

**Green Brook PTO Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010**

7:30 PM Lisa Couch Calls meeting to order. Guest Speaker, Robyn Ulmer from Barnes and Nobles is introduced. Ms. Ulmer discusses the up coming Principal Story time with Mr. Lamberti. A portion of every book, accompanied by a Barnes and Noble school voucher, on December 2 will be donated back to library.

Reading of the Minutes

Motion, seconded and accepted to bypass the reading of the minutes

Board of Education Representative

- Mr Bruce Martin and Mr. John Sartor were representing the Board of Education. The board is looking to set up a committee to be a part of the Superintendents search. Mr. Martin also discussed the upcoming school budget and projected that it will be worse than last year. Mr. Martin explained that there will be no balance from the previous year to be carried over. The board would like to discuss courtesy busing versus subscription busing. The board is also looking into privatizing certain jobs within the school, i.e.; busing and janitors. As of right now the board is only looking to discuss these options to see how they may or may not help with the budget.
- The question of whether or not is possible to share a superintendent with another school district was asked of Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin replied that the board had already looked into this, but none of the other surrounding school districts were interested in participating.
- The one million dollar grant to renovate the fields at Green Brook Middle School were put on hold because district needed approvals that the board was not aware of. The grant is still being honored and all approvals are now in place. The board is waiting to get proposals from the county, who is administering this project.
- The Board of Education has hired a company to help organize the search for a superintendent.
- November 30 or December 1 are tentative dates for an input session regarding the superintendent search. The topic of discussion will be what are the main criteria we are looking for in our new superintendent?
- Mr. Martin also informed the PTO that the students in Green Brook surpassed all other sending districts on the NJ Ask.

President's Report

- Lisa Couch reported that the PTO is still in need of a treasurer. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Lisa Couch.

- The board is also looking for volunteers to take over the roles of President and Secretary for the 2011 -2012 school year. Any volunteers please contact a member of the PTO board.

Treasure's Report

- Checking Account - \$41,215.88
- Savings Account - \$12,757.53
- Gaming License Account - \$2,150.80
- Total Assets - \$54,224.21

Treasure's report was motioned and seconded.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Pollard presented on behalf of GBMS

- reminded parents that picture retakes will be tomorrow at GBMS.
- Parent visitation day is next week.
- Tickets are currently on sale for a Midsummer Night's Dream.
- Year book order forms have been sent home
- Report cards will be distributed on November 19
- A new program is being installed that will allow parents to go on line and check their children's grade in any subject and at any time. This is for 3rd grade through 8th grade only.
- GBMS is currently holding a Thanksgiving drive competition. The class that receives the most donated food will win

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Doane reminded parents that parent visitation day is next week. The first RIF party will be this Friday.

Mr. Fornale presented on behalf of GBMS staff. He thanked the PTO for all that we do.

Committee Reports

Membership Drive – Maria Piccirilli reported that currently we have 331 families and 41 faculty/staff that have signed up to be a part of the PTO. Anne Beck is proof reading the directory and inputting all information into the database. She is hoping to get the directories out before the holiday break.

RIF Party – The first one is this Friday. Snacks will no longer be served to the students. That money will be put towards more books and a better variety of books for the RIF parties.

Sunshine Fundraising – Lisa Coach reminded parents that she still has orders that need to be picked up. Please see Lisa if you have not received your order yet. Dini Checko was not impressed with the quality of the items from the Sunshine fundraiser. This will be noted for next year's fundraiser.

Kids Stuff Coupon Book – Coupon books have been sent home. Please return it, if you do not wish to purchase it. Books will be sold at vendor night.

Bake Sale – Gina Strong is looking for volunteers to bake for vendor night.

Box Tops for Education- Gina Strong reported that we made \$335 from the first submission of box tops. Gina also suggested that parents go to www.boxtops4education.com and sign-up at their market place. For every purchase you make through their market place, PTO will get money back. The next submission for box tops will be in February.

Vendor Night – Will be held on November 12 at GBMS. There are 34 vendors attending. There will be PTO table and a 50/50 table. There will be more than 30 door prizes. Doors open at 6 PM. Kim Grossman has collected over \$800 thus far. Kim is looking for volunteers to work the 50/50 table and the PTO table.

Holiday Boutique – December 7 through December 9. Volunteers are needed to work at both schools. The boutique will be open on December 7 at night for any parents that wish to shop with their children.

Trunk or Treating – was a huge success. Police, fire and EMS all participated. Green Brook Recreation Committee provided a balloonist.

Health and Welfare – Cindy La Rue is organizing a Thanksgiving drive. Please send in all monetary donations by November 12.

Old Business

New Business

Lisa Couch thanked 1st grade parents for refreshments. The next PTO meeting will be January 11 at 9:30 AM at IEF. 2nd grade parents are responsible for providing refreshments.

Ice Cream Party Winner – John Strong grade 3 Mrs. Pirrone

9:05 PM – Meeting motioned to adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Buckle, PTO Secretary