

# ***Brooklawn Middle School 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly***

## ***Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday September 20, 2006***

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*Your Student Council President Amanda called this meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.*

### ***Secretary's Report (Lauren):***

Lauren explained to everyone how the attendance was taken at each General Assembly, and also explained how the note taking process works.

*MOTION to approve the minutes of the last meeting: There were no minutes to approve.*

*SECOND of above motion: There were no minutes to approve.*

### ***Vice President's Report (Emma):***

S.A Cards are on sale from now until Tuesday September 26, they are \$12.00 for each grade. There are many benefits with an S.A Card: \$2.00 off of the yearbook, \$3.00 off the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Medieval Times and Dorney Park Trips, \$3.00 off the Almost Midnight BBQ and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Last Blast Dance, and \$3.00 off of the New York Yankees and New Jersey Devils trips. You also can use the S.A. Card to get in to Parsippany Hills games for free.

The S.A. Penny Wars begin Monday September 25 and end Wednesday October 11. The homeroom that brings in the most pennies per person from each grade will get a pizza party. If we break the record and bring in 303,488 pennies, Mr. Miller will dye his hair green. If we bring in 350,000 pennies he will dye his hair purple, and if we bring in 400,000 he will dye his hair pink! Also, the winning grade will receive 15 Spirit Points! Don't forget to collect those quarters, nickels, and dimes as well because during Spirit Week there will also be Fight Back Bottles which lower the other grades' amount of pennies.

### ***Treasurer's Report (Jesse):***

<i>Financial Report:</i>	<b>PREVIOUS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	S.A. Card Sales & Replacement	\$4223.00
	Event Ticket Sales	\$0.00
	Other:	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL PROCEEDS</b>	<b>\$4223.00</b>
	Food:	\$0.00
	Soda:	\$0.00
	Supplies:	\$0.00
	Other:	\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4223.00</b>

### ***Committee Reports from the Board of Directors:***

#### ***Community Service (Aman):***

Aman talked about the Penny Wars, which start September 25 and end October 11. All proceeds from this event will be going to this year's NJASC State Charity, "The Little Rock Foundation", who supports visually impaired and blind children.

Aman also mentioned that the Custodians' Appreciation Barbecue will be next week, on Wednesday September 27. He needs volunteers from his committee to help him clean the black boards while the custodians enjoy the barbecue. There will be a committee meeting on Monday September 25 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16 to prepare for the S.A. Penny Wars and Custodians' Appreciation Barbecue.

***Decorating (Cara):***

Cara explained what her committee does, including decorating for each of the dances. She reminded everyone that sixth graders decorate for their afternoon dances, while the seventh and eighth graders decorate for their night dances. If you join the decorating committee you **MUST** go to the meetings as well as decorating before the dances. There will be a committee meeting on Tuesday September 26 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16.

The Welcome Back Dances are Friday September 29, sixth grade from 3:00-4:30, seventh and eighth grades from 7:30-10:00. Tickets are free with your S.A. Card or \$5.00 without, and will be on sale next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Join the Decorating Committee it's fun!

***Graduation (Loni):***

Loni explained what her committee does, including coming up with Spirit Days for each month such as Pajama & Slipper Day and Black & Gold Day. This year, we will also put together a eighth grade slide show for the end of year, with volunteers from the committee going around and take pictures throughout the year.

The grade with the most Spirit Points will not be winning a barbecue this year, because having one interferes with the Pomptonian Food Service. If you join this committee, you can help think up what the new reward might be.

Spirit Week is coming up – Loni explained the Door Decorating Contest, which will be from September 28 to October 6. The winning homeroom will earn 5 Spirit Points for their grade. There will be a committee meeting on Monday September 25 from 2:50-3:45 to plan Spirit Days for October and prepare for Spirit Week.

***Leadership (Caitlyn):***

Caitlyn talked about what her committee does through out the year, including thinking of the theme for B.L.T. Saturday and managing the State Office campaign for one of our seventh graders who went to LTC.

She also mentioned how homeroom representatives get Incentive Points for being in the General Assembly and attending meetings, participating in Committees, BLT Saturday, and B.I.G. Night. You need at least 60 Incentive Points to go to the NJASC Spring Awards Program at Six Flags! There will be a committee meeting on Wednesday October 4 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16.

***Liaison (Neil):***

Neil discussed how his committee talks to Pomptonian Food Service about the cafeteria food and what students want to have offered, what is a success, and what should be changed. His committee also helps plan the Cultural Arts program, which is sponsored by the PTSA. There will be a meeting for the Liaison Committee on Thursday September 28 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16.

***Publicity (Andrew):***

Andrew explained all of the fun things his committee does, such as updating the days of the week on the Student Council Bulletin Board and putting up student activity flyers. This year, they will have a section in the school newspaper (Knight Life), and will be working on press releases for the Daily Record to show the community all the great things our Student Council does. There will be a committee meeting on Monday October 3 from 2:50-3:45 in B-16.

***Advisor's Report (Mr. Miller):***

At the end of each General Assembly you must hand in your note-taking sheet, so we can take attendance. Members of the Executive Board will review these sheets, and place them in your homeroom teachers' attendance mailboxes so that you can use them to report back to your homerooms. If you need to miss a General Assembly or Committee meeting, you must talk to Amanda or the Committee chair in advance, or you will not be excused.

We are now accepting Member-at-Large applications. Anyone who applies must write an essay explaining why they should be part of the Student Council, and what they would do if accepted. By our Constitution, there are a limited amount of spots open. The Executive Board will read and rate each of the essays, with the names removed, to decide who should be accepted.

Last year our Student Council was named a "Gold Council Of Excellence" by the National Association of Student Councils, one of only 10 in the United States, Canada, and Australia too!

This year we have four seventh graders who completed LTC and can become candidates to run for State Office. If two or more of them decide to run, there will be a primary where they must write an essay and give a speech in front of the General Assembly. The General Assembly and the Executive Board will then vote on who they think should represent our school in the State Election. The primary will be at our first October meeting.

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***Old Business:***

None.

***New Business:***

Mary (B-12) said that her homeroom teacher suggested that we take the "have a wacky Wednesday" out of the morning announcements, because it is lame. Mr. Miller replied that the Executive Board would take this under advisement, and discuss it at their next meeting.

Yesha (B-19) said that her homeroom teacher would like a recycle bin for her classroom. Mr. Miller replied that she could get a box for this from the custodians.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting: Neha (C-5)

SECOND of above motion: Cathleen (B-16)

*This motion carried unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.*

*These minutes are respectfully submitted by Lauren, your Secretary.*