



Family Association

Minutes

Bridge Prep Family Association October 2022 Meeting

Date and Time:

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Location:

Bridge Preparatory Charter School
715 Ocean Terrace, Building A

Zoom Video

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Meeting ID: 330 497 5596

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Executive Board Members Present:

Amanda Wolkowitz; Deirdre Medina; Amber Zick; Karen Smith;
Jeannine Distefano (attended virtually from 10314)

Members Absent:

None

Guests Present:

Diana Nolan (remote); Krystal Heffney (remote); Victoria Jorgensen (remote); Denise Filosa (remote); Pilar Brzyski (remote); Liza Sussman (remote); Priya Passi (remote); Ellen Rabin (remote); Corinne Caridad (remote); Carla Clark-Campbell (remote); Diana Gershon (remote); Marissa Luisi (remote); Denise Robb-Narcisse (remote); Karen (remote); Diane Spicer (remote); Montana (remote); Hope L. Hafez (remote); Sara Cordova (remote); Commissiong (remote); Donna LaCicero (remote); Rosa (remote); Violet Rivera (remote); King Abdullah (remote); Daisey Figueroa (remote); Heather's iPhone (remote); Deborah Vivas (remote); Mrs. Gueye (remote); Ayal's iPhone(remote); Amanda Manzu (remote); Melissa Clemente (remote); Ms. Illuzzi; Louis Caridad; Nicole Lebovic.

I. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Karen Smith read the minutes from September meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded. All in favor. Minutes were approved.

II. Approval of Financials

Treasurer Amber Zick provided an update of financials. Amber made a motion to accept the financials, Karen Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion accepted.

III. Committee Reports

A. Communications and Social Media Report

Jeannine DiStefano provided an update on Family Association communications including paper notices sent at the top of each month. Social media updates. Reminder to sign up for the Family Association email list.

IV. New Business

A. By-laws change.

Proposal to amend the bylaws to change the Parliamentarian and Sergeant of Arms positions to be appointed positions, not elected. Karen Smith provided details on these roles. Voting was conducted on the bylaws change. All were in favor. Amendment to bylaws was approved. The President will appointment at the November meeting.

B. Meetings update:

In response to families with evening scheduling challenges, some virtual meetings will be held in the mornings. Deidre provided the updated schedule which will also be posted online.

C. Event Overview:

Jeannine provided a recap of Pumpkin Patch including thank you to all volunteers as well as a reminder and update on Trunk or Treat. Ms. Illuzi provided an update on United Nations Day; Brunch with Bridge Prep on 12/4; Burrito Bar Fundraiser on 3/31; Decades Prom at a TBA date; Red and Blue Dinner – efforts to create a variety of fun events fundraisers at all price points to build community post Covid. Amanda discussed the details of the Pie Sale. Karen mentioned Winter Wonderland, more info coming next month.

D. 5th grade fundraisers:

One more day for the Pasta Sale. Amanda announced 5th grade dues of \$100/student that will cover the awards ceremony; trip; dance; carnival and tshirt. Yearbook in beginning stages, Ms. Vassar assisting. Any parents with yearbook experience please reach out. Narrowing to 3 potential themes.

E. Monthly dress down days:

Amber gave an update on our October dress down day, \$241 raised for Making Strides for Breast Cancer and school will match. Next dress down day will be 11/4 and will benefit Cohen's Children's Medical Center Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy Program. Amanda again requested ideas for local charities.

F. Cups of Kindness:

Amanda provided an update on our Cups of Kindness Campaign at Beans and Leaves. The decorated sleeves are now in circulation and include a sticker " Made by a student from BP Charter School." About 500 have been done – ask your kids about them!

V. Announcements

Next meeting November 2, 2022, 10AM. Zoom only.

Reminder about uniforms donations; Trunk or Treat reminder for trunk/volunteer sign ups and candy donations plus save the date; pie sale reminder.

VI. Public questions/comments

- A. Parent question regarding candy donations at Trunk or Treat – donated candy will be used to replenish the cars.
- B. Parent question about coordinating activities from BP Family Association with athletics so kids do not have to make a choice between Trunk or Treat and Track meet. Time was changed to start earlier in response to this scheduling conflict.
- C. Parent question regarding Halloween and costumes – yes students can wear costumes to school on Halloween. Amanda reviewed Spirit Week schedule.
- D. Parent question about recording and sharing the Family Association meetings for families unable to join. FA will look into this.

VII. Adjournment

Ayal made a motion to adjourn and Louis Caridad seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:19 PM

Bridge Preparatory Charter School Family Association October 2022 Financial Report

Starting balance:

10/01/2022: \$9,184.40

Expenses:

Medieval Times (5th grade trip): \$923.33
Amazon - Bullhorn for events: \$46.83
Amazon - Case of copy paper for school: \$43.54
Dollar Tree - Black bags: \$57.69
Sweetbrook Nursery (pumpkins): \$865.00
Napoli Pizza (for volunteers): \$89.93
Harland Clarke/Northfield (replacement checks): \$49.65
Pumpkin Patch cookies: \$300.00
Reimburse Jeannine for Pumpkin Patch pictures: \$106.40
Amazon - Decorations/Crafts/Prizes/Etc for Trunk or Treat: \$366.23
Moonlight Caterers (5th grade dance hall deposit): \$500.00
Target - Helium Tank for balloons: \$32.70
Walmart - Baked goods for Trunk-or-Treat: \$23.22
Reimburse Amber for baked goods from Costco & Stop & Shop: \$176.62
DJ Gennaro Lattanzi: \$450.00
Beans & Leaves coffee: \$110.00

Fundraising:

Wicked Stitches: \$296.44
Dues: \$1,887.07
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer: \$330.00
Trunk-or-Treat baked sale: \$60.33

Ending balance:

10/31/2022: \$7,617.10