

- MINUTES-General Meeting
- Monday, April 25, 2016
- 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: Bill Apperson, Apperson Education Products

- “Class Packs” by Apperson Education Products provides a fundraising opportunity for Briarwood as well as an easy way for parents to buy school supplies.
- Parents purchase required school supplies online, supplies are delivered to the school in time for Meet the Teacher Day in packs labeled with each student’s name
- Shared items (copy paper, etc.) will be shipped in bulk
- School receives a 10% rebate on Class Packs that can be used to purchase school supplies for the rest of the year. As a pilot school for this program, Briarwood would be guaranteed \$1000 in school supplies.
- Free delivery, no cost to schools
- Prices are consistent with major online retailers and products include brand names (Elmer’s, Crayola)
- There will be an option to contribute additional money to the school supply fund

Discussion – Based on reputation of company, convenience for parents, and the opportunity to earn \$1000 in school supplies, decision was made to accept offer.

MOTION (by Nicole Morgan) I move that we accept the offer to be a pilot school for the Class Packs Program through Apperson Education Products. Seconded by Rebekkah Leibowitz; no discussion; vote; **Motion passes.**

2016-2017 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 – Jasmine Brothers**
 - 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 – Kristen 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 Rebekkah Leibowitz) I move that we approve the slate in whole as presented. Seconded by Laycie Rader; no further discussion; vote; **Motion unanimously passes.**

Council Update, Laila Collins:

- Facility Use forms are due on June 3
- There will be 3 parent meetings to further discuss bell times: May 18 @ 6:30pm at Briarwood. Other meetings are at Beaver Lake and IHS
- There are 9 upcoming parent education opportunities, more information on the council website www.issaquahpts.org
- Training Opportunities:
 - General Training including Money Matters June 9 11:30-12:30 at ISD Admin Building

- WSPTA Convention May 20-22 in Yakima
- Back to School Conference: August 23 5:00-9:00pm @ Redmond HS – 5 different sessions for different officer positions, good for those in a new position next year
- For school reviews, the most accurate website with test scores is the OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) website (www.k12.wa.us). Other websites (greatschools, schooldigger, etc) are paid for reviews and may not be accurate.

Secretary's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Minutes from the General Meeting on March 21, 2016 were presented and approved with changes.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Seung Park:

- Account Balances as of 4/25/16: Checking \$50,915.62 Savings \$15,051.11
- Cookie Dough income \$7640.34
- McTeacher Night income \$2656.61
- Stipend balances have been given to Kelsey Smith to distribute to teachers. Deadline for submitting stipends is May 27
- Budget committee meeting is on May 9 at Seung's house. Committee includes Laila Collins, Kristen Slocum, Alison Larsson, Nicole Morgan, Rebekkah Leibowitz.

President's Report, presented by Erin Thacker:

- May 16 meeting is changing from a Board Meeting to a General Meeting so we can approve the budget.
- VPs and Chairs should review budgets and if there are any changes needed, let Seung or Erin know

VP Reports:

- Communications, Michelle Splaver
 - Working on May newsletter
- Volunteers, Kristen Slocum
 - VIP – Compiling lists to draw names from. Gifts will be flowers and a card instead of Gift Cards.
- Programs, Nicole Morgan
 - Popcorn – it is possible for teachers to take headcounts for popcorn on Skyward. Nicole will be adding a skit to Bear News to provide a visual of the process
 - Family Movie Night – Friday, April 29 doors open @ 6pm, movie at 6:30pm “Inside Out”
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is next week – need volunteers to help distribute coffee. Space Theme “Briarwood Teachers are Out of this World”
 - Book Fair (Tira Will) Week of May 2-6 in Briarwood Library. Theme is “Feeling Groovy – Peace, Love and Books”. Set up is 10am on Monday, volunteer positions are posted on website. Nicole is doing a skit for the Bear News about the Book Fair.
- Art, Karen Nelson
 - Bellevue Art Museum – week of May 9
 - Karen is contacting classroom art docents and previous year volunteers to help
- Fundraising, Rebekkah Leibowitz
 - Discussion about whether we need to do the Cookie Dough fundraiser next year.
 - Bear Path Bricks: Should be engraved by the end of the year
 - Brown Bear Car Wash tickets are available
 - ISF update:
 - Luncheon on April 28, have 2 full tables
 - Dining for Kids is on May 4 at the Gaslamp Tavern all day. Last month ISF made \$1500 from the Dining for Kids program
 - Amazon Smile program donates to ISF when you purchase from Amazon and select ISF as the charity.
- Family Activities, Erin Thacker for Danielle Hunter
 - Danielle has reserved the equipment through Fun Rent, there will be 2 dunk tanks.
 - Back to School BBQ (Sheryl Petersen & Tanya Platt) looking for a shadow to replace Tanya Platt as co-chair as next year will be her last at Briarwood.

Staff Report (Kelsey Smith)

Kelsey is no longer able to be our PTA's staff liaison due to her new position as head Cheer coach at Liberty HS. Laycie Rader will be replacing her as our staff liaison.

Principal's Report (Laycie Rader for Drew Terry)

- Staffing updates for next year:
 - Teachers: Jenna Thoresen is moving to Kindergarten, Lynn Evans is moving to 3rd Grade. Erin Foster is returning from leave and will teach 4th grade. There are 2 open 2nd grade teacher positions and 2 open Kindergarten positions.
 - A couple EA's are retiring and new EA's will be hired in August.
- Portables – 5th grade will be starting in the new portables next year, and there will be a 3 year rotation, 5th => 4th => 3rd
- SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) has started for 3rd grade, other grades will follow
- Green sheet was sent home to parents asking if their child will return in the fall; the form is due back on May 4.
- Parent input letters for class placement are due on May 13. Letters are confidential. Parents should go through Drew for these requests rather than the teachers.
- Emergency drill will be sometime in May
- Upcoming Dates:
 - June 1: Volunteer Lunch (trying paperless invitations this year)
 - June 10: Field Day
 - June 14: 5th Grade Skate
 - June 15: 5th Grade Promotion

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Submitted by:

Alison Larsson
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5