**Brookstone Parent Association Meeting November 11, 2012 Minutes**

**Opening**

The Board meeting of the Brookstone Parent Association (“BPA”) was called to order at 11:02 a.m. on Monday, November 11, 2012 in the Passailaigue Founder’s Room of the Kirven Building by BPA President, Margaret McCormick.

**Present**

Jenifer Amos, Michelle Blanchard, Lauren Briscoe, Jackie Dudley, Payton Farrar, Claudia Garrard, Jeanne Hasty, Kim Jinks, Jill Land, Ginny Lawrence, Margaret McCormick, Lisa Neal, Liz Parducci, Gantt Shadburn, Beth Sayers, Jennifer Shaw, Rena Wilson, Jennifer Yancey, Teresa Young, Frank Bonner, Brian Kennerly

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the September 9, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously by the board without any corrections or additions.

**Brian Kennerly – Head of School**

Dr. Kennerly opened with school report before heading to teach US Social Studies class.

Kennerly reported that **Brookstone Open House** went very well.

Kennerly and committee are in the process of finalizing plans for the **Brookstone tennis courts**. The committee is working on final design with the architect. Plans should be complete upon return from Thanksgiving holidays. Renovation/construction will start in the next 2 months. Fundraising will ensure the completion of the project. The tennis courts should be finished in the spring of 2013.

**Alana Jones**, the **new Cafeteria Director,** started 2 weeks ago and is in the progress of setting up her new menus.

Kennerly stated that **Literature Live 2012 was the best ever**!

The **Brookstone uniform committee** lead by **Claudia Garrard** has a finalized a decision on Brookstone student uniforms that will be presented to the Brookstone Board tomorrow.

Brookstone School will **start on the first phase** of the long term **Master Plan** with the Lower School and Stadium. This means that we will go into fundraising.

A Brookstone Fund packet was sent to all Brookstone families. Calls will be made to those who have not given to **Brookstone Fund.**

**\*Treasurer - Report Rena Wilson BPA Financial Report 10/31/12 Submitted and approved**





**Brookstone School Reps:**

**US Rep – Leslie Slaughter** Manning Weir’s five Upper School-related items were presented:

**1. Annual Admission Open House.** Monday, 11/11/12, from 9:30-11:00

**2. Wreaths and poinsettias** fundraiser ends on Monday, November 12th! Help support our juniors in their major fundraiser of the year.

**3. Wednesday, 11/13/12, US** will be representing Brookstone and the country of Togo (among others) at Model UN, the football team will be working on our Habitat home, French students are going to visiter un restaurant, and some possible future Yellow Jackets will be heading to Georgia Tech for a day trip.

**4. Got Cans?** For Thanks-for-Giving week, the four grades will each be attempting to fill up an enormous bin to brim.

**5. "Less stress week."** Upper School students have been enjoying daily treats and surprises because it was "Less Stress Week." Surprises included hot chocolate in the rotunda, hidden raffle tickets, and "the mystery morning announcer." Big kudos goes out to the Student Government Association for all of their hard work.

**MS Rep Joan Culpepper –** No Report

**\*IS Rep Gantt Shadburn - Intermediate School Report, October/November 2012 - Highlights:**

10/6 Speaker from Trees Columbus in preparation for Service Week

10/12 Campus Clean Up

10/11 JK Rowling Live Webinar from Edinburgh/Picnic on the Playground

10/15 Field Trip to Coca Cola Space Science Center

10/16 Service projects to Columbus Botanical Gardens, Twin Cedars, Open Door, and Easter Seals

10/17 1st Term Musical Presentation (School Daze)

10/24 Conference day to discuss test scores/1st term report cards go home

10/22 Parent meeting with Singapore Math consultant, Sarah Schaefer

10/26 Student Council Elections

President: Sa Copeland

Vice President: M Middleton

Secretary/Treasurer: MacKenzie Weir

Homeroom Reps: Mary Margaret Saunders, Mary Caroline Ellis, Matthew Bennett, Sanders Hinds, Lynn Pearson, Lillie Norred

10/31 Halloween/Student Dress Up

11/1 Taylor Swift Webinar on the importance of reading

11/2 Author, Geraldine Litz, spoke to the 4th graders

11/6 Presidential voting in the Intermediate School for grades 1-5

11/6 Author and Brookstone parent, Deron Hicks, came to the Morning Meeting for Literature Live

11/7 Student Council joins author, Chris Rumble for lunch for Literature Live

11/7 Author, Chris Rumble leads a reading pep rally for the 5th grade for Literature Live

11/12 – 11/16 Thanks for GIVING Week/Can Food Drive

Extra-curricular activities also included: BNN, Gadget Gurus, Math Team, and Robotics.

**Date to remember:** 12/14 Music production for Term 2

**\*LS Rep Ginny Lawrence – Lower School Report BPA Board Meeting, November 2012**

* On October 22, an expert on Math in Focus was on campus to speak to parents and here throughout the week to train lower school teachers.
* Literature Live and the Barnes and Noble Book fair started last Monday and continued through Wed. Parents were asked to round up their total, which will be used to buy books for the Anne Elizabeth Shepard home.
* New or gently used books are being collected for the Anne Elizabeth Shepard home.
* Michelle Blanchard and Mitchi Wade are leading Bible study in the LS Commons Room Wednesday mornings at 8:00.
* The Monster Mash took place on Halloween day in the quad. LS children dressed in costume, had a parade and watched a dance performance.
* A mock election took place Tuesday Nov. 6. Students in the 1st – 3rd grades participated in the voting process by computer.

**Upcoming Events**

* November 15  *Drumming Up Character*Assembly -  Dancing Drum's programs are designed to educate, entertain &  inspire students. This particular program presents 10 positive character traits through drumming, dancing and singing.  [www.dancingdrum.com](http://www.dancingdrum.com/)
* November 16 Kindergarten POW WOW 12:30 p.m. at the Roaring Branch Campus
* November 16 2nd Grade Thanksgiving Play 8:30 a.m. in the Tuner Center

**\*Magazine Drive September - Lauren Briscoe and Jennifer Valadi –**

At the end of the official sale, September 26th, we sold 938 magazines with sales of $23,939.50. Our profit was $9575.80. As of today, we have sold 1003 magazines with sales of $25,779.50. Our profit is $10,289.30.

Brookstone makes money year round whenever magazines are bought through the website ([www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com)) using our school code (2582534). The information is on the BPA website, so please spread the word.

We had pizza parties on Friday, September 28th for all of the classes in the Lower School and Intermediate School selling the most magazines. They went to:

K- Mrs. Flowers, 1st-Mrs. Collier, 2nd-Mrs. Taylor, 3rd- Ms. McGregor, 4th- Mrs. Rice, 5th- Mrs. Garrett

For the Middle School, a pizza party was given to any homeroom with 50% participation. Mrs. Thorne’s homeroom received a pizza party during lunch. Upper School received points toward their homecoming competition according to their sales.

MAGAZINE DRIVE SALES

**Lower School (K-3) Intermediate School Middle School Upper School**

Sold 106 Magazines Sold 450 Magazines Sold 207 Magazines 9th- 61 magazines

10th-35 magazines

11th- 18 magazines

12th- 7 magazines

Total of 121 Magazines

**September 26, 2012 November 12,2012**

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$23,939.50 in sales $25,779.50 in sales

$9575.80 profit $10,289.30 profit

**\*Literature Live: Jennifer Shaw** and[**Liz Parducci**](mailto:parduccifamily@hotmail.com)This year's Literature Live was a multi-author and multi school event! We celebrated Local Author's Day with visits from Brookstone Dad and newly published author, [**Mr. Deron Hicks**](http://www.letterfordmysteries.com/) and retired Ft. Benning School teacher, [**Mrs. Geraldine Litz**](https://www.facebook.com/GeraldineWLitz). Mr. Hicks was on campus with his award winning illustrator, [**Mr. Mark Edward Geyer**](http://www.markedwardgeyer.com) on November 5th talking about their book Secrets of Shakespeare's Grave in a series of workshops and assemblies for the Middle and Upper Schools. Mrs. Litz was on campus Friday, November 2nd for a rally in the Intermediate School and on Monday, November 5th for the Lower School reading socials based on her new book The Foxes New Family. On Tuesday, November 6th and 7th we welcomed acclaimed Author - Musician - Illustrator, [**Mr. Chris Rumble**](http://www.chrisrumble.com). Mr. Rumble held Reading Pep Rallies and Workshops for the Lower and Intermediate Schools. Mr. Rumble's graphic novel books focused on character traits important to our Brookstone students. His most recent publication, Jack Crackbone has a strong anti-bullying message and his Uncle Stinky Trilogy focuses on The Golden Rule. This event was in conjunction with the Book Fair held in the Upper School Library where all the author's books were available for purchased and signing.

**Bidding for Brookstone – Claudia Garrard, Payton Farrar:**

Bidding for Brookstone is on March 7, 2013 and will be held at the River Mill with the Pine Beetles entertaining. We need 100% participation from Brookstone Families. St. Luke Methodist School has 95% parent participation. Claudia is looking for donations for services, art work, computers, vacation homes, etc. There will be Bingo for LS, IS, and MS students @ $5 per card and free childcare.

**Cougar Cup – Margaret McCormick** The 1st Annual Cougar Cup was successful with $30,000 profit. Please thank and patronize Chick-Fil-a and Zoe’s Kitchen who supported the event with breakfast and lunch for participants. We will be having the 2nd Annual Cougar Cup in 2013 Fall.

**\*Service: Jenifer Amos** All Brookstone families are invited to prepare a shoe box for a student at Ricks Institute, our sister school in Liberia due by September 21. The 4th Annual Servant Leadership Fair will be held September 14. The event allows current Brookstone students to gain awareness of the organizations we have in the Columbus area and helps facilitate and foster relationships between our students and these organizations.

**Annual Weeks/Days of Service: LS: “Make a Difference” Week of service: Oct. 8-12**

**IS: Day of service Oct. 16**

**MS Day of service April 26, 2012, Fox Fun Day**

**US Day of service Oct. 26**

**Fall Special Projects Report – Teresa Young**

Funding for the 2012 Special projects report were approved with Jennifer Amos making the motion.



**Margaret McCormick** closed the meeting stating that the **Grand Slam Sports** food vendor will no longer be used because BPA made 45% less than what was made last year. BPA needs parent volunteers for basketball and the spring sports.

**Margaret McCormick adjourned the board meeting at 12:05 pm.**

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Jeanne Hasty, Secretary**

**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Indicates Committee Report or other related information submitted and archived to official record of the Minutes.**