



Call to Order

President Nicole Morgan called meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Attendance sheet is attached. **Quorum Present.**

Golden Acorn Award: The Golden Acorn Award is presented by PTA to volunteers in recognition of dedication and service to children and youth. This year we have one Golden Acorn recipient.

- **Michelle Splaver:** Michelle is a former VP of Communications, has been our Outreach chair and has been a leader of our Carnival committee. She volunteers in her children's classrooms, is a member of Liberty's PTA, and is an active member in her church community.

Grants (1): Current Grants Budget: \$804.76

1. **iPad and Cover** (Dana Geist, Kelsey Smith, Tiffany Martinell)

The iPad would be used by three kindergarten teachers to assist with Seesaw and ESGI online assessments. Seesaw allows parents to view their child's work from their phone or computer, while ESGI allows teachers to easily see what a student can/can't do and pull flashcards to help. The cost for the iPad and is \$383.88.

MOTION (by Jasmine Brothers) To grant requested amount of \$383.88 for iPad and Cover. Seconded by Michelle Splaver; vote. MOTION PASSES

President's Report – Nicole Morgan

The General Membership was thanked for their support in passing the three renewal levies. All levies passed with the EP&O Levy passing by 526 votes. Every elementary school will now have a full-time counselor and PBSES Support Coach.

The Washington State PTA Convention will be on May 18th to 20th at the Hilton in Vancouver, WA. Registration opens on March 28th.

The Golden Acorn Reception will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd, from 6:30 to 7:30 at Issaquah Middle School.

ParentWiser and Influence the Choice have partnered and are hosting *Hidden in Plain Sight* on Monday, April 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Central Washington University Campus in Sammamish. This is an adult only event, and registration is on the ParentWiser website (www.parentwiser.org).

ParentWiser is also presenting *Peaceful Parent Happy Kid* on Wednesday, May 16th and *Peaceful Parent Happy Siblings* on Thursday, May 17th. Registration is on the ParentWiser website (www.parentwiser.org).

The ISF *Nourish Every Mind Luncheon* will be held on Thursday, May 10th at Meydenbauer Center from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, and the *Nourish Every Mind Breakfast* will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd at Eastridge Church from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

384 boxes were distributed for the February break, and they were able to fill the donation gap with monetary donations from the December break. There is a new shopping list for the April break that is posted on the Council website. Donor drop off for the April break will be Wednesday, April 4th, and family pick up will be on Thursday, April 5th.

Nominating Committee – Jasmine Brothers

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill the roles of VP of Fundraising, VP of Communications and possible one of the VP of Programs positions.

Secretary – Erin Thacker

Minutes will be filed with errors corrected.

Treasurer's Report – Alison Larsson

February 2018 Treasurer's Report was given. Account Balances as of 03/19/2018: Checking \$37,729.37; Savings \$15,056.90

Budget Committee Volunteers: Jasmine Brothers, Erin Thacker, Kristi Isaacs. Alison Larsson and Nicole Morgan will also be part of this committee.

Michelle Splaver mentioned that the budget for 5th Grade Promotion will be tight as Sno-King has raised the cost for ice skating.

Vice President Reports

Fundraising – Jasmine Brothers

McTeacher Night is this Friday, March 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Briarwood PTA will receive 20% of the food sales and 100% of the tips.

Cookie dough flyers are scheduled to go home on March 22nd. Orders will be accepted till April 5th with delivery on Thursday, May 3rd.

Communications – Jen Catherall

No report.

Programs – Kathleen Baillie and Nataliya Khan

Family Movie Night is Friday, March 30th. We will be showing Coco.

Camp Colman information has been sent home to families. We may want to advertise the parent information night meeting on Thursday, April 5th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Alison Larsson will take a look at dates in May for the next Book Swap.

The BOGO Scholastic Book Fair will take place from April 30th to May 4th. There is still \$1,500 left in the *All for Books* fund that must be used by the end of the year. It was suggested that these funds could be used to buy books off of the teachers' wish lists.

To date, we have sold 560 yearbooks, but would like to sell 600.

Audrey Tomlinson is chairing Field Day again this year, and Nataliya has started to reach out to her. Field Day will take place on Friday, June 15th.

Gift-a-Book is having a difficult time getting photos of the students who have donated books since they are coming direct from Amazon.

Art – Tira Will

BAM will take place from April 23rd to April 27th. The art will be delivered to the school between April 13th and April 17th.

An art wall is going to be started next to the adult bathrooms. It will showcase art from each grade each month.

Briarwood has been asked to provide art for the District Board Room for the month of May. We will showcase a 3rd Grade mural as well as 2nd Grade Picasso piece.

The art budget is getting tight, and Tira is working with Beth Koontz for ways to decrease our clay costs. Beth has offered to do a clay night class for parents for a small fee. This would help offset costs and use up the surplus of left over clay.

Family Events – Kristi Isaacs

Kristi thanked Missoula chairs Katrina Rockey and Adrienne Baker.

Kristi will be chairing the Science Fair this year as no science tech parents offered to chair this event. Kristi has updated all of the paperwork for the Science Fair and has one parent coordinating judges and another parent doing the posters. Science Fair is on Friday, April 27th.

Items have been rented from Fun Rent for the Carnival and the DJ has been reserved. The DJ's fee has gone up \$100. Carnival will be held on Friday, June 8th.

Membership – Michelle Splaver

We currently have 570 members which is 103% of our Membership goal, and have achieved the Platinum WSPTA Award for exceeding last year's membership by 20%. Michelle may do a drawing for our spring membership campaign.

Issaquah Schools Foundation – Danielle Gardner

The *State of Mind Conference* will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at Gibson Ek High School. This conference focuses on mental health and substance abuse challenges facing youth in our community. Workshops will be available for both teens and adults.

Dining for Kids will be on Wednesday, April 4th at Tutta Bella. This will be an all-day event.

Danielle will be sending emails regarding the *Nourish Every Mind Luncheon* on Thursday, May 10th and Breakfast on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Standards of Excellence – Alison Larsson

Alison submitted Standards of Excellence on behalf of Briarwood PTA. We lost points due to the few number of elected board members that completed PTA & the Law training. We would gain additional points if we had more members attend Legislative Assembly.

Alison sent out a General Membership Survey regarding the programs Briarwood PTA offers and supports. We had 62 responses, and overall the feedback was positive.

F.A.C.E – Kristen Slocum

Volunteers are still needed to picture day on March 22nd and 23rd. Please let Kristen know if you are able to help. The State has passed a dyslexia bill that will require early screening for dyslexia and provide students with interventions. School Districts are required to start testing by the 2020/21 school year.

Staff Report – Reanne Nakapaahu and Kelsey Smith

It was difficult filling the spots for McTeacher Night this year, but they are all covered. Reanne will take the aprons to McDonalds on Friday night.

Principal Report – Steve Thatcher

So far there has been positive feedback regarding the new pick-up and drop off procedures. Please let Steve know if you have any feedback.

Work has already started on the vestibule. Work should be completed during spring break. Martin Turney is to speak to the Fire Marshall about alternate methods of securing the gate that faces Patriot Way.

Belma Martin has become a full-time counselor, so we will be hiring a full-time Student Support Coach. Steve is working with the District on Response Intervention. This is important now that we will have a full-time counselor and full-time Student Support Coach.

Carolyn Kaiser is moving to IVE next year, so we will have a new Instructional Coach. Interviews took place on Friday for the Vice Principal position.

Kindergarten registration is in full swing. So far, about 70 Kindergarteners are registered, and Kindergarten screenings will take place on Wednesday, March 28th.

New Business –

None

Meeting adjourned: 8:44 pm

Submitted by:

Erin Thacker
Secretary, Briarwood Elementary PTA 2.6.5