

PTA Meeting 3/10/2015

PTA Members Present: Kristen Walker, Rachel Love, Janis Newcomb, Sheila Cain, Paule Myre-Bisaillon, Christine Lennon, Amber Tingle, Elizabeth Kahn, Amy Kiser, Kari Moncrief, Rina Serrano, Kathryn Williams, Staci Morris, Crystal Holladay, Emilie Snyder, Christine Dohrman (christinedohrman@yahoo.com). Staff Present: Stephanie Raiford, Angie Maynard, Mallory Biringer

Meeting minutes approved from last meeting held on 2-3-15

Advocacy: Grade reports for schools posted. Briarcliff got a B grade. Various webinars are now available on NCPTA website. NC legislature met; WCPSS intervention services budget will be cut for next year and middle/high schools going to 10 point grading system. Letters went home last week explaining budget cuts to parents. Ms. Raiford reported that Briarcliff is still a Title 1 school which allows for extra funding/resources for students. Briarcliff will still be able to provide summer school. National PTA convention will be held in Charlotte, NC in June 25-28.

President's report: Briarcliff is collecting Coke Points, Tyson chicken labels, Sunny D labels, box tops, and pop tabs off soda cans. Coke points now offering money instead of prizes.

Financial Report: PTA needs to purchase wish list items as finances looking good. Ms. Brooks was told to look for sound system. In Mrs. Raiford's opinion, the PTA does not need to purchase technology for school as she says WCPSS will be providing funding for replacing technology. According to her, the district will be replacing the teacher's laptops and laptop cart ordered for 3rd grade. The computers in computer lab will be replaced. Much of the school's technology will be purged, we don't know when yet. However, many board members would like to keep some money set aside for the technology that may still be needed after the refresh.

Hospitality: Breakfast for teachers will be tomorrow morning. The luncheon was great and some fun pictures were taken of teachers at the luncheon.

Spirit Nights: April 9 event will be held at City BBQ. They will give 25% of sales, but must have flyer, and can be used at lunch and dinner.

April 28 event will be at Tribute Pizza. They are only open for dinner, and a flyer is not needed. Briarcliff will get 10% of all sales for the night.

May 28 will be the final spirit night for year at Barberitos and Menchie's again from 5-9pm.

Fun Run update: Sponsorship deadline is March 16. Currently have enough money to cover cost of white t-shirts; \$600 more is needed to buy colored shirts. Kristen is working with PIP printing to make posters outlining our sponsors. Fun run coordinators will be meeting with teachers during PLT to outline details of fun run. Amy and Kari are working on the fun run videos. The first video will be shown at the pep rally.

Spirit Wear: Any new orders for blue ribbon spirit wear items due to Kristen by tomorrow.

Book Fair: Lauren and Rachel will do Scholastic book fair in the spring on June 1-5. The theme is Get Ready for Summer Reading. Family night will be held in conjunction with 5th grade talent show.

Tutoring/ Enrichment: Programs going well this year. Amy and Sagrina are thinking of revamping the program for next year. They are looking for volunteers to help plan the program for next year.

Coffee and Grounds: May 9 is upcoming work day. Crystal will be meeting with Ms. Maynard to discuss schools' cleanup needs. Anyone helping at clean up must be registered WCPSS volunteer. Since members of Summit Church could not be registered volunteers in time, they won't be able to help. Key club volunteers may be recruited for work day. A plaque will be purchased for butterfly bush to honor Ken McDermond.

Spring Fling: Decision made to hire same bounce house company as last year. Fewer bounce houses will be used and a balloon artist will be hired. \$1215 is cost for bounce houses including generator, attendants, and delivery fee. Total budget for spring fling is \$2000. Food trucks will be hired for spring fling. Decision made to hire three different trucks; All American (hotdogs, hamburgers, cheese steak, fries), Big Mike's BBQ, and possibly a Latino truck. Kona Ice will provide dessert and Briarcliff will get portion of sales. Kathryn needs a partner for games, if anyone has any ideas, contact her. Kristen is having hard time finding DJ, so we may use Mr. Brook's Kid's Bop music. Face painter will be hired. Science for Fun will be providing a demonstration. A suggestion made to increase admission to \$6, most agreed to keep it at \$5. Teacher time raffle goal for every teacher to do something.

Nominating (Amy): Let Amy know your intentions for next year's PTA.

Principal's Report: First three days of spring break are make-up days.

Scratch Club (Kathryn): If anyone wants to take over scratch club, come to next three Tuesdays to check it out.

School Garden: Saturday is a workday to build school garden.

Next meeting will be on April 7.