

**Green Brook PTO Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2014**

- 7:30 Meeting is called to order by Co-President, Renee Kusch.  
Pledge of Allegiance by assembled.
- 7:32 Lynn Beattie gave a treasurer's report.
- 7:37 Treasurer's Meeting approved by all attending.
- 7:34 Meeting minutes from last month waived. Approved to waive by all.
- 7:38 Superintendent Kevin Carroll gave an update on past events and applauded their success. He introduced Dr. James Bigsby, GBMS new principal.
- 7:40 Dr. Bigsby introduced himself and gave some insight on what he told the GBMS students what his intentions of what he expects from his students.

Principals Reports

- 7:44 Mr. Lamberti addressed the assembled regarding the following:
- Welcomed Dr. Bigsby
  - Thanks to PTO for participating with PLC groups to continue to build on the positive school climate that the IEF school strives for.
  - Veteran's Day assembly today
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade singers posted on GBTPS.org website
  - Nutrition Fair was last week
  - Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> author Dan Gutman will be at IEF
  - Final grades posted 11/17/14
  - Grandparents day 11/18/14 and parents' visitation 11/19/14
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade play 11/21/14
  - 11/26/14 single-session day; closed 11/27/14 and 11/28/14
- 7:51 Lisa Couch, the Board of Ed liaison, mentioned BOE meeting 11/23/14 for budget.
- 7:52 Teachers Report: Mrs. Doane
- Stated teachers/students excited about author visit
  - RIF party this week
  - Thank you from Miss Guide/Mrs. Larsen for donating prizes for Halloween Door decorating contest
- 7:53 Paper contributions are needed as paper was not budgeted into PTO/school budget
- 7:55 Thanksgiving Basket collection chaired by Tracey Glebstein. She stated there will be a collection for gift cards to donate to families in need from our school. Please spread the word. Flyers will be distributed to IEF students and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Email blast to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

7:56 Lisa Couch Author visit with Wendy Maas was at GBMS today. It was a great success.

7:58 Calendar:

- 11/21/14 IEF Family Fun Night: Movie Night (Polar Express) FREE! Also collecting new, unwrapped toy donations for FISH
- KIDS STUFF coupon book Fundraiser: can order until 11/14/14.
- 11/14/14 will be author Dan Gutman visit
- RIF party 11/13/14 at IEF at 9:00. Volunteers needed please arrive at 8:45am.
- RIF party is discontinued at GBMS. Ebooks have been purchased as an alternative so that all children can access these books.
- Holiday boutiques at IEF/GBMS. 12/9-12/11. Parent volunteers needed to help with purchasing and wrapping. Flyer will be going home. GBMS boutique is first week in December. Volunteers needed.
- Citizenship award breakfast #1 will be in December 5<sup>th</sup> for Oct, Nov, and Dec award recipients. This also includes the "get caught being good" award winners.
- Bengal bash scheduled to 1/16/14. Looking for a committee of parents to volunteer for planning.

8:20 FUNDRAISERS

- Kids' stuff coupon book orders due 11/14/14.
- Bag Bingo is 1/30/14 at Dunellen Fire House.
- Innisbrook orders will be delivered to school Thursday, 11/13/14
- Update of BoxTops from Gina Strong. \$187.60 profit to date. Next submission Friday. Please ensure your BoxTops submitted are not expired. It is helpful to send them in taped to a page in two rows of 5.
- Scrips orders should be submitted ASAP if you would like them for winter holiday gifts. They do take some time to come in.
- Future fundraiser possibilities: Mixed bag designs

8:25 DIRECTORY

- Being sent to printer this week. Electronic form will also be distributed. Eblast will inform when paper copies are going home.

8:32 Meeting adjourned.