

November Brown Board Meeting 11/10/2025 6pm

In attendance: Frank Henderson, Kelly Spooner, Heather Cartier, Kim Rausch, Alissa Amara, Alexia Volpe, Amy Brown, Seth Lee, Jenny Ney, Hilary Axtmayer

- **Welcome**
- **Principal Report (Mrs. Spooner)**
 - o 12:45 early dismissal – for parent teacher conferences (Wed and Thursday)
 - o Coffee with counselors Nov. 11th: 8:45: executive function skills
 - Stop by even if not RSVP
 - o Report Cards – trimester 1 is done December 3rd: December 15th infinite campus
 - o 5th grade advisory committee: Collecting books and puzzles for Syd's Bookshelves – engaged students!
 - PTO will do social media post to help support this!
 - o School Wide Assembly: Around the World: December 10th
 - o Veterans Day: Morning announcements will acknowledge Veterans
 - Signs around flagpole
 - Memorial Day will be the Brown veteran celebration, while Polson and Hand will celebrate vets tomorrow on Veteran's Day.
- **Treasurer Update (Alexia)**
 - Fall fundraising update
 - \$32,108.15 – balance
 - \$27,000 in checking
 - \$5,060 in CD
 - Tax filing has been submitted
 - Certificate of amendment for name change is in progress
- **Income:**
 - Mabels Labels
 - Dues: more than \$10,000
 - Fall pies: \$6,245.18
 - Election Day Bakesale: \$500
 - Flower Power: \$350
 - Student Enrichment: sold out - 95 slots – net is \$544
- **Expenses:**
 - o Halloween Laser
 - o December concert
- **Administrative**
 - o Weekly Newsletters instead of monthly – expect one of every Sunday now!
- **Recap Events**
 - o Fall Extracurriculars
 - Week 5 of extracurriculars
 - All is going smoothly
 - Racquet Club programming is going well – successful so far
 - o Walk to School Days (Seth)
 - Two successful days – good turnout albeit the rainy day.
 - Potentially do it again in the Spring with Neck River
 - o RJ Julia author visit (Heather)

- Enough books were purchased
 - Successful event - thank you Heather!
- o Bookfair (Amy)
 - Donate \$7,000 of books to back to school
 - And more TBD for library
- Halloween Boo Bash (Seth)
 - Successful – huge turnout for trick or treating and book fair
 - Smart to have activity at the door
 - Ali Murphy was hugely helpful!
- Pie Pick up (Jenny and Seth)
 - Mostly successful pie pick up – couple people did not pick up – perpetual problem – better than usual.
 - Great job Jenny and Seth for organizing!
 - 30 donated pies
- Movie Day with Neck River
 - 250 pounds donated to food pantry from movie
 - Challenge with the theater – one theater did not work – PTO provided refunds and credits for those that did not get to see movie.
- Election Day Bake Sale (Hil and Kim)
 - Successful bake sale – raised almost \$500.
 - Potential for more success in the future
- Veterans Day signs (Seth)
 - 18 signs recognizing vets
 - No concert at Brown this year
- Food Drive- Ends 11/14 (Sandy Potter/Amy)
 - Thank you to Sandy Potter
 - Less than this year; however, other drives are popping up everywhere and significant donations from pies.
- **Upcoming Events to discuss**
 - School Store 11/14
 - This coming Friday
 - K-5 all in one morning
 - December Pop-up Class
 - Registration opened 11/8-11/18
 - Almost sold out immediately (2 spots open)
 - 1 spot in STEAM and 1 spot in Coololgy
 - Fall Bingo Night (Lex and Amy) moved to Dec 12th
 - 3 families as of now
 - Need to promote
 - Toy drive (11/17-12/5) (Sandy Potter/)
 - Holiday Shop (12/12) (Lex and Amy)
 - Will work on holiday store schedule ASAP and then recruit volunteers
 - 1 hour volunteer spots can be made available
 - Decorate the night before
 - May have a crafting night to help with prep for school store items (DIY)
 - Discussion around other items
 - Winter Workshops Volunteers (Lex and Seth)
 - 12 or volunteers so far
 - We may need a few more (non-arts and crafts themed)
 - Targeted recruiters for winter workshop teachers

- **Fundraisers Update**
 - Believe Holiday Fundraiser (Hilary)
 - Ongoing – still need to push this out.
 - Two weeks left
- **Looking ahead**
 - Thanksgiving Teacher appreciation- stock the lounge
 - o December 19th– Heather will lead
 - Portofino Restaurant Week (December? Or January?)
 - o Need date: maybe before holidays?
 - o Kim will be point person

To be discussed: Give to Grow: Location Beach Hotel vs. Surf Club?