

**GREEN BROOK PTO MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

7:45 PM Lisa Couch, PTO President, welcomed parents, teachers and Cub Scout Pack #129. Pack #129 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:50 PM Lisa Couch introduced board members: Sharon Buckle, Secretary, Gina Strong, Recording Secretary, Kathy Humphrey, Vice President, and Tiffany Graf, Assistant Treasurer. The board is still in need of a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer. Anyone who is interested should contact Lisa Couch.

**BUDGET REPORT**

Tiffany Graf reviewed proposed budget, profits and expenses. Lisa Couch reviewed proposed fundraisers for the coming year. Copies of the budget report were provided to all present. The budget was called to a vote and passed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Lisa Couch reported that we are looking for members to take over for the officers for next year. The board is also looking for members to chair some of the different committees.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Stephanie Bilenker was not in attendance.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**IEF**

- Mr. Lamberti thanked everyone for a successful first week of school.
- New security drills are going to be put into place this year at IEF, within the first 10 days of schools there will be two fire drills and lock downs. The students will also participate in practicing evacuations from the school.
- There are 11 student teachers at IEF.
- Bus evacuation day will be on September 17
- Picture day will be held on two separate days. September 21 for Pre-k, K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. September 22 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.
- Book fair will be on September 21 -23.
- Back to school night is September 22
- Mr. Lamberti reported that the Homework Club will be using a lottery system to select students that will attend. Parents will be asked to complete a form and return it to the school by September 23. Mrs. Couch will randomly select 30 envelopes to see who will attend Homework Club. Parents will be informed if their child was selected by September 24.
- On September 13, IEF held a commemorative ceremony for 9/11
- Principal story time will be in November at Barnes and Noble.

**GBMS**

- Mrs. Pollard introduced Mrs. Cook, Vice Principal at GBMS and welcomed parents.
- Picture day at GBMS will be on September 17

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE**

No representative was in attendance

### **TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE**

#### **IEF**

- Mrs. Doane welcomed everyone back
- Thanked the PTO for the very generous grants given to the teachers in the spring.

#### **GBMS**

No representative was in attendance

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Need volunteers to work on membership drive. Job included collecting membership information and completing directory for all members.
- Anne Boccio maintains the PTO website. Sign-up to get access to website and to receive e-mail blasts from the PTO.
- Homeroom Parents – Kathy Humphrey is the committee chair. The committee is dedicated to selecting homeroom parents fairly. Grade K-5 need 3 parents per classroom. Grades 6-8 need 5 parents per grade. Grades 6-8 will no longer be doing Valentine's Day parties. They will have all other parties.
- Cultural Arts – Lisa Couch is committee chair. First assembly at IEF will be on Nutrition. Volunteers are needed to help with committee and select remaining assemblies for the year.
- RIF Parties – Christy Ramunno will organize the parties at IEF. Diana Curran and Amy Graf will organize at GBMS
- Mini Grants – Volunteers are needed to form a committee to select recipients for the mini grants. Forms will be sent to teachers soon for the mini grants.

### **WAYS AND MEANS**

- Bake Sale – Need a volunteer to chair committee. There will be back sales at back to school night. Bakers are needed.
- Modell's – Maria Piccirilli will chair fundraiser. PTO will be selling Modell's coupon books for \$5 each. Inside each book is a \$5 gift card and coupons to use at Modell's during an assigned week. Maria Piccirilli also proposed doing a different fundraiser at Modells' which allows the school to select the month, called team weeks, that coupons can be used. PTO will make 5% back from all sales during those weeks. Parents will get 15% off of all purchases during team weeks. All money made from the Modell fundraisers will be given directly to the Physical Education Department.
- Stop and Shop – Any family that has a Stop and Shop card can go online and register their card with the A+ program. Everytime the card is used a % will be given back to the school
- Target – Anyone with a Target credit card can link the card to Green Brook schools. Everytime the card is used a % of the purchase will go back to the

- schools.
- Sunshine Fundraising – Is a new fundraiser that will take the place of prior fundraiser, Innisbrook.
- Book Fairs – Christy Ramunno will chair at IEF. Tiffany Graf will chair at GBMS. Volunteers are need to work the book fairs on September 21-23.
- Holiday Boutique – Charlene Schulyer will chair at IEF. Lisa Couch will chair at GBMS. Volunteers are needed. The boutique will be held on December 7 -9. The boutique at IEF will also be open the night of 12/7, which will also include a gingerbread house making party.
- Box Tops – Gina Strong will chair committee. There will be two submissions per year, October 31 and February 28. Gina also reported that certain stores will give back to the school. More information regarding this will be sent out to parents. Mrs. Strong is looking help cutting out box tops. It is a good community service project for either the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.
- Casino Night – The board is looking for volunteers to organize a committee to plan a Casino Night.
- Vendor Night – Kim Grossman will chair this event to be held on November 12 at GBMS. If you have a business and would like to be a vendor at vendor night please e-mail Kim Grossman at [reidandkingrossman@yahoo.com](mailto:reidandkingrossman@yahoo.com)
- School Supply kits will be done at the end of the school year for the following year.
- Summer Enrichment Books will be done at the end of the school year for the summer.
- Kid's stuff Books will be sold throughout the year.
- Juice Pouch Brigade – There are recycling cans in the cafeterias that are being used to collect the silver juice pouches. Pouches are sent to a company in Trenton who recycles the pouches into new products. PTO gets 2 cents back for every pouch. Money made from this fundraiser will used for a green initiative.
- Yankee Candles will be sold in the Spring.

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

- Trunk or Treating will be held on Friday, October 22. Cathy Yanes will chair this event. Volunteers are needed to decorate cars for the event.
- Bengal Bashes are dances at GBMS for grades 6 – 8. First two dances are for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades only. The last dance is for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Diana Curran and Debbie Schmidt will co-chair the committee. The committee is looking for new ideas to reenergize the bashes with the hope of getting more students to participate.
- Pool parties are held every fall and spring. A discussion was held on whether or not to have both parties in the future or just the spring party.
- Spring Egg Hunt will be held at Top of the World Park. Volunteers are needed.
- Food Drive – There is a nationwide initiative for a food drive in March 2011. PTO would like to participate and give the students a sense of community. All food collected will be donated to the FISH organization in South Plainfield.

### **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Cindy La Rue will chair committee.

**HOSPITALITY**

Kathy Humphrey will chair committee

**TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

Wendy Francisco will chair committee

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ice Cream Party Raffle Winner – Gabrielle Tharp, Mrs. Scannell

Raffle Winner – Erin Napadano

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Buckle, PTO Secretary