

- MINUTES-Board Meeting
- Monday, October 19, 2015
- Briarwood Library
- FINAL

Call to Order: President Erin Thacker called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Attendance sheet is attached. Quorum present.

Guest Speaker, Melissa Quade/Coldwell Banker Bain: When a Briarwood PTA member, friend, neighbor, or relative buys or sells a home with Melissa Quade, she and Coldwell Banker Bain will donate 10% of her commission to the PTA.

Secretary's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Minutes from the Board Meeting/Retreat on July 23, 2015 were presented and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Seung Park:

- Account Balances as of 9/30/15: Checking \$34,002.57 Savings \$15,049.60

President's Report, presented by Erin Thacker:

- Nov 10-Dec 4 Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank is taking donations of new, unwrapped gifts (books, toys, games, etc.) for their Holiday Gift Collection Drive, boxes will be in the entryway of the school.
- Council Update
 - Oct 29 @ 6:30pm "An Introduction to the American School System" at Issaquah Valley Elementary Multipurpose Room. For parents new to American schools. Translation services available.
 - School Bond will be on the ballot on April 26th 2016
 - Influence the Choice-Drug Prevention Alliance for Youth will be placing a prescription pill drop box in Newcastle, there are already boxes at Sammamish and Issaquah Police Stations
 - "Lunch for the Break" Issaquah Food Bank provides food boxes for Winter Break, Mid-Winter Break and Spring Break for kids in need. They are accepting donations and have shopping lists of specific items needed. This program has been in place at IVE and Clark and is expanding to schools in the south end of the district.
 - "What's Really Happening at Issaquah HS" an evening with IHS Resource Officer Diego Zanella Oct 27 @ 7:00 in IHS auditorium. Discusses misuse of technology, consequences of partying, substance abuse
 - Special Education Nights: No agenda, forum-driven. Nov 2 6:30pm @ Issaquah MS, Dec 3 6:30pm @ Maywood MS, Jan 14 6:30pm @ Beaver Lake
 - Nov 4 ISF Grant writing workshop. All are welcome

VP Reports:

- Fundraising, Rebekkah Leibowitz
 - Orange Ruler final numbers \$47,289 raised. \$822 in checks still missing, \$4030 in matching funds still not collected. Orange Ruler will not take their fees from the matching funds portion
 - Bear Path Bricks: We have 15 orders which is enough to do an engraving. The bricks must be prepaid this time.
 - Passive Fundraiser: Jersey Mikes (by QFC) is providing 1000 color flyers each with 4 coupons. They will donate \$3 for each coupon used from Oct 26-Nov 1. Renton Highlands location only.
- Communications, Michelle Splaver
 - Facebook page has 228 likes. Facebook page is updated by Katrina Rockey and Jen Catherall and will include reminders of Popcorn Fridays, Spirit Days, and will invite members to "Events" where they can RSVP and invite others.
 - Notify Michelle Splaver of anything you would like to post to the Facebook page.
- Programs, Nicole Morgan and Tira Will
 - Book Fair (Hollie Archibald) Nov 17-20 Monster Theme.

- Volunteer opportunities on the website
 - PTA is donating a book to each preschooler using Scholastic dollars.
 - Have \$2200 Scholastic dollars.
- Spirit Wear (Erin Thacker): items should arrive this week or next week
- Yearbooks:
 - Due to more classrooms in the yearbook this year, we will need to combine events on pages or cut love lines to keep prices the same. We are open to suggestions of what could be cut or consolidated.
 - All Yearbooks will be hardcover this year with the new vendor. The cost is \$22 which is less than last year's hardcover (\$24)
- Staff Luncheon Nov 17: Thanksgiving Turkey Fry
- Book Swap Nov 4 (Tentative date)

- Family Activities, Danielle Hunter
 - Pumpkin Carving Night Oct 23, drop off cookies from 3-6pm. We have enough volunteers. The event will be scaled back a bit from last year. Requested \$50 increase in budget to buy hot cups for cider, cocoa. The current budget is \$50 so this would increase the budget to \$100.
MOTION (by Rebekkah Leibowitz) I move that we increase the Pumpkin Carving budget by \$50. Seconded by Seung Park; no further discussion; vote; **Motion Passes**
 - Apple Cup Pizza Bingo (Lena Wiegering, chair) Nov 20, first communications will go out Oct 26 or the week after. Pizza orders will be taken from Nov 2-17. Lena suggested that people who share the event on their Facebook page be entered into a raffle for prize
- Volunteers, Kristen Slocum
 - VIP (Volunteers Inspire Praise) looking to recognize and thank new volunteers, and mention them in the E-Blasts.
 - Notify Kristen of outstanding volunteers
- Art (Michelle Peeples) all grades except 4th have started art education
- Membership, Erin Thacker
 - Membership is at 330 or 55%.
 - Still waiting on some staff members to join.
 - It was suggested that new members are entered into a raffle at Pumpkin Carving Night as an incentive to join.

Other Chair Reports

- Advocacy (Debbi Ramacciotti)
 - Legislative Assembly is Saturday Oct 24 in Olympia. Debbi will report back to us the top 5 initiatives presented at the Assembly
 - Debbi presented the "Paramount Duty Resolution for Organizations" which requests that State officials comply with the Supreme Court's orders in the McCleary Case. Individual PTA members are welcome to adopt and sign this resolution, whether we can support this as a PTA will need to be discussed with council.
- Reflections (Erin Thacker for Su Gow)
 - Art in the Afternoon still on Wednesdays after school, last session is Oct 28.
 - Entries submitted by Oct 28 will be judged
- ISF (Rebekkah Leibowitz)
 - Dining for Kids: participating restaurants will donate a portion of their sales to ISF on the following dates: Nov 4 Hop Jacks in Klahanie, Dec 2 Chinoise sushi in Issaquah Highlands
 - Honk-n-Wave: November 6th
 - ISF All in for Kids calling nights are Nov 10 and 17

Staff Update (Laycie Rader for Kelsey Smith):

- There was a good response to the Cultural form sent home by teachers. 60 families responded. 15 are able to translate. 36 speak another language at home. 35 countries are represented at our school. Flags of these countries will be ordered and hung in the library and lunchroom. The flags will be funded by a grant.
- Students are allowed to wear costumes to Pumpkin Carving Night. Costumes are not allowed during school, but there will be a Spirit Day on October 30 where students can wear black and orange
- Veteran's Day Assembly is November 9 at 2pm
- Thank you to Nicole Morgan for taking over production of Briarwood News!

Principal's Report, Drew Terry:

- There has been discussion about changing Bell Times, suggested times are 8-2:30 for elementary, High School start at 9am, Middle School start at 9:15am. A decision will be made by March to take effect next school year. Committees are being formed to discuss the many factors, superintendent wants to survey kids to get their opinions also.
- Conference sign-up on Family Access Thursday Nov 5 @noon through Monday Nov 30 @noon
- Due to the increase in teachers, Mr. Terry's time for teacher evaluations is limited. A Designated Teacher Evaluator (former ISD principal) will be observing and evaluating 5 staff. Two thirds of the ISD elementary schools use these Evaluators.
- SBA (Smarter Balance Assessment) results were mailed out, those students scoring a 1 will need to have a "student learning plan" written which will be presented to parents at conferences.
- ASAP program starts on Dec 10, permission slips will be presented to parents at conferences.
- New High School "Gibson Ek" will be opening next year on the old Issaquah MS site
- 3 new open positions at Briarwood: Head cook, 2 EA's
- New photo vendor (Dorian) had a quicker turnaround, feedback about photo quality was good
- Budget for co-curricular activities (Spanish Club, Running Club, Go Green, etc.) is low due to the teachers' COLA increase and contract increase. We also hired another teacher to go to Camp Colman this year
- Safety plans are in place, parents will be educated on the process of where to go to reunite with your child in case of an emergency, and what you will need. There will be a drill in the spring.
- Possible new programs being considered – Watchdogs (Dads walking at recess), Buddy Bench.

New Business: none

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by:

Alison Larsson
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5