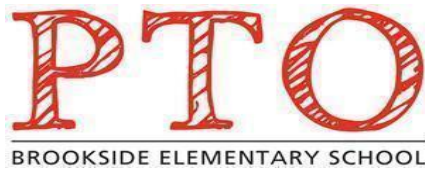


**Meeting Summary: Monday, March 30th @ 8pm  
@ Lolita's, Westwood**

**Co-President Report**

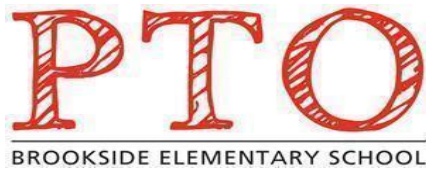
- 2026/27 Open PTO Exec Board Positions – 1 Co-President + 1 Co-Treasurer
  - **Final Call for Submissions**; If uncontested – we'll simply announce new officers with a July start
  
- Recent Wrap Reports / Feedback / Recognition
  - BEAR
    - Future Considerations:
      - Fall Bear (however, could be hard for teachers with start of the year and heavy fall sports)
      - Offering more sessions for the favorite classes (e.g. Munch Monsters)
      - Cheddar Up for sign-ups vs. Sign Up Genius
      - Communicating to new families how quickly these fill up (minutes not days) and how best to navigate signing up for multiple children
  - Read Across America & all things Penguins!
    - Low turnout on Boulders submissions (~30); but communication could have been stronger this year
  - Bash (general feedback from survey)
    - Great in-person feedback on a positive and great event!
    - Consensus that Seasons may be worth it compared to other venues for the extra \$20 given open bar and good food
    - Incoming Committee should share a comparison of Seasons to 2 - 3 other venues to inform community and vote before committing (low interest in Community Center)
    - Consider a Wed night at Seasons to lower the cost further?
  - Valentine's Day Promos + St. Patrick's Pretzels + Devils
    - Consider Pizza Kit & Demo for Valentine's Day next year (Pompillos?)
    - Consider Sirens Women's Hockey game
    - All sport events (like Devils) stronger effort to book in advance so that all of Brookside can be seated together
  - Lego Night
    - This event needs a full refresh for next year — possible ideas:
      - One big build / project for all



- A Lego Masters Gameshow type event (e.g. teams build under a timeframe & theme with a panel of judges & prizes )
  - Science Fair
  - Smash house
- Field Day T-Shirt Design Contest & Volunteer Sign-Ups
  - Class Moms to please put out a call for submissions – deadline is April 13
- Spiritwear Update
  - Will set up a table alongside Blacktop Pretzel sales this spring
- BOE + WON Updates
  - Asks on what Building & Grounds is responsible for (e.g. PRIORITY: path clean-up behind the school – it is unsightly, but more importantly, dangerous and many students (5th grade) and families utilize this path)
- 5th Grade Committee Updates

### **Upcoming Events**

- Upcoming Shopping Incentives
  - Tomorrow March 31st BINGO @ Hunt & Orchard (Ridgewood!)
  - April 15th @ Al Dente / Luciano's
  - April 21st @ Spenga in Montvale
  - *B&M Dinner (May BBQ dinner)*
  - *MarketHouse (May / Mother's Day)*
    - GENERAL FEEDBACK: Food / dinners do better than events; Consider events geared towards the kids
- Blacktop Pretzel Sales – continues to be a great fundraiser for PTO
  - Looking to bring back 1-2x a month in the spring
  - Consider other options for the fall (e.g. donuts & cider, etc.)
- April 16: Art Show / Open House / Book Fair
  - *Volunteers needed! Live in toolkit*
- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4 - 8th) - Wild West Theme! Plan those doors (come out of class dues)
  - Teacher "Wanted" Posters!
  - Reminder: \$15 for the teacher + \$10 per aide (even if 1:1 aide) out of class funds; Nothing else for class parents to collect – let families do their own gifting beyond if they so wish



- Field Trips
- Beautification Committee Updates & Plans
  - Birthday Showcase to Student Work Refresh
  - Vestibule Entrance Refresh

### **Treasurer Report**

- Statement of Accounts
- Upcoming Allocations
  - Administration Professionals Day (April 22)
  - National School Principals Day (May 1)

### **VP Report**

- Teacher appreciation - Teacher & aid gifts
- Start thinking about EOY gift & parties

### **Open Forum for Questions, Thoughts, Concerns**

- PTO Funds Brainstorm
  - Consensus that the digital message board is not necessary or well-used given the location of our entrance (not on a main road; many families don't use that entrance)
  - Basketball Hoops
  - Branded Gym Mats
  - Indoor Recess Carts (but storage of carts could be an issue)
  - Bike Racks (could be put by the Outdoor Classroom fencing/grass area)
- Police Department Assembly in fall / ahead of Walk to School Day on "walk to school" safety
- Check with Glen / Building & Grounds on the Outdoor Classroom upkeep issue and the previous approval process (Danielle)
- Overall Comms Feedback: Last minute & multiple comms wins over too far in advance where things get lost; Newsletter & social calendar have been helpful
- Meetings outside of the gym (with drinks!) are a nice way for conversation & feedback!

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