

Call to Order: President Karin Manning called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Attendance sheet attached. **Quorum present.**

Secretary's Report, Erin Thacker for Diane Oberg:

- Minutes from the General Meeting on April 20, 2015 were presented and approved as written.
- Thank you notes were received from Leslie Smith and Stephanie Mayo for the approval of the iPad grant, Leslie Smith for the approval of the Reading Buddies grant, and Rachel Patty and Phil Rossiter for Staff Appreciation Week.

Treasurer's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Current Account Balances: Checking: \$38,962.36 Savings: \$15,048.32
- The proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year was reviewed. See attached.

MOTION (by Nicole Morgan) I move to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Laila Collins; no further discussion; vote; **Motion unanimously passes.**

- A financial review will occur in July. Laila Collins, Erin Thacker, Seung Park, Tanya Platt, and Rebekkah Leibowitz volunteered to conduct the review.

VP Reports:

Fundraising, Rebekkah Leibowitz

- Brown Bear Car Wash tickets are still being sold online.
- Rebekkah will work on promoting Bear Path Bricks.
- Thank you to those who attended the ISF Nourish Every Mind luncheon.

Communications, Maria Bassett

- The PTA Event Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year is now online.
- Field Day and Carnival volunteer spots are now live online.
- We will be looking to recruit parents who speak a 2nd language to help new families who don't speak English.

Programs, Erin Thacker and Hollie Archibald

- The book fair was a huge success. We had 3 registers and a lot of volunteers. There was not as much stock as in the past, but we still earned about \$600 in Scholastic Dollars. Teachers were asked to give feedback regarding their morning preview time, and Katie and Hollie are asking for general feedback from staff and parents.
- The first book fair of the 2015-2016 school year will coincide with Pizza Bingo.
- Year books should arrive on June 4th.
- Thank you to Karen Nelson and the art volunteers for making the Bellevue Art Museum program possible again this year. Karen is looking for a shadow so that this program can continue in the future.

- Field Day will be on June 9th, and a lot of volunteers are still needed. Volunteer sign ups are online, and volunteers may choose the station where they want to work. However, spots are first come, first served. The PTA has been purchasing its own games for this event.

Family Events, Laila Collins

- Carnival planning is going well. There will be new games this year thanks to an Eagle Scout project. Many volunteers are needed, especially for set-up and clean-up. Middle and high school students can volunteer to help and earn community service volunteer hours.
- There will be a silent auction at the carnival with donations from the Mariners, Seahawks, and local restaurants and merchants. There may be a raffle for some of the items that are in high demand.

Staff Report, Kelsey Smith:

- Staff says “Thank you!” for Staff Appreciation week.
- Kelsey sent a survey to staff asking for input on PTA events, including art, Jog-a-Thon, McTeacher night, Missoula Children’s Theatre, and book swap.
- Kelsey will inform staff that there will be a lot of grant money available next year.

Principal's Report, Drew Terry:

- The following positions have already been filled for next year:
 - 2nd Grade- Jennifer Hampshire
 - 3rd Grade- Lucia Wilamen
 - 4th Grade- Tiffany Kimmolie (Transfer from Grand Ridge)
 - 4th Grade- Chelsey Wood (Current student teacher for Mrs. Foster)
 - 5th Grade- Patty Horvath
- Positions that still need to be filled include: librarian, special ed., and overloads for PE, music, and library.
- Science-Tech lottery was held, and 4 Briarwood students gained entry into the program. There were a total of 80 applications from 9 schools.
- Jane Harris, the Assistant Principal at Maywood Middle School, has accepted the Principal position at Apollo Elementary.
- Two teachers will be going out on maternity leave: Erin Foster on May 22nd and Kelsey Dean on May 29th.
- There will be building tours for new families on Wednesday, May 20th, from 2-4pm.
- There will be a parent education night on Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 on how to help kids keep reading over the summer. Childcare will be available.
- The fifth graders will be at Camp Colman from May 27-29.
- The Smarter Balance assessments are still being administered, but some of the results are already coming in. Any 3rd grade student who scores a ‘1’ on the assessment will be notified in a letter. The school will need to intervene for students who are not meeting standard. These interventions may include a conference with parents, a summer reading program, and an earlier start to the ASAP and Title I programs next year.
- The proposed bond package for 2016 was discussed. The total bond amount would be \$518 million, and would fund the building of 4 new schools and some school remodels. Approval of this bond would not result in an increase in taxes.
- Our demographic is changing and it would be beneficial to pair ELL families with families that speak 2 languages. The PTA website could have an option for families to list languages spoken and

countries of origin. This would help facilitate matching families, and would give us the information necessary to buy flags for The Commons that show the cultures/countries represented in our school.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8, Board Meeting offsite.

Submitted by:

Erin Thacker and Diane Oberg
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5