

Committee Reports-10/5/2016 Meeting

VP Reports

Briarwood – (Nicole Takla, nicoletakla@gmail.com)

We are off to a great start at Briarwood this year. Incoming kindergarteners all received Briarwood t-shirts as a gift from the PTA. Pre-K students welcome received pencils and 1st graders received welcome back rulers and pencils. Our Book Fair is October 17-21 so be on the look out for the Sign-Up Genius email so you can volunteer during your child's class. Kindergarten Fun night is on Wed October 19th at 6pm. Look for the flier on Document Manger soon. Red Ribbon Week is October 24-28. During that week Mrs. Seery will visit health classes to talk about healthy living. See her flier on Doc Manager for the week's events. During the last week of October we will be having our Pumpkins and Poems contest for all grade levels. All participants will receive a prize on October 31st. More details on Document Manger in the next week or so. In early November, we will celebrate the election season with some fun voting choices for the children - stay tuned!

Brooklake – (Kathy Henning, kathyhenning@optonline.net; Jennifer Casola, jcasola@gmail.com)

- Brooklake T-Shirt Sales are complete. If anyone is still interested in getting a shirt, please contact Kathy Henning or Jenn Casola.
- PTA Book Fair scheduled for the week of 10/17. Sign-up for volunteers will be sent via email.
- Pumpkins & Poems Contest is set for Friday, October 28th. All entries are to be brought in on Wednesday 10/26 and must be removed on Friday 10/28. Winners will be selected from each class and participation prizes will be given to all who enter.
- Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31st at 10:00 AM.
- We are still looking for a volunteer to head-up 3rd Grade Fun Night (scheduled for February 3). If you are interested, please contact Kathy Henning or Jenn Casola.

Ridgedale – (Alfie Zirpoli, zirpoli5@gmail.com; Valerie Huang, huangfamily711@yahoo.com)

- First school dance went well. We are planning the second for January.
- HIC trip in October

Treasurer Report (Kristen Fox, kristenfox@optonline.net)

Account Balances as of 10/3/16:

Checking account: \$78,040.99
Food Account: \$2,416.73
Savings Account: \$10,102.06
Gaming Account: \$100.00

The checking account currently includes \$36,000 that has been carried over from our last fiscal year. This money will be divided evenly between Briarwood, Brooklake, and Ridgedale to be put towards books and supplies for the Reader's and Writer's Workshop initiative.

Food Treasurer Report (Jennifer Pulice, jennpulice@aol.com)

Our new lunch program has gotten off to a great and tasty start. Our second lunch session began on Tuesday and will run through November 22nd. Ordering for the 3rd session will be open November 16 - November 23rd. All ordering and session dates are listed on our website at http://fpkpta.org/p_lunchord.html. We continue to offer different menu items for our children to try and will offer the more popular items consistently in the future. Any suggestions or feedback is welcome and can be sent to florhamparklunch@gmail.com. Allergy or ingredient questions should be sent to our caterer Michelle D'Anna at md@thepartycouture.com.

Arts in Education (Liliana Cannizzo, lilanacannizzo@gmail.com)

Speaker on October 28th at Ridgedale Middle School:

Gian Paul Gonzalez has traveled across the nation as a motivational speaker for many corporate, athletic, government and educational institutions. His message of being "All In" has reached people across the world. Gian Paul earned a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and is founder of an organization called Hope and Future which is dedicated to helping inner city youth. During the New York Giants' 2011 Super Bowl run, much of their inspiration is attributed to Gian Paul's now famous "ALL IN" rally cry speech that he delivered during the team's chapel service prior to their Christmas Eve game with the NY Jets.

Show for Briarwood School on October 14th:

Storybook Tales- Pinocchio and Robin Hood; this production is hilarious, packed with audience interaction, brimming with character education lessons, and plenty of puns to bring these literary classics to life. Performance by Bright Star Children's Theater

Show at Brooklake School on October 14th:

It Takes Courage- teaches young people the power of the individual. America is filled with amazing figures who overcame great obstacles...the show celebrates a variety of famous people from Helen Keller, Franklin D. Roosevelt to Justin Timberlake and Bill Gates. It sends messages of courage, tools to overcome obstacles, and anti-bullying. Performance by Bright Star Children's Theater

Board of Ed Liaison Report (Tracy Hunt, tracylhunt@yahoo.com)

Enrollment : 963 Students

HIB report: 1

School did a HIB School Self-Assessment and found there was one incident of not filing in a timely manner.

PARCC Presentation by Mr. Silkinson (to see presentation slides online www.fpk.org)

A comparison of 2014/2015 results to 2015/2016 was performed and data will be brought to the teachers to analyze and assess how the information was taught to students and how we can learn and improve for next year. A report with 'like districts' will come out and we can compare how we did against other schools.

Agenda link:<http://www.fpk.org/pdf/Agendas/2016/092616.pdf>

Discussions during committee reports:

Personnel: Drama Club - Katie Hawk will be replacing Jacqueline Marchaterre this year for school play. Mrs. Lazorko will begin maternity leave effective 2/1/17, returning 9/1/17.

Curriculum: Phasing out French program in FP schools for World Language. Discussing possibility of giving another language option while maintaining budget considerations. Technology plan for 2016-2019 and goals were discussed. HIB School Self Assessment was approved. Workshops on Writers/Readers Workshop are coming up 10/6 at 6pm.

Finance: Audit is complete and report will be sent and exit conference will be done at the next finance meeting on 10/17.

Facility checklist completed. Recommendation to remove trees in center of Ridgedale lawn. Referendum dates to vote for HVAC system will be in March 2017 and September 2017.

All items on agenda approved. Next meeting 10/24

Book Fair (Christina Clark, clark41704@gmail.com)

Thank you to everyone for their continued support purchasing books through Scholastic Books each month!! With every purchase a portion goes back to our schools. This year each school was able to purchase books for the several of the classrooms. Keep up the good work!

The fall book fair is coming soon! The book fair will run from Monday, October 17th through Friday, October 21st. Look for the class schedule and volunteer sign ups coming soon!

Color Run (Russ Corrao, russ@why russ.com)

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's color run last month! We hope families had a great time. Thank you especially to all of the volunteers - parents, administrators, teachers - who made the event possible! We hope to continue this event in years to come to kickoff every school year and bring the school community together! We are still in the process of finalizing figures but expect to have brought in about \$4,000 for our schools. Thank you again for your support!

Box Tops (Karen Corrao, kar4113@yahoo.com)

For the 2015-2016 school year, we surpassed our goal of \$2,500 by collecting over \$2,760 in box tops! Thank you for all those who have saved their box tops and for the ladies and gentlemen who have spent many hours cutting and counting. We continue to collect them throughout the year so keep them coming!

Moms Night Out (Lilliana Cannizzo, fpladies@gmail.com)

Save the Date for our first event 10/20 at 7:30pm, location TBD. Watch for further information.

Campbell's Labels (Joanne Holmes, jovholmes@hotmail.com)

The Labels for Education program has accumulated over 10,000 points. Thank you to all families that have collected the labels. This summer we were able to redeem these points for physical education equipment including playground balls and pedometers for Ms. Gilligan. We also provided Ms. Crotty with art supplies such as paints, markers and brushes for her art classes. They were both very appreciative. This program will continue for one more school year until July 2017. We would appreciate families to continue to clip and submit all Labels for Education to both Briarwood and Brooklake schools by sending them in with your child or place in collection boxes located in the main offices. Any questions feel free to contact Joanne Holmes: jovholmes@hotmail.com.

Kids Stuff Fundraiser (Dionne Rhodes(BWD), dionnerhodes08@gmail.com; Kristine Peterson(BKL), krispaul2000@yahoo.com)

Briarwood - We are currently awaiting approval from the board to begin distribution of books. The next board meeting is October 24. We would like to get them distributed that week.

Brooklake - The Kidstuff coupon book sale is currently taking place and will continue for another week. Brooklake School has sold 62 books so far and we are still waiting for 166 students to return their sales updates.

Membership (Mary Puzzuoli-Bill, marypazool@earthlink.net)

Currently the PTA has 494 active members for the 2016-2017 school year. Last year our total membership at year end was 519 members. We are still accepting new memberships. If you receive any checks/cash payments, please place them in the PTA mailboxes at your school offices. I will be checking them weekly.