

- MINUTES-General Meeting
- Monday, January 23, 2017
- 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: Jim Berry, ParentWiser: ParentWiser is a parent education lecture series that provides speakers, discussions, and documentary films to engage parents in educational topics. Providing Parent Education at a district level is easier to finance, so better speakers can be brought in. Two upcoming events:

- Feb 28, 6:30pm @ Issaquah HS Theater "Creating a High-Performing Mindset in our Kids" author and speaker John O'Sullivan. Free for ISD PTA members; \$10 donation for non-members
- March 2, 6:30-8:30 @ IHS Theater "Helping or Hindering" by ISD and Brooks Powers. Understanding our caretaking and parenting styles and how they affect a child's developing mind and their behaviors
- April 25, 7pm @ Issaquah HS Theater "Gift of Failure – How the best parents learn to let go so their children can succeed" author and speaker Jessica Lahey. Free for ISD PTA members; \$25 donation for non-members

Guest Speaker: Stephanie Mayo, Title 1/LAP teacher: Gave overview and report of Title 1 program. Title 1 is federally funded, LAP is state funded, it is required to present plans to community members. The program helps struggling students meet district and state reading standards. Students are selected for the program based on testing data, report cards, and teacher recommendations. Uses 10.5 EA support hours per week. Students meet in small groups of 3 or 4. Most are 1st and 2nd graders.

Grant: PE Bear Paws (Dalaina Lamance, PE Teacher) Bear Paws are the reward for completing the monthly fitness calendar. The monthly calendars give students exercise ideas they can do at home to stay fit. The order would be for 1000 Bear Paws and this supply should last a couple years. This would allow the PE teachers to save their building and grant money for equipment. The total is \$162.22 which includes tax & shipping. Currently there is no money in Grants, but due to the \$1501 that was received from the Apperson School Supply pilot program, we have this money in the Misc. Donations line item that can be used for Grants.

MOTION (by Nicole Morgan): I move that we move \$1501 from the Misc. Donations line item to Grants. Seconded by Rebekkah Leibowitz; no discussion; vote. **Motion Passes.**

MOTION (by Laila Collins): I move that we approve the PE Bear Paws Grant in the amount of \$162.22. Seconded by Lena Weigering; no discussion; vote. **Motion Passes.**

Secretary's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Minutes from the General Meeting on November 21, 2016 were presented and approved as written.
- Correspondence (2 items): Thank you note from staff for the Staff Appreciation Turkey lunch. Thank you note from Lions Giving Library of the NW (Donna McMillen, Secretary) for the donation of books from the book swap.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Seung Park:

- Account Balances as of 1/22/17: Checking \$25821.83 Savings \$15053.36
- Received \$14952.58 from Orange Ruler reconciliation, will reconcile again in spring.
- Financial Review Committee volunteers: Nicole Morgan, Jasmine Brothers, Laila Collins, Lena Weigering
- \$1501 was moved from Misc. Donations to Grants (see "Grant" section for motion info)

President's Report, presented by Erin Thacker:

- Council Update (Laila Collins for Erin Thacker)
 - The state has required the district to create a Truancy Board, there will be periodic meetings, if anyone is interested in serving on this board please let Erin know.
 - Community Values Survey was emailed out, this survey gathers parent input of items that are important to the community prior to contract negotiations

- There will be no mid-year training conference in February, but there are upcoming webinar training opportunities: Nominating Committee 2/7 and Money Matters 2/11
- Council suggested that if PTA's have extra money for books, they would like to see more culturally diverse books in the classrooms
- Nominations are being accepted for Golden Acorn Award, Outstanding Advocate Award, Outstanding Service Award, and Outstanding Educator Award. Nomination deadline is 2/17. We have received some nominations.

VP Reports:

- Communications, Michelle Splaver: Working on uploading the teachers' "Favorite Things" lists for gift ideas
- Membership, Erin Thacker for Becca Heeter: 86% membership - 447 members of 520 member goal
- Volunteers and Advocacy, Kristen Slocum:
 - Kristen represented attending Focus Day on Jan 16. WSPTA members and advocates gathered at the Capitol Building for a day of training, education, meetings with legislators, and other activities that help members engage directly in the legislative process. Focus Day brings together parents, children, teachers and members of the WSPTA to learn more and rally for awareness of the WSPTA's top 5 platform issues. The best advocacy happens year round and members are encouraged to keep current on the legislative happenings by visiting www.wastatepta.org.
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - Ample Fund Basic Education
 - Closing the Opportunity Gap
 - Standards for Paraeducators
 - Breakfast After the Bell.
 - Discussed having the VP of Volunteers position change to be a VP of "FACE" (Family and Community Engagement) next year, the position would involve not only handling volunteer positions but also membership, increasing PTA meeting attendance, and outreach. The "FACE" position exists in other PTAs state and nationwide. Also discussed adding a line item of "Community Outreach" for next year's budget, the budget committee can discuss this when they meet.
- Programs, Nicole Morgan & Tira Will
 - Bellevue Art Museum (Tira Will) Tira attended training; theme is "Exploring Stories through Art". Each piece of art has a story behind it. Art projects were provided that can be used in the classroom in advance, Tira will send these to teachers. Dates are May 1-5
 - Yearbook: Flier was sent home for Love Lines, included a reminder to purchase a yearbook as they are not being sold at Carnival.
 - Movie Night (Nicole Morgan): Movie night that was scheduled for Feb will be rescheduled for 3/31
 - Camp Colman (Kris Pottsmith): Kris presented the idea of using pony beads to mark what activities/challenges students have completed at camp. This would cost \$275 one-time and \$175 in subsequent years. Since PTA supplements Camp Colman and it has been running over budget every year, this could not be added to our Camp Colman budget. Either Mr. Terry can reallocate his discretionary funds for this or it can be submitted as a grant.
 - Lunch for the Break Food Boxes (Michelle Splaver & Kristen Slocum): PTA has committed to provide 30 boxed lunches for the February Mid-Winter break, each classroom will have a food drive from Jan 30-Feb 13 to collect specific items. Each class has a Sign-up Genius list that will be emailed out. Volunteers are needed to put together boxes on Monday 2/13. Donations of gently used or new books are also being accepted. For each completed box of food, classrooms will receive a raffle ticket. The winning classroom will receive a pizza party. Families in need have to register through Issaquah Food Bank.
 - Standards of Excellence (Alison Larsson): Submission due late February
 - If you have chaired an event recently, please fill out an Event Evaluation form (found on the website). This helps us get points for Standards of Excellence and also provides useful suggestions for future event chairs
 - We need to do a member survey again this year. If you have any questions for a survey that you would like to have included, please let Alison know.
- Art, Erin Thacker:

- Reflections: 12th district finalist Joshua Gardner's music composition "Three Finger Fiddle" is moving on to state
- Fundraising, Jasmine Brothers
 - Cookie Dough sales dates are 3/16-3/27 with delivery on 4/20
 - Received \$62.49 from Fred Meyer/Kroger Community Rewards program from purchases made by 8 participating families during Q4 of 2016.
- Family Events, Erin Thacker for Danielle Hunter
 - Variety show was successful. It lasted longer than usual but was still better than having two separate shows
 - Missoula is on 3/17, there will be a committee formed to chair.
 - Skate Night 5/6 at Sno-King Ice Arena – has to be on a Saturday due to limited rink availability
 - Science Fair 4/21
 - Will coincide with Engineering Night, therefore not as many prizes will be needed
 - Invention Convention projects are required for Science Tech students (52)
 - Judges would like rubric ahead of time.

Staff Report (Laycie Rader):

- Carolyn Kaiser (Instructional Coach) would like to present more information to the community about Eureka Math. Would like to tie it into a PTA meeting.
- Papa Bears program is going well, the Dads go to their kids classroom, specialists, lunch and recess.

Principal's Report (Drew Terry):

- School is fully staffed
- There is a need for substitutes for classified positions and substitute teachers. A teaching certificate/degree is not required to be a substitute teacher, just a 4-year degree.
- ASAP is running, serving 40 kids in grades 3-5. ISF is paying for ELL students to be assessed and included in ASAP. ASAP runs for 14 weeks, through 4/6.
- 2nd grade gifted testing (Iowa basic skills test) is being administered this week. 50 out of 1000 students will qualify for the top 1-2%. Along with the CoGAT test in March, these results will identify students who qualify for Merlin or SAGE programs.
- The school improvement plan has been presented; the goal is to improve writing up to standard level or up one level. 33% of students did not make the first checkpoint.
- Monday 1/30 there will be no school due to a teacher workshop on cultural competency.
- Cultural Connections meeting is 1/27 from 8:30-9:30
- Kindergarten Parent Orientation is on 2/7 at 6:30
- Science Tech open house for 3rd grade parents is 2/28 at 6pm

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Submitted by:

Alison Larsson
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5