

## **BCP Parent Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

**6:00 pm/Brompton School Cafeteria**

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**I. Call to Order (Sarah) - 6:13 pm**

**Attendees:** Patty Begotka, Devin Bohnen, Sandra Cosner, Karla Erwin, Jennifer Johnson, Carmen Lara, Suzanne Loewen, Jennifer Matera, Jamie McGuire, Jen Nachtigal, Joy Nesci, Amy Robleski, Sarah Salmon, Christina Scarbalis, Valerie Shike, Trish Steffen, Claudia Torres, Maggie Whitefoot, Elizabeth Williams, Paula Zimmerman

**II. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 18 meeting and July 18, 2018 meeting minutes**

A. The minutes were approved for both meetings

**III. Principal's Report (Mrs. Loewen) :**

- A. Mrs. Loewen thanked the Executive board for all that they did for the school. She thanked them for the open house picnic. She thanked Sarah for the Spirit wear orders and new choices for the adult clothing line. Super Sports is doing a new logo for the staff clothes. She thanked Kara for the amazing list of fundraising ideas she has planned for us. She thanked Christina for being flexible in the movie night planning with changes that came up at the last minute and the FallFest planning underway. She thanked Sarah for getting the clubs and organizations kicked off and thanked the Board for welcoming the teachers with a small gift. She said it was amazing that the first grade class is already collecting the donations for the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. She thanked Trish on taking on the Treasurer position and transitioning all the work from Billy.
- B. Mrs. Loewen said that a parent approached her about getting a crossing guard. Mrs. Loewen spoke with T. Cochran and it will have to go through the alderman which this parent has already reached out to her so Mrs. Loewen wanted to thank her as well for initiating this.
- C. Prior to this meeting, she held an 8th grade Washington DC planning meeting with the parents. She discussed the staff Leadership and Me training. She shared she has books to loan out to anyone who may be interested. The staff completed two full days of training before school. Once this is rolled out to the kids, the information will be rolled out to the

parents over the next 3 or 4 years. For those interested, please “like” “Leader in Me” on facebook.

#### **IV. Officer’s Reports**

##### **A. President (Sarah)**

1. Sarah expressed her excitement of have a complete executive board for the first time in several years and she is looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

##### **B. Vice President (Maggie)**

1. Maggie introduced herself, she has a son Caleb in third grade and she is excited to be part of the board.

##### **C. Treasurer (Trish)**

1. Trish introduced herself, she has a son, Collin in third grade. Trish shared the budget, the white one is last year and the one on yellow paper is the proposed budget for this year. Jamie McGuire and Valerie Shike motioned to approve the upcoming budget. Trish shared that she will plan to make herself available 2 Mondays a month to write checks at the school for anyone needing reimbursement.

##### **D. Secretary (Sandy)**

1. Sandy introduced herself and has a daughter, Liliana in 3rd grade. Sandy passed out a draft directory and asked that everyone check their information provided. Sandy also discussed “Parent Help Days” in which adult volunteers come to the school once a month and help the K-5 teachers with projects, copying, decorating bulletin boards, etc.. Jennifer Johnson founded this volunteer project several years ago and we would love to continue seeing more and more volunteers.

##### **E. Faculty Advisor (Karla/Lora)**

1. Karla Erwin introduced herself as an instructional coach on the staff and also is a third grade parent of Abby. She thanked the BCP for the welcome gift for the teachers.

##### **F. Social Committee Chair (Christina)**

1. Christina introduced herself; she has a 6th grade boy and a daughter in 1st grade. The second annual outdoor movie night is this Friday, the 21st. It will be in a private courtyard at Vernon and she is looking for volunteers to sign up to help out serving pizza and clean up. October 19th from 6:30 - 8:30 is Fall Fest which is a social and a fundraiser. It is the “fun” in fundraising! Christina explained the difference between a fundraising event and a social event and explained that sometimes these overlap. A “Social” is a gathering that is minimal or no cost to parents, and the intent is to build a

stronger Brompton community. Most families will be at this school at least for 9 years and longer if they have multiple children so it would be great to build stronger relationships. She asked that people be open to be willing to sit on a committee.

**G. Fundraising Committee Chair (Kara)**

1. Kara introduced herself, she has a daughter Eleni in 1st grade. She said that for the China House restaurant night there were 16 families that participated and spent \$464 which gave the BCP \$70 back and the restaurant rounded that number up and donated an additional \$30 to the BCP for a total profit of \$100. Dec. 17 is the Charcoal Grill restaurant night, they would also do an event for a holiday party if interested. Last Friday was Action Territory in which 75 wristbands were sold for Brompton and we earned \$409.60.
2. Kara had proposals for other fundraising ideas such as Funds2org in which for 60 days the school has to collect 2500 pairs of shoes and we would earn \$1000 profit. If we achieve less than the goal a \$250 deduction would be taken. We have about 216 children and we could do classroom competitions, collect over the holidays like a shoe drive and could order from cheap sites and still make a significant profit. Sue also added that ideas like this would fit in nicely as a culture goal, where classes should create service projects within the community.
3. Kara proposed the idea of creating a school cookbook where people provide some favorite family recipes. People enjoyed the idea of a paper cookbook.
4. A garage sale was also proposed. In addition Jamie McGuire proposed Sports fundraisers such as the Bucks or Admirals where they donate a certain amount back per ticket. It is an easy fundraiser with minimal work.

**V. Discussion Points**

**A. New Faculty Representatives on Board**

1. Sarah introduced our new faculty representatives on the Board: Karla Erwin and Lora McNeely. Elizabeth Williams had to step down this year from the board. We thanked Elizabeth for all the years of volunteering and her commitment to the school.

**B. Discussion of 2018-19 Budget (vote)**

1. The proposed 2018-2019 budget was voted on and approved for the year. Thank you to Trish for setting this up.

**C. Parent Spirit Wear**

1. Sarah met with Mrs. Loewen this summer to choose additional spirit wear clothing for the adults with nice embroidered emblems.

**D. 2018-2019 Clubs Update**

1. B.E.E.S. Club- Thank you to Amy Robleski and her son Henry who have taken on this new role as leaders of the club. There are about 27 kids participating this year and it will start on October 15.
2. Art Club: K-2 Jenna Fisher will be leading, about 40 students; 3-5 no leader at this time. Maggie Whitefoot stepped up to volunteer for this role which will have about 30 or 40 kids. Mrs. Williams offered to help Maggie. Thank you both! The Middle school art club will be led by Katie McKim with about 10 students.

**E. SCRIP**

1. The Scrip program is a collection of gift cards that are sold and a portion of that money goes back to the BCP. Approximately 5 families used it regularly last year for things like groceries and gas. Jamie mentioned that some schools do this electronically and thought some of the money may also go back to the parents in addition to going back to the school and that might spark more interest in this program. Jamie will look into this further and will get back to us.

**F. Box Tops (Joy N)**

1. The school typically earns between \$800 to \$1000 each year in box tops. In prior years, we had done classroom competitions to see who could earn the most box tops but this was a significant effort in collection and counting. Therefore, this year we will have an entire school goal of 5000 box tops which would yield \$500. Joy has also provided forms that family can tape their box tops on or just return them into the box in the office.

**G. Scholastic Book Fair (Jen M)**

1. Jen Matera will head up the book fair this year and will have it open Tuesday and Thursday after school (Oct 9 and 11) and on Friday morning (October 12). She will need volunteers to help set up, take down and run the cashier. In the past the proceeds have always benefitted the school to buy books or other supplies. There is also an option to take a lesser portion in the form of cash or a credit for books. She is discussing with Karla Erwin to determine how to proceed this year.

**H. Brompton Governance Board (Jen N)**

1. Jen Nachtigal and Kim Flannery are the two Brompton parent representatives on the Brompton Governance board. Jen explained there are 9 people on the board and most of them are community

members. Some members are from Gateway and/or Parkside. Jen explained the difference between the BCP and the Governance board. The Governance board mission is to ensure the school Charter is being met. The Charter is between the school and KUSD and details how we teach and how we are different than other schools. The Governance board is a policy making board and holds public meetings similar to the KUSD board. These meetings are published and people can present to the board. The BCP focuses on the spirit of the school, planning events, fundraisers, clubs and organizations.

I. Other business:

1. We are still in need of additional room parents for certain grades.
2. Mrs. Begotka extended a huge thank you to the board for all that they do. She thanked all the Kindergarten parents who attended the meeting this evening and also gave a huge thank you to Elizabeth Williams for all her time vested on the Board and to the school.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm. (Motion and seconded by Joy N. and Carmen L.)

**If you're able, please plan to stay and join one of our small committee work sessions!**

**Minutes written By Sandra Cosner and approved by Sarah Salmon.**

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**President signature (Sarah Salmon)**

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**Date**