

Lucille J. Bradley Elementary PTO September 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 10am & 6pm at Lucille J. Bradley Elementary School
Meeting called to order by: Suzanne Baldwin PTO President at 10:00am

AM Attendance: Suzanne Baldwin, Erin Soares, Jennifer Ferguson, Jessica Whipple, Katherine Posas, Delia Galligan, Tralynn Victorian, Kia Gastineaux, Helen DeSpain, Roxanne Bradford, Shandra Arceneaux, Misty McGinnis, Keisha Smith, Belinda Mitchell, Andrea Stickels, Amy Meaux, Krystal Roberson, Alysa Lowry, Jennifer Doyle, Courty Marrs, Heda Bell, Holly Wicker, Shawn Rouege, Chelsea Anderson, Arlenn Gomez, Monica Cuella, Dr. Christine Butler, Ashley Wright, Nikki Wallace, Shenika Dinnon, Tamberly King, Angela Schulz, Erika Duckworth, Kim McCraw, Valarie Abed.

PM Attendance: Suzanne Baldwin, Erin Soares, Jennifer Ferguson, Ashley Cooper, Jessica Whipple, Katherine Posas, Tralynn Victorian, Ashley Hliva, Jesse Escorcia, Lauren Prince, Lisa Ward, Courtney Snook, Marlana Leonard, Dr. Christine Butler, Allie Harper, Kim Simmons, Andrea Schmidt, Natasha Kiel, Natasha Hearld, Linda Frazier, Kim Gray, Sola Kolade.

Board Members:

Suzanne Baldwin, President; Jennifer Ferguson, Vice President; Director of Fundraising, Jessica Whipple, Director of Membership, Tralynn Victorian; Director of Hospitality, Katherine Posas; Director of Programs, Ashley Cooper; Director of Classroom Activities, Delia Galligan; Treasurer, Open Position; Parliamentarian, Open Position; Secretary, Erin Soares

Meeting called to order by PTO President Suzanne Baldwin at 10:04am & 6:02pm.

1. Introduction of Board Members. Our Principal, Dr. Butler's introduction. It is great that we can bring all our experiences from other schools to Bradley and make Bradley great. School Dedication is October 11th. Bradley families are encouraged to attend the dedication. Our counselor, Mrs. Wright's introduction, wants us to know her door is always open if we need anything.

2. Mother/Son Dance, Move to January 20th? Father/Daughter Dance, Move to a Saturday? Saturdays are a better day for both the dances. Mother/Son dance will be held January 20th, 2018. We need to vote on a date for the Father/Daughter dance, either February 10th or February 17th. - Vote Majority voted for Feb 17th. So the Father/Daughter dance will be held February 17th, 2018. We will need volunteers to head up committees for both dances. Tralynn will organize the volunteers.

3. Details for Trunk or Treat, Food? Time? (6pm-7:30pm) What is Trunk or treat? Trunk or treat is where you bring your car to the school parking lot and decorate your trunk. The kids will go around to each car and Trick or Treat. Each car participant must supply their own candy. Food trucks for food? A few parents have connections for food

trucks and we will contact them. This will be a fundraiser for PTO by selling food. Other food ideas - keep it simple like pizza or hot dogs, but food trucks will be easy with no prep or clean up. We need a committee to help plan Trunk or Treat. Participants can bring any food item to hand out, it does not need to be store bought for PTO events. A form will be sent out a week or so before Trunk or Treat to see who wants to bring their cars. What can we do to prevent cars from being decorated the same? Maybe we can have a signup where we can see how everyone is decorating. We may also have a decorating competition. If it rains we can decorate tables inside the cafeteria.

4. PTO Shirts. This is a separate PTO shirt from the spirit shirts we have already.. It will be heathered blue and it will say, "You are a Bear necessity, Bradley PTO". The shirt will cost \$12. Sign up form going around to preorder. Hurricane Harvey delayed the shipment of our first order school shirts. They should be here in 1 to 2 weeks. Spirit shirt day is every Friday and we wear school shirts on field trips as well. We have 40 more navy blue shirts coming in to have on hand. Another web store for school shirts will be opening in November.

5. Gift card drive will be supporting Ford and Houser Elementary. Dates to run it? What stores should be included? This will support families at both Ford and Houser Elementaries that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Acceptable stores would be; Wal-mart, Target, Amazon, Visa, HEB, Kroger, Home Depot, kids clothing stores. The gift card drive will run through the month of October. Do we want to do it by class or by individual? Room moms can ask for a certain amount of money from each parent and purchase a gift card. -Vote- individual or class? Majority voted yes for individuals bringing gift cards. It will be easier for each parent to donate a gift card instead of bringing money. This would also give the students a chance to be a part of choosing a gift card to help others. Opinions - Financial goal? We want to raise as much as we can to help. Funds will be given evenly to each school's Principle.

6. Boosterthon committee signups. Dr. Butler explains what Boosterthon is for our parents that have not experienced Boosterthon. Boosterthon is a Character driven fundraiser event that teaches children how to be good citizens. Boosterthon is so successful that it will be our only large fundraiser for the school. Boosterthon kickoff starts Oct. 18th and goes through Oct 27th which is the fun run. The outreach program with Boosterthon will go towards helping with Harvey relief. We need a Committee for decorating. Decorating will start September 22nd and it needs to be completed by Oct 17th. The Boosterthon committee meeting will be Sept 20th at 9:30am. There are a ton of decorating ideas on pintrest. There will be a door decorating contest. Boosterthon team members will choose winner. There will be prizes! You do not need to be at school every day to decorate, although that would be awesome. There will be things that can be done at home to help as well. We would like to decorate all the halls in the school if we can get enough volunteers. Decorating committee meet for a few minutes after this meeting is over. We will also need volunteers for the day of the fun run. You can volunteer during your child's grade time or volunteer all day.

7. Open board positions vote. Nominees will give a brief introduction of themselves

and what qualifications they have for the position they are running for.
Running for Treasurer - Alsya Lowry, Shenika Dinron, and Shandra Aroeneaux
Running for Parliamentarian- Shawn Rouege and Delekia Gastineaux

Cash Basis Financial Report. We reviewed our financial report. Our beginning balance came from Snyder, Birnham Woods, and Broadway PTOs.

Spirit Sticks and Bear Cave Store – We are starting out with a small selection, it will be a Bradley spirit stick and a spirit sticks for each grade level. We will purchase more throughout the year once we raise more money. Will need a Bear Cave Chairperson and spirit stick chairperson. We will need volunteers to help students in the Bear Cave Store - school store. Sign up genius will go out a week before so parents can sign up to help.

8. Open discussion and any other updates, questions, etc. Asking about festivals or carnivals. That's something we won't be able to do this year with our budget. But we want to try to have it next year.

1st Spirit Night is tomorrow, Wednesday 9/13/2017 at Crust Pizza. You can dine in or carry out all day. Just put your receipt in wooden box at Crust.

Don't forget to fill out the volunteer background check on CISD website (needs to be filled out for every family member that wants to volunteer). Also, check our Facebook page for updates and volunteer opportunities.

Meeting Adjourned

End - 11am and 6:50pm