

- MINUTES-Board Meeting
- Monday, October 24, 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: Becky Gordon, Issaquah PTSA Council President

- Overview of Issaquah PTSA Council
 - Non-Profit Organization that provides resources, facilitates communication between local PTAs, school district, students & families, community organizations, and volunteers.
 - Provides leadership development opportunities and training
 - Advocates for all children at the district and state levels
 - Develops collaborative and productive relationships with school district leaders
 - Provides local PTAs with a voice and a vote
- Members are the PTA Boards. Each local PTA is encouraged to attend monthly council meetings (local PTA determines who will attend). Each local PTA is allowed 4 voting delegates.

Secretary's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Minutes from the Board Retreat on July 26, 2016 were presented and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Seung Park:

- Account Balances as of 10/24/16: Checking \$20,150.29 Savings \$15,052.61
- \$1,091 for school supplies came in from Apperson for the School Supplies Class Packs online ordering, and we will also be receiving \$410 as our 10% rebate.

President's Report, presented by Erin Thacker:

- Council Report
 - ISF Grant applications go live on 11/4. ISF Grant writing workshop 11/3 @5:30 at Issaquah Valley Elementary
 - What Every Parent wants to know about the American School System 10/27 @6:30 at Issaquah Valley Elementary
 - Parenting the Developing Mind 11/7 @ 7-8:30 Issaquah HS Theater
 - Run, Hide or Fight Parent Training 11/21 @ 7pm Issaquah HS Theater
- Art Program: Michelle Peeples has resigned her position as Art Chair, Erin will be assuming the position. We have the Great Artist curriculum and are waiting on supplies.
- Membership: We have 422 PTA members, and are at 80% of our goal
- Reflections: Need judges with an art background. Categories are music composition, dance choreography, film production, photography, literature, and visual arts. Entries must be turned in by November 7.
- Engineering Night: Same night as Science Fair/Invention Convention, April 21. Engineering activities in different areas of the school. Led by Anne Miller, Science Tech teacher

VP Reports:

- Communications, Michelle Splaver
 - November's newsletter will be both hard copy and email.
 - The database has been updated from new class lists, but some members still need to be removed.
- Programs, Nicole Morgan & Tira Will
 - Movie Night was a success, Katie Breuel and Hollie Archibald raised \$161 for the Scholastic All for Books program by selling suckers and soda.
 - Directory: We have \$225 from sponsors for advertising. The date for this is extended until November 1st

- Yearbooks (Tira Will) New this year – 5th graders will have a chance to design the yearbook cover. The design needs to include the Briarwood Way slogan, a bear or paw, and the year. Teachers will vote for the top 4, and then student council will pick the winner.
- Spirit Wear (Erin Thacker): The first wave of orders was delivered last week, the website is open again for new orders.
- Science-to-Go Kits (Alison Larsson): Some of the library's older science-to-go kits have been retired, there are about 25 shoe-box size plastic boxes with lids available, let Alison know if you can use them. There are also about 80 empty hanging file folders in the bottom drawer of the credenza in the PTA office if anyone needs to file things.
- Scholastic Book Fair (Tira Will): November 14-18 in the library. Theme is "Bookaneers"
 - Need volunteers, sign up on the website
 - Discussed and agreed we will compensate librarian for use of the library by giving \$500 for new books as well as \$500 Scholastic Dollars.

MOTION (by Nicole Morgan) I move that we reallocate \$500 from the Grants line item to a new line item titled "Library Book Fair Grant". Seconded by Alison Larsson; no further discussion; vote. **Motion passes.**
- Book Swap Friday 10/28: Still need a few volunteers
- Staff Appreciation Lunch 11/15 Turkey Fry
- Lunch for the Break: provides boxed lunches during holiday breaks. We have registered as a donor for Mid-winter Break in February. Donation lists are specific and will be sent out via Sign-up Genius
- Holiday Gift Barn: Gift program for ISD families. Bring in unwrapped gifts and stocking stuffers from 11/14-12/2, there will be boxes set up like a train in the school entryway (no tree this year)
- Fundraising, Jasmine Brothers
 - Bellevue Ice Arena: People visiting the ice arena from 11/25-12/16 and 1/3-1/8 can mention they are with Briarwood at the admission counter and a \$3 donation will be made to the PTA for each paid rink admission. Rink is at Ashwood park in downtown Bellevue, 10820 NE 10th St. (adjacent to Bellevue Library)
 - Orange Ruler (Nicole Morgan & Seung Park): We have raised \$42,850 which is 95% of our \$45K goal. There was 68% participation. 14 classes got to have Kona Ice on Oct 21st as a reward. Next year the goal will be reduced back to \$40K due to some large donors in 5th grade moving on
 - Jersey Mike's Sandwich Shop coupons – Students brought home coupons that can be used through Oct 26, for each coupon used, Jersey Mike's will donate \$3 to PTA.
- Family Activities, Danielle Hunter
 - Pizza Bingo is November 18. Online preorders for pizza start on 10/31.
 - Carnival: We will have 2 dunk tanks, no churro machine (churros will be heated in kitchen). Considering having food trucks come to carnival - the higher cost of food was a concern, but we could offer hot dogs as an option as well.
 - International Night: December 9. Need a job shadow. There will be fewer performances this year so we do not go over time.
- Volunteers, Kristen Slocum
 - Still have not received emails from chairs about volunteers to recognize. The lists of volunteers will be pulled from the website and chosen at random to be recognized
- Legislative Assembly Update (Kristen Slocum)
 - Legislative Assembly was held on Oct 21-22 in Olympia
 - The top 5 short-term platforms for the next 2 years as chosen by voters
 - Social-Emotional Learning
 - Amply Fund Basic Learning
 - Closing Opportunity Gap
 - Standards of Paraeducators
 - Breakfast after the Bell

Staff Report, Kelsey Smith:

- Kelsey and Laycie Rader will be sharing the position of Staff Liaison
- Suggested paying in advance for popcorn Friday, students pay for the entire year up front. Counting orders the morning of popcorn Friday is going well.

Staff Report, Drew Terry:

- Have Hired 2 new EA's (ECE and PM ECEAP)
- Matt Glover Reading/Writing Presentation 10/26 6:30-7:30 at Issaquah MS
- The school's 4 building wings have been named for bears (Panda, Polar, Grizzly, Kodiak). Portables are the Sun Bears
- "I am That Girl" Club for 5th grade girls - hosted by school counselor Keri Silvers, first meeting is November 7. Meetings are every other Monday during lunch recess. I Am That Girl is a national program that is a community, support system, and a movement inspiring girls to love, express, and be who they are. Emails have been sent to all parents of 5th grade girls with details and girls will get an invitation from Mrs. Silvers.
- Veterans Day Assembly is Thursday, November 10 at 10am, all families and veterans welcome. Email Laycie Rader with any pictures and names of veterans for the slide show.
- Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) information night Tuesday November 15th @ 6pm in the Commons - pizza will be served. Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, uncles, other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities. Goals are to provide positive male role models for students, and enhance school security and reduce bullying. Register for the Information Night through the link in the 10/31 E-News.
- Cultural Connections meeting was a success, about 25 people attended and 10 different countries were represented. The next meeting is November 17th 8:30-9:15 in the library
- There will be a lockdown drill this week
- Suggested a scholarship for school lunches for when the annual free and reduced lunch period expires in October for families who have not yet reapplied. We will see if this is something the PTA would be involved in or not.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Submitted by:

Alison Larsson
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5