

Briarcliff Elementary PTA

MEETING MINUTES

May 4th, 2021

1. Call to Order

Amy Dexheimer called to the meeting to order the at 7:02 pm on 5.4.21 on our Google Meet. Approximately 23 people were in attendance following the 5th grade Middle School Q&A Forum

2. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting

Daniela Worden made a motion to approve the minutes from April, Betsy Betsacon seconded the motion

3. Treasurer's Report (Melissa Raasch)

—We collected almost \$3000 from the auction for the specific purpose of funding teacher grants. This is about half of what we typically need to fund the teacher grants. We also had about \$1250 in general fundraising, so Melissa proposed that we use both those sources to fund teachers \$100 each, and specialists \$150 each. It was unanimously approved by 24 voting members.

—Hospitality has about \$1300 left to spend this year, but will need all of that for Teacher Appreciation and 5th grade Graduation

****Action Item**Melissa to send Revised Teacher Grant Form to Mrs. Nelson to provide to teachers with an end of May deadline*

4. Hospitality Report (Krystle)

—We're in the middle of Teacher Appreciation Week. Going well so far. Teachers and staff and very thankful for everything. Donuts and coffee were provided Monday; A Taco Bar will happen Wed; and individual bundt cakes will be provided on Friday.

—Thank you to the parent volunteers who can come to the school to help

5. Spirit Nights Report (Krystle Nelson)

—Has not heard back from Mod Pizza yet

—Is brainstorming for May...thinking about Papa Murphys again just because it was successful earlier in the year. Mimoso pointed out that when we did the carpool pizza sale last year, it was a huge success. Krystle will contact them to find out if we can do that towards the end of May. Ms. Patrick added to please let teachers pre-order and pre-pay so they can also get pizza. Is there a way to also include VA families in this idea—perhaps have a discount code if they go to the store instead. Meg S., Nina F., and Amy D. volunteered to help be runners in a carpool sale.

6. Advocacy (Michelle Craig)

—Michelle is recommended that we urge our legislators to use the available funds for school budgets. There is no deficit, so there is no reason to not use the funds.

However, the Governor has not allocated them at this time. Please sign the petition she is circulating to support this message to the State. There is currently over 1000 signatures from Wake County. The link was shared in the chat.

—If you have any questions about EOGs, PLEASE refer them to Ms. Barber or Mrs. Nelson at the school. Do not search for information on social media because it is frequently inaccurate. There is some confusion this year about the requirements surrounding the EOGs.

7. Nominations (Mimosa/Jacquelyn/Meg)

—Mimosa shared the current list of nominees for all positions. All positions have been filled with the exception of Fundraising and Membership. We have 3 people willing to take on a Co-VP roles. The names will be shared 10 days prior to the next meeting, and we will vote on them at the June meeting.

—If anyone is interested in Fundraising or Membership, please let Mimosa know

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

8. Principal's Report (Mrs. Nelson)

—Thank you to those who planned and participating in the 5th grade middle school forum that preceded this meeting. It seemed like a big success.

—Thank you to everyone so much for the Teacher Appreciation events AND for the outdoor seating that was installed recently by parents

—Summer Camp will be happening at Weatherstone, but Ms. Benton will be in charge of it. The State is requiring this for students who have been identified as needing additional support (based on testing criteria). Those students should have received something in the mail. It will be a full day of school, for 6 weeks.

—Class size restrictions have changed recently and instead of having a school-wide average, there are now grade-level averages that must be maintained. (K - 18 avg, 1st - 16 avg, 2nd - 17 avg, 3rd - 17 avg, no limits for 4/5)

—The window to register for Fall VA has closed. Please contact the school if you would like to be placed on the waiting list.

—Please register your Kindergartener if you haven't already

—Health guidelines for the Fall have yet to be decided; BES is still enforcing masks outside at this time; Wake Co. should be offering guidance this week on updated policies.

—Mimosa asked about the teacher request form availability for current VA students. Mrs. Nelson said she would create a google form to send out to everyone.

9. Announcements/Other

—Last day to buy yearbooks is this Friday, May 7

—At the next meeting we will be voting on new board positions and introducing those new members.

10. Closing

Amy Dexheimer adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The next PTA meeting will on June 1 at 7pm (same google meet)