



# BROWNELL TALBOT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

EVERY PARENT IS A MEMBER

## October 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

8:05 AM

WORTHINGTON DINING HALL

### WELCOME AND BTPA PURPOSE

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am by Co-President Dawber.

### CURRICULUM – MRS. VETTER, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

Inquiry in our curriculum – how do we challenge students and help make them better people/learners through our curriculum? Three focus points this year: A culture of learning, designs for learning, systems that support learning.

Went over some benefits to inquiry learning including: inspiring curiosity, taking a deep dive into captivating topics, empowering students to enhance their cognitive abilities, placing students at the center of their learning, blurring the lines between traditional subjects and understanding complex topics to ensure our commitment to a globally informed curriculum.

Portrait of a graduate – qualities we want to see in our graduates. Where do we see this alive on campus? She had us do our own sample inquiry activity with groups.

### GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY OCTOBER 20

Agenda was shared – the day includes donuts, classroom showcases, musical performances and an invitation to the Book Fair.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Co-chairs: Tonya Cejka and Kelly Autera (Kim Schinzel offered a huge thank you to Tonya and Kelly for spending so much time setting it up.)

25% of sales go towards Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week in the spring.

You may also purchase online at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/brownelltalbotschool>

### EVENTS

Trunk or Treat October 27.

Lower School Halloween Parade October 31 – Scott Gym opens at 8:00 am, parade starts at 8:30. Coffee will be provided. Lower School classroom parties.

Homecoming was a huge success! Kona Ice from Boosters, donuts from BTPA, Homecoming Royalty were announced, dance was wonderful!

### **VOLUNTEER SUCCESSES**

Faculty & Staff survival breakfast at conferences.

Faculty & Staff birthdays – great effort – most birthdays are covered and there are a few left.

### **BT FUND KICKOFF**

Kickoff was October 5<sup>th</sup>.

100 days challenge – in the past, we counted 100 school days. This year, 100 days so period is shorter and will end in January.

Staff has already hit 100% and earned jeans days every Friday.

Prizes for classrooms/houses at different levels (60%, 80%, 100% participation).

Last year we hit 82% total.

[Brownell.edu/btfund](http://Brownell.edu/btfund)

### **TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 27**

Lower Circle Lot 5:00-6:30 pm

Host a Trunk!

Pre-order pizzas and cookie decorating kits by October 20.

### **BOOSTER CLUB**

Lindsay Nichols encouraged everyone to get involved to support arts, athletics and other activities. Last year raised enough funds for new bleachers that will be installed in the spring.

### **ON THE RADAR**

Saturday, December 2 – Santa Stop – [brownell.edu/santastop](http://brownell.edu/santastop)

Saturday, December 10 – Trivia Night – [brownell.edu/trivianight](http://brownell.edu/trivianight) (21+)

February 26 to March 1 – Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Thursday, November 9: Evening social at 6:00 pm in US Library (No morning meeting in November)

Thursday, December 7 (changed from Dec 14): Holiday Edition! 7:45 in Upper School Library

### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Scherbring, Secretary