PTO MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2017

Jennifer Defler, President Jackie Jimenez, Corresponding Secretary

Heather Kinsinger, Vice President Christy Meyer, Recording Secretary

Melissa Jadick, Treasurer Christine Gutshall, PTO Advisor

Pam Wiley, Assistant Treasurer

President:

* Movie Night date has been moved to March 23rd. We are in need of Chair Person. If you are interested please email Christy Meyer @ cmeyerrn@bellsouth.net
* Santa Shoppe: Room Parents will be Reaching out to each class and requesting 5 to 7 volunteers. These volunteers will be helping with gift wrap, choosing gifts, and helping the children manage their money.This is a wonderful once a year event that promotes giving to others. Gifts will range from $1-$6
* Star Tree: This is at the entrance of the school. Items go to Braelin’s own students and to the promise place. So far we’ve had 90 gifts committed and about 50 more have been added to the tree today. Please bring your donations to the front office with the tree star stapled to the gift. Our counselor, Mrs. Sherwood, will be taking and distributing the gifts. December 8th is our deadline.
* Next Holiday lunch will be Dec 5th, Tuesday for 1st&2nd Grades. Staff Appreciation is moved to January. Look for the date in Sneak Peaks.
* Spring Fling. Committee meeting will be held on January 10th @10am in the Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome! We will be sharing needs and discussing what is filled. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and couldn’t do it with your help!

Vice President:

* Clinic Report: nurse Connie has reported two cases of confirmed flu. Please encourage your children not to touch the “T zone“ and cough into their sleeves. Families are encouraged to get their flu shots shots.

Treasurer: see attached report.

* Original works still in progress.

Principal:

* We wish Mr. Moore and his family all the best in his move. Mrs. Hudson is filling in until a permanent staff member is hired.
* Holiday Events are occurring, chorus, special events, school will attempt normality. However this a very busy time of year.
* Code Red Lock down was initiated last week. Another drill will occur next Spring. The following where on premises: Officer Smiley, Assistant superintendent, Director of Safety, Director of Facilities. These officers walked the perimeter and allowed Braelinn administrators to “man the control center” in the office. Each teacher is equipped with a digital tracker in each classroom. (Smart phone tracker app is coming). This tracker allows teachers and administrators A communication tool regarding student whereabouts. After the drill Braelin received several compliments from Fay County and Peastrie city Police Department. Minor adjustments will be made because of the drill.
* Run off election for the mayor will be on Tuesday, December 5. Voting will take place in the music room on the kindergarten hallway. Many parents voice their concern regarding the kindergarten hallway being open to the public all day. Mrs. Bell also voiced her concern and has requested parent volunteers. Jenni will be sending out a sign-up genius for any parents wishing to help. If you would like to see our school either closed during voting or voting poll moved, please contact
* Mr. Barrow Superintendent of Board of Education @ barrow.joseph@mail.fcboe.orgAnd/or contact
* Members of the Board of Elections and Voter Registration-
Darryl Hicks, Chairman - (C) 404-558-1791
Email: dhicks@fayettecountyga.gov
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Announcements and other News:

* Adaptive Playground update:
	+ See Timeline attached
	+ Teacher/Facilitators meet and finalized Playground equipment requests. This rendering was submitted for a price quote. Once received, 2 other company quotes will be requested.
	+ Adaptive Playground Committee Meeting will be held on January 9th @ 9:30. All parents and fundraising ideas welcome.
* At large Playground was inspected by the Fayette County Safety. Inspection passed.
* Tremendous Thanks to All South Landscapes and the Kimbler Family for donating all supplies and labor towards our new sign!!!!! The insert will be installed over the Winter Break.
* Next PTO Meeting will be during Bingo Night 1/26 and then February 15th
* Mrs. Kehayes requested a detailed automized report concerning Leader In Me total expenses, training, and past/current PTO fundraisers. Mrs. Kehayes Requested this report be available to all parents And expressed her concern for “corporate influence on her children.” Her concerns were listened to during the PTO meeting as well as afterwards by several PTO board members. During the meeting Mrs. Bell explained her decision on choosing the Leafer In Me program. While at Braelinn, her and her staff had used other programs and consultanted with other schools using other programs. Leader in me proved to be far superior and so with the help of PTO funds, staff approval, and parent polls, Braelinn has invested in this program. Four parents spoke out in favor of the “leader in me program.” They Expressed their gratitude in the program, gave positive reflections and gave examples it has had in their own households. Melissa Jadick stated “As always, past and present PTO funds are posted on the Braelin website.” It was expressed by multiple board members, if any parent wishes to discuss in detail the PTO budget or programs at school, that our PTO board members as well as Mrs. Bell are always available.