



**Brookdale Home and School Association**  
**Board Minutes**  
**May 6, 2020**

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The Brookdale Home and School Association was called to order at 8:06 p.m. Meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Board members in attendance were:

President - Rafael Jimenez

Vice President – Megan Augustowicz

Collecting Treasurer – Lisa Cheplic

Distributing Treasurer - Melanie Bitecola

Secretary – Amanda Pinales

Class Parent Liaison – Charina Schott

Membership Engagement – Noel Gatts

**Board of Education Report - BOE Representative, Ellen Rogers**

- Schools will remain virtual until the last day of school, June 23.
- Budget was passed unanimously on May 5th, 2020. Go to the website to see the superintendent's presentation.
- Free and reduced lunch pick-ups are still operating Monday thru Thursday, 8:00am to 12:30pm at BHS, Watsessing, Demarest and Fairview.
- There will be virtual Kindergarten registration. Date is to be determined.
- Next BOE meeting will be May 19th.

**Principal's Report – Ms. Barton**

- Remote tech help support for parents is available on the district website through a google form where you can explain your issue. Additionally, if a chromebook needs to be replaced, pick up from BHS are available Monday thru Thursday.
- The collaboration and creativity of our staff and teachers is
- The Virtual Learning Plan has an abundance of resources for parents.
- Elementary school Principals have met to discuss Class Day.
- The custodians will be in the building on Monday. A plan is in the works to also let teachers in the building as well.
- An integration plan for students will be determined by whatever the governor decides. Discussion and details of those plans will be determined by the administrators at the Central office.
- There will be a plan to drop off textbooks and library books back to the school.
- Thank you to all the parents for their cooperation and support.
- Happy Teacher Appreciation to the staff!

**Faculty Report – Ms. Gaccione & Mrs. Pico**

- Thank you for all of your support.
- Any technology issues, reach out directly to the teacher.
- The principal of the middle school “met” the incoming sixth grade class in a Google hangout.

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from March 2020 were approved and seconded.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Melanie Bitecola reported. Presented on a powerpoint slide.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Calendar Raffle** – Laura Evangelist, Mary Spink

- The calendar raffle will resume as soon as there is a safe and contactless way to pick up the raffle drum. We will start picking the raffles that were backed up until we get to the current week.
- Top sellers get Target gift cards. Looking at safe delivery options.
- Top selling grade earned a pizza party. Considering options to have it next school year.

**Brookdale on Broadway** - Noel Gatts and Brittany O’ Neill

- Doing online rehearsal choreography classes.
- Will be editing video to create a show, “Go The Social Distance”.

**Brookdale in the Bronx** - Alyssa Belmonte

- Game was cancelled. We will refund all the parents as soon as Brown Paper Tickets release the money.

**Tricky Tray** - Alyssa Belmonte & Nadine Knapp

- Postponed to October 6th.

**STEAM, Astronomy Night** - Meghan Nance, Armine Gallagher

- September 23rd is still the date, rain date September 25th. Once school starts, the date could change.

**Election Committee** - Janet Treadaway, Salli Sochko & Danielle Kepler

- Looking to have an election at the end of May.
- 6 open positions, one application.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Brookdale HSA donated 17 Easter baskets to Mountainside Hospital. Also, donated protective masks which ended up at Montclair Police Department.
- Brookdale HSA Scholarship Winner - Every year the HSA gives a BHS senior a \$500 scholarship. After reading several essays, the HSA chose Anna Haraka. She will be attending Cornell in the Fall of 2020.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Date TBD:** Voting for HSA candidates

**THANK YOU...**

To all of our wonderful volunteers: Salli Sochko, Danielle Kepler, Janet Treadaway, Fareeda Ehtesham, Noel Gatts, Brittany O’ Neill, Jessica Borovay, Mary Spink, Laura Evangelista, Armine Gallagher, Meghan Nance, Mikiko Ruiz, Nadine Knapp, Alyssa Belmonte and all of our Class Parents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned 9:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Pinales

HSA Board secretary