



- MINUTES-General Meeting
- Monday, May 15, 2017
- Briarwood Library
- DRAFT

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

Secretary's Report, Alison Larsson:

- Minutes from the General Meeting on April 24, 2017 were presented and approved as written.
- Correspondence: Thank you cards from Reanne Nakapaahu and Phil Rossiter for Staff Appreciation week

Treasurer's Report, presented by Seung Park:

- Financial Review will be held in early July. Committee volunteers are Jasmine Brothers, Michelle Splaver, Nicole Morgan, Alison Larsson
- Next year's check signers will be Nicole Morgan, Alison Larsson and Kristen Slocum.
- \$100 was taken from our Humanitarian line item to help pay for the sound tech for Music Alive
- \$1000 was donated to the ISF luncheon
- Account Balances as of 5/15/17: Checking \$40289.70 Savings \$15054.36
- Budget – Carryover from previous year is estimated to be \$41391.11. The budget projects that \$22270.11 will be carried over into the next year. We can discuss putting more money into Grants at our next meeting
MOTION (by Jasmine Brothers) "I move that we approve the 2017-2018 budget as presented."
 Seconded by Megan Raak; no further discussion. **Motion unanimously passes.**

President's Report, presented by Erin Thacker:

- Sleep Study Survey: The district is participating in a study conducted by a researcher at Seattle Children's Hospital regarding the impact of changing bell schedules and sleep. They are asking parents and students to take a survey about sleep habits this spring, and a follow-up survey next spring. The survey can be found on E-News.
- Council is looking to fill the VP of Elementary Central position
- There was a good representation from Briarwood at this year's WSPTA Convention. Thank you to Michelle Splaver and Alison Larsson for submitting for the following awards this year.
 - Gold - Outstanding Newsletter & E-Blast
 - Silver - Outstanding Website
 - Silver - Outstanding Communication Strategy
 - Silver - Standards of Excellence
- End-of-Year Final PTA Board meeting (offsite) will be on 6/19. Evites will be sent out.

VP Reports:

- Communications, Michelle Splaver: May newsletter went out electronically via teachers and via kid-mail.
- Volunteers, Kristen Slocum:
 - May's VIP is Kris Pottsmith, for her work on Science Fair/Invention Convention
 - Carnival Volunteers: Kristen has reached out to Honor Society students to volunteer. High School students do not have to be background checked.
- Programs, Nicole Morgan & Tira Will
 - Field Day is June 9 from 1:15-2:15. Volunteer positions will be on the website later this week.
 - Pops with Pops on Field Day – Dads need to be background checked only if they are staying to help with Field Day. Teachers will help promote this by sending an email out to parents
 - Bellevue Art Museum artwork was displayed the first week of May. 20 students submitted artwork inspired by the art – the top six will be on display at the museum from 11am-1pm on Saturday 5/20 at the End of Year Showcase at Bellevue Art Museum
 - Book Fair – enough was earned to get 66 books, \$979 in Scholastic Dollars. We have \$350 to spend for All for Books (mostly earned at Family Movie Night). Some Book Fair signs and supplies were left

in a box in the hallway and were accidentally recycled. If boxes are left in the hall outside the PTA office please leave a note that they are not to be thrown out

- Staff Appreciation (Nicole) – the recent staff appreciation week went well. The last staff appreciation lunch will be on June 8, it will be the 5th grade-sponsored BBQ. Information will be sent to 5th grade parents next week.
- Art, Erin Thacker: no report
- Fundraising, Jasmine Brothers
 - Apperson School Supply Packs – Teachers are working on school supply lists, Apperson will provide flyers to hand out and helpers on the day of distribution.
- Family Activities, Erin Thacker for Danielle Hunter
 - Carnival volunteer positions are posted online. Bracelets are for sale for kids 5 and over, online sales cutoff is 5/29. Bracelets will go home on 5/31
 - Need a chair for McTeacher night. Kelsey Smith may know someone.

Staff Report (Kelsey Smith):

- Since Laycie Rader is leaving Briarwood, Reanne Nakapaahu will share the position of Staff Liaison with Kelsey next year.
- Kelsey is thinking of doing a kindergarten ‘Color Run’ – is looking for donations of white t-shirts, and sign poles to display colors.

Principal’s Report (Drew Terry):

- Next year there will be 31 classes at Briarwood. The year after that there may be one more, and if there are two more, the school will be at max capacity (33 classes).
- Staffing Update:
 - New 3rd grade teacher is Ann Wertz (moved from South Carolina)
 - ECE teacher Dina Alatorre is taking a .5 leave and has been reassigned to Discovery
 - New PE teacher is Abby O’Brien from Discovery
 - New Science Tech teacher is Caitlyn Niemi (moved from Alaska)
 - New 5th grade teacher is Amy Krohn (from 2nd grade long-term sub position)
 - Currently interviewing for school counselor, part-time ELL teacher, and part-time secretarial position.
 - Did not get approval for an Assistant Principal, will be hiring for the Dean of Students position
- A second grade class will be in a portable next year. Bear Club will be in the Commons during the transition
- Emergency drill will be held on 5/24 or 5/31 at 9am, weather-dependent
- A new Social Studies curriculum will be adopted a year from now – 2 teachers are needed to field test 2 units of the curriculum and provide feedback
- “Music Alive” at Liberty HS 5/16 at 7pm
- Camp Colman (5th grade) 5/17-19
- Reading Buddies – the donor of the bicycle prizes will not be continuing next year
- Volunteer Appreciation lunch is on Thurs June 1 from 11:10-12:40
- Reading and Math Club are having a celebration on June 8 at 5:30
- 5th Grade Promotion is June 19 at 9am
- Last Day of School is June 20 with 11am dismissal. There will be an end-of-year assembly
- Bell times next year are 9:10-3:35, running 40 minutes later. Lunch schedules will mirror that.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Submitted by:

Alison Larsson
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5