing STEM Night Budget – Abby Penich motioned to increase; Jen Louden seconded it. The motion is passed. They will receive an additional \$300.
- c. Nominating committee needs to be elected. The PTA Executive Committee will be seeking volunteers.
- d. Request for funding to support Brookdale Buddies: Mentoring program where HS mentor would come back to Brookdale and help the students. We have had about 30 students each year that are helped at Brookdale once a week in the LMC: Play games, homework, etc. Requires a teacher/parent liaison. 5-7 sessions a semester. Other elementary schools are looking to model a similar program. We don't have a stipend for it this year. Silvia is reaching out to see if the PTA could help support the program. \$350 covers the teacher liaison for their time. Would like to start it in March. Would need to put another meeting on the calendar. SPECIAL EMAIL IS NEEDED TO ANNOUNCE THE ADDITIONAL MEETING.
- e. Jen Louden motioned to amend budget by \$100+ for Hospitality. Mike McLean seconded.

H. Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

Attendees:

Mary Howicz, Heather McLean, Rebecca Yonan, Sue Cicero, Mike McLean, Nikki Guerrero, Jen Louden, Kelly Clark, Becky McDowell, Susan Wasson, Abby Penich, Carol Gaines, Ruth Sheahan, Colleen Nikiel, Angie Beran, Monica Scarpino, Silvia Vega-Mitchell