

Brichta Elementary PTO Minutes

Location: Brichta School Library
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Time: 6:30 pm
TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Members Present: Sabrina Cruz, Jennifer Schroeder, Diana Kingfisher, Liz Dalglish, Kerry Hodgkinson, Eva Loya, Stephanie Hamilton, Jim Carrasco, Cindy and Joel Lucero, Veronica

Principal's Report–

Recent visitor to Brichta shared information on “Systems Thinking.” Offered presentation for the future on Systems Thinking.

There is no current update on the construction projects for Brichta; installation of hand dryers, extension of fence and street alignment.

Budget advisory committee says there will be no further cuts for the rest of this year. Anticipated cuts for next year are 10-15% which would result in no librarian and counselor positions.

First choice proposal is waiting for teacher input.

The school does have copier paper, but is out of pencils. These will be purchased in the future.

The money for the monitor positions can't continue for the year. Principal Cruz is continuing to work with site council regarding this matter.

To save money and not hire substitute's teachers have been doubling up on classes when absent or sick.

Would the PTO like to discuss the Brichta homework policy at the next meeting?

Parent comment – It was mentioned that some parents have expressed concern regarding the substitute policy and their child placed in an unfamiliar classroom environment.

Principal Cruz – Most of the students did know the classroom they were placed into and there was an extra adult present to assist with the students.

Site council – Discussed the possibility of a 6th grade being added to Brichta. They are exploring

the idea. A “date gathering” survey was shown to the PTO and input was solicited. A discussion around Brichta providing an early childhood to 6th grade education commenced. The vision would be to allow students to have more time in the Brichta Environment.

Approve Minutes. Minutes are being passed around. If you have any corrections, please make them on the sheet and show your approval by initialing.

Teacher’s Report: A teacher was not present to provide a report. Included in the site council report.

Treasurers Report:

The main point to convey is that money is going out and there is not any money coming in. \$5.00 stipend per student was approved. The budget present was discussed. A motion was presented to approve the budget presented by the treasurer, seconded and passed.

Rummage sale – The original date proposed December 5th has been postponed. There is a place to store donated items. A Saturday in January needs to be chosen for the rummage sale. Is it possible to receive a tax deduction/credit for donated items? Yes.

Fundraiser – The Brichta Blast will occur at the end of the year. There is a need for a “traditional” fundraiser for Brichta. Kerry will talk with Rhonda Smith about the Original Artworks fundraiser and report back at the next meeting. Stephanie Hamilton proposed the idea of an auction. This could tap in to funds outside of the Brichta community. Veronica proposed the idea of a gift basket auction. Could a banner be posted at Brichta and advertise a business/product to generate revenue. Principal Cruz stated that people were more likely to contribute to a fundraiser if a specific need was identified.

Liz DGLISH, President – Proposed that PTO membership’s homework was to identify some priorities as to what the PTO would like to support financially and to bring some fundraising ideas.

Next Meeting:

December 15th, 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned