
Call to Order: President Karin Manning called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Attendance sheet attached. **Quorum present.**

2015-2016 Board Election

- Secretary reads, "**In accordance with the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, Article 5, Section 6, we will proceed with the election of officers.**"
- Secretary reads the slate of candidates:
 - For President- Erin Thacker**
 - For Secretary- Alison Larsson**
 - For Treasurer- Seung Park**
 - For Vice President of Communications- Michelle Splaver**
 - For Vice President of Fundraising- Rebekkah Liebowitz**
 - For Vice President of Family Nights- Danielle Hunter**
 - For Co-Vice President of Programs- Nicole Morgan**
 - For Co-Vice President of Programs- Tira Will**
 - For Co-Vice President of Programs for Art- Michelle Peoples**
 - For Vice President of Volunteers- Kristin Slocum**
- President asks, "**Are there any nominations from the floor.**" There were none.
- President says, "**If there are no objections to approving the slate as a whole, then someone can make a motion to approve the slate as presented.**"

MOTION (by Laila Collins) I move that we approve the slate in whole as presented. Seconded by Karen Nelson; no further discussion; vote; **Motion unanimously passes.**

President's Report, Karin Manning:

- WSPTA Conference- Our PTA won four Gold Awards; Maria Bassett submitted for Outstanding Communications Strategy, Outstanding Website, and Outstanding Newsletter and Laila Collins submitted for Standards of Excellence. We also won an award for 100% Teacher Membership.
- New check signers for the 2015-2016 school year: Seung Park, Erin Thacker, and Alison Larsson.
- The Board Meeting scheduled for May 18 has been changed to a General Meeting so that the 2015-2016 Budget can be voted on by the general membership.
 - The Budget Committee is meeting this week. More committee members are welcome, and anyone interested in providing input for next year's budget can contact Alison Larsson.
 - VPs should check in with their Chairs to see if they need adjustments to their line item budgets.

Secretary's Report, Diane Oberg:

- Minutes from the General Meeting on March 16, 2015 were presented and approved as written.
- Thank you notes for the staff luncheon were received from Mr. Rossiter and Ms. Soel.

Treasurer's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Current Account Balances: Checking: \$50,232.17 Savings: \$15,048.07
- The Budget Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30pm.

VP Reports:

- Fundraising, Rebekkah Leibowitz
 - Cookie Dough income was \$14,844.00. The cookie dough will be delivered on Friday, April 24 at 1pm. Students with small orders will have their order sent home with them. Parents can pick up larger orders between 3-6pm, outside of the commons. We need to decide soon if we want to sign a contract with Otis Spunkmeyer for next year.

Programs, Erin Thacker and Hollie Archibald

- The theme for the spring book fair is Under the Sea and it is a 'Buy one, get one free' sale.
 - Set up will happen on Monday, May 4th after school, and a lot of volunteers are needed.
 - On Tuesday, classes will have opportunities to visit the book fair, and teachers can make their wish list at 8 am or during lunch.
 - PTA is giving away 4 \$10 gift cards for volunteers.
 - We don't earn money at this fair, but we earn points. We spend some of these points on Scholastic News subscriptions, which benefit all students.
- Teacher appreciation week is May 4-8, and the theme will be 'Superheroes.' Monday- coffee cart from 8-10am. Volunteers are needed to help deliver coffee, donuts, and bagels. Tuesday- Mr. Terry will provide lunch. Wednesday- trail mix bar and snacks to go. Thursday- potluck brunch. Friday- TBD, perhaps a taco bar or salad bar.
- Field day will be on June 9. Karin, Danielle, and Erin will finalize the stations this week; there will be some changes this year. Volunteers can sign up for their station online, and there will also be a sub list. The sign up deadline will be on May 22nd.
- Fifth grade promotion will be on Tuesday, June 16th at 9:30 am.
- Bellevue Art Museum art pieces will be at Briarwood on May 1st, and will stay for 3 weeks. Ms. Soel will not be here on the week of the 11th, so classes will view and discuss the art during that week. Karen Nelson will hold a training session so that the parent volunteers can preview the art and discussion questions.

Family Events, Laila Collins

- Invention Convention is this Thursday, April 23. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday at 1pm to help set up tables. There are 68 total entries, 52 of which are Science Tech students.
- Carnival is well organized, with a lot of new games and new ideas. Volunteer signups will go online soon.
- Missoula Children's Theatre contract for next year will be signed soon. The anticipated dates are Mar 7-11, 2016, and the play is scheduled to be *Rapunzel*.

ISF, Rebekkah Leibowitz

- The Nourish Every Mind Luncheon will be on May 14 at ICC from 11-1 pm. Our literacy support teacher, Carolyn Kaiser, will be among the speakers at the luncheon. ISF Breakfast will be on Wednesday, May 20 from 6:45-8:30 am. Briarwood is one of the biggest recipients of ISF funds.

Communications, Maria Bassett

- The May newsletter will go out after staff appreciation/book fair week. Maria will ask for submissions a week or two before the deadline.

Staff Report, Mary Winter:

No Report

Principal's Report, Drew Terry:

- Keri Saez, our school counselor, has been hired as the Student Support Coach for next year. She will also remain the counselor. Each is a half time position, so she will be here full time next year.

- Meg Kaufmann has been hired as a .5 ELL teacher for next year.
- Mr. Terry is anticipating hiring for 12 positions for the next school year, with the goal completing all hiring by the end of this June.
- New bond- The ISD is experiencing rapid growth, and wants to build 4 new schools to meet demand (1 high school, 1 middle school, and 2 elementary schools) The Superintendent has formed a bond feasibility committee to determine if a bond should be put to voters in April of 2016. Details that are yet to be decided are whether or not enough land can be purchased to build new schools, or if remodeling and additions will need to be done to current schools. If no new high school is built, the student populations at the current 3 high schools will rise to about 2600. It is estimated that it would cost about 97 million to purchase land, and the entire bond package would be around 518 million. Volunteers for Issaquah Schools runs the bond campaigns, but they weren't planning to do it until 2018. As a result, they are currently low on funds, and are looking for donations.
- Issaquah School District can't accept funding to offer Full Day Kindergarten to all students, because there is not space to house all the new classes. Two more elementary schools would be needed to be able to offer FDK.
- Enrollment at Briarwood is projected to be 660 students next year (currently at 622), which means that there will be 2 new classes next year. A green half sheet was sent home asking parents if their students will be returning next year. This is for Mr. Terry's planning purposes, and the district will be conducting their own enrollment verification on Aug 5-12 through Family Access.
- Music concerts are coming up; check newsletters for specific dates and times.
- Kindergarten Screening went well, and 60 new Kindergarteners were assessed. Scores are being compiled between Briarwood, Apollo, Newcastle, and Maple Hills. The neediest 40 kids will be offered pre-K summer school from July 6-31 from 9am-12pm. It is completely free, and snacks and transportation will be provided.
- A new Kindergarten parent was interested in getting new Kindergarten students together before the start of school. The PTA is interested in facilitating a meet and greet/playdate over the summer on the school playground. Because of privacy issues, the school could send an email invite on behalf of PTA. A line item could be added to next year's budget to cover the cost of refreshments.
- The school office will open on August 5. Mr. Terry encourages new homeowners to come in and register as soon as possible, since increased student population may affect staffing.
- Seven schools in the ISD earned academic awards from OSPI. Briarwood earned an award for high progress in reading and math scores over the last 3 years, and we were in the top 10% of the state.

New Business: The Briarwood PTA and Newcastle PTA would like to work together to offer support to the Chen family. We will be sending a condolence card, and will work with Mr. Terry and Ms. Saez to determine what would be most helpful for the family.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2015, Board Meeting in the Briarwood Library.

Submitted by:

Diane Oberg
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5