

## BRICHTA PTO MINUTES – September 2011

### Introductions

Review of Minutes from August 2011

### Officers' Reports

Discussion of open President position due to resignation of Jennifer Schroeder to prevent possible conflict of interest

#### Treasurer's Report:

Previous bank account closed with Wells Fargo, new account opened with BBVA Compass Bank, Discussed budget and fundraising

Yearbook will be handled by a University of Arizona student through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant

Discussed ordering additional T shirts, Kerry Hodgkinson will research costs, discussed types, styles, colors

Star Party discussed, budget approved, will send \$100 to Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association, tasks assigned and logistics discussed

### Principal's Report:

Student achievement is the top priority

Would like to conduct survey to determine how to involve/engage more parents

We are also hoping to add another Cross Categorical Resource person to enable us to better meet Individual Education Plans

Walking path supported by Drachman Institute is progressing through approval channels

Staff will be attending bullying response training

21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant leadership is working to get classes in place, multiple vendors/participants may mean some classes do not meet 4 days per week, not sure if program was adequately publicized, may need to send additional information regarding programs and qualifications

Principal Cruz would like to be able to include PTO information in monthly newsletter; deadline is the first Friday of the month, for distribution the first Monday of the new month

Site Council:

Additional teachers are needed for Site Council, discussed teachers meeting 301 goals for 'pay for performance,' noted criteria will be different next year

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Fundraising:

More Safeway club cards are registered than in the past, need to remind them it requires annual renewal, discussed receipt collection outside Safeway stores during their promotion

Teachers mentioned they do not always understand some of the promotions, additional information would be beneficial

Noted Compass for a Cause program gives Brichta \$50 per new checking account with minimum direct deposit monthly, requires a code and registration

Fry's Supermarket card also needs to be renewed annually

Discussed Spring Social funds, event was not primarily designed as a fundraiser, money raised went to help pay for teacher stipends, no additional teacher funds were dispersed

Upcoming Events:

Star Party on 9/27, Fifth Grade car wash, Rummage Sale, Bianchi's Night 10/11, Care packages for overseas military personnel in early November, Student Council Movie Night 11/18, Polar Express Night 12/13, Sock Hop 1/20, Book Fair/Love of Reading 2/12, Brichta Blast 4/27

Discussed incentives for attendance and being on time

Moved/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) to hold cookie dough sale in time for delivery prior to Winter Break, discussion preceded decision

Next Fundraising Subcommittee meeting October 10 6:00 p.m.

General Discussion Items

Discussed meeting night, did not seem to make a difference in attendance, consensus decision to keep meetings on Tuesday evenings, next meeting October 18 6:30 p.m.

M/S/C to approve proposed budget as submitted including two \$50 prizes for Box Tops contests

Discussed Science Fair, noted 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant may be able to subsidize entrants

Stories That Soar is booked for the rest of the year

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.