

Briarcliff Elementary PTA

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2021

1. Call to Order

Amy Dexheimer called to the meeting to order the at 7:05 pm on 4.13.2021 on our Google Meet. Approximately 20 people were in attendance

2. Approve Minutes from last meeting

Daniela Worden made a motion to approve the minutes from March, Crystal Holladay seconded the motion

3. Treasurer's Report (Melissa Raasch)

—budget was shared, no major changes
—Our overall balance is around \$25,000

4. Hospitality Report (Lindsey/Fiona/Krystle)

—Teacher Appreciation week will be May 3-7; needs to meet with Mrs. Nelson to brainstorm ideas; possible food truck will be available on May 26 (Nelson to check)
—Needs to also meet with Nelson to discuss 5th grade graduation plans
—Crystal Holladay volunteered to head up a committee to help plan 5th grade graduation festivities to make the students feel special. Please email jcholladay06@yahoo.com if you're interested in joining this group
—June 9th is potential date for 5th grade graduation event

****Action Item*** Brainstorm 5th grade graduation ideas and discuss with Nelson*

5. Cultural Arts (Gayle Manzer)

—5th grade Picket Fence visiting artist project is slated for week of May 17th

6. Spirit Nights Report (Krystle Nelson)

—April 27 from 5-9pm will be the next event at Mod Pizza; we will get 20%

****Action Item*** Blast out spirit night details prior to 4/27*

7. Advocacy (Michelle Craig)

—We need to put pressure on legislators to pass the budget and get teachers the 5% raises and salary increases they deserve

—Information was shared about NC Families for School Testing Reform:

—A link to the April 28 7-8:30 virtual meeting for parents to get additional information about the process of refusing EOGs and other high stakes standardized tests.

<https://fb.me/e/25iBLQUY7> If you are virtual you do not need to refuse. This would be for families who are face to face and want to know more about refusal.

8. **Nominations (Mimosa/Jacquelyn)**

—We have most positions filled with candidates, but still need a couple more people to step up for smaller committees like grounds, etc.; plan to vote at the last meeting in June

—It was noted that President and Treasurer cannot both be signers on checks if they are in the same family (since Meg & Mike Schroeder are both on the ticket)

****Action Item*** Present slate of nominees 10 days prior to June meeting*

9. **Online Auction (MegSchroeder/Jacquelyn White)**

—So far we have raised about \$900 through the online auction via memberhub

—This money will go directly to Teacher Funds for this school year

—Meg discussed distributing a printed flyer for the in-person kids and Nelson will push out reminders this week

—Please tell your friends and family about this

—Decided to push deadline until Sunday to hopefully get more donations

****Action Item*** Distribute flyers; communicate results out and awards prizes to winners next week*

10. **Garden Club (Meg Schroeder)**

—Several parents have worked very hard in the last couple weeks to create a number of outdoor spaces for classroom learning

—Big thank you to those parents who helped!

—Mrs. Nelson will remind teachers to USE these spaces

11. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Nelson)**

—Please go ahead and register new Kindergarteners ASAP and pass the word

—There will be a total virtual option for next yr; you have 10 days to decide

—Nelson is polling teachers for club ideas for next year: jump rope, art, chorus, etc); is confident parent volunteers will be able to return to campus in 2021-22

—after/before-school care should be available

—BES is slated to be demoed/rebuilt in 2024; is number 1 on the list of Wake Co.

schools needing renovations or tear down; more than likely, the whole school would be relocated for one year while that happened. (unsure if this means 2023-24 or 2024-25)

—VA support meets are being held 4/14 @ noon, and 4/15 at 6:30

—BES attendance overall (VA and inperson) has been phenomenal lately

12. **Announcements/Other**

—Only two meetings remain for this school year; nominations and voting will be held at the June meeting

13. **Closing**

Amy Dexheimer adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. The next PTA meeting will be on 5/4 at 7pm (same google meet)