

PTA Meeting
September 4, 2018

Special Budget Requests (Mrs. Raiford)

- Main purpose is to approve our budget
- Chrome book carts in every classroom
- WCPSS NCStar 5 Indicators for all schools for school improvement
- Part of our school improvement is the Positivity Project
- Positivity Project: way we approach character education and a way to help kids recognize their own character traits, bringing empathy back to the classroom
- Quarterly recognition for each grade level, honoring children for the character traits
- Sept 9-13 launch: “Other People Matter”
- Monthly newsletter (SMORE) that explains the character traits for the month
- Briarcliff is a Title I school this year
- What is Title I funding used for? Mrs. Raiford used it to hire another teacher this year.
- Request for approval for positivity project hall banners
- \$1210 for Hall Banners
- Motion to approve (Christine Wilson)
- Second (Daniella Worden)
- Discussion: concern of cost and the possibility of student-created signs for less cost; other opportunities to incorporate children into making project artwork; Question about purpose of PTA and how we spend money
- Vote** on Funding the Project as is: Motion approved

Cultural Arts and Grant Programs (Melissa Rosenstock)

- Michael Beatle 4th grade writer in residence (October 22-26)
- Performer “Number Drummer” for all grades (Nov 14)
- Bright Star Touring Theater for all grades (April 1)
- 5th grade artist in residence: weaver
- Budget \$4165

Art By Me (Marian Ingham)

- Each grade (PreK-5th) does artwork with Ms. Dale and that artwork becomes products to purchase
- In order to not coincide with the Fundraiser, Art By Me will be rolled out in the Spring
- Where do the profits go? Art program or general PTA?

Briarcliff Fundraiser Challenge (Elizabeth Kahn)

- Roll out September 18, it's our one fundraiser and our one ask for donations
- \$10,000 goal
- Levels/Tiers where people can contribute and each comes with a PTA membership
- This does not include fundraisers that the school sponsors (Jump Rope for heart, Pasta for Pennies) or school events (fall fest, spring fling)

Budget Review and Vote (Deanna Hart)

- Handout: these are our best guesses for our year
- Budget may have to be amended come January, based on how the Briarcliff Fundraiser Challenge goes
- Our largest expenditure last year was playground equipment

- Question about how the principal's funds are used (teacher T-shirts and workshop on Positivity Project)
- Motion to approve budget (Kelly Fleming)
- Second (Mimosa Hines)
- Vote: Budget approved

Money Collection (Sheila)

- Teachers cannot collect PTA funds
- Safe in the front office for PTA
- Children will be directed to the front office to put any money in the safe

Amazon Smile (Mimosa)

- any time you buy on amazon, it gives .5% to a nonprofit
- Briarcliff PTA is an amazon smile, search for it on amazon
- smile.amazon.com

Hospitality (Kelly)

- Back to school breakfast and new parent meeting were successful
- September treat — we will not ask for money this year, but baked and donated goods from the Hospitality Committee

Fall Fest (Abra)

- Friday before Halloween: costumes, games, DJ
- HELP needed the day of (Friday, Oct 26, 2-5pm): set up
- We will not ask for donations, the PTA will provide
- Middle schoolers can volunteer, a sign up will be sent out
- September 21 Family Picnic
- Help needed to set up games

Spirit Nights, Booth, Wear (Jennifer Woody, Gayle Manzer, Amy Dexheimer)

- McTeacher Night September 13
- Spirit booth Tuesdays and Thursdays. Another person is needed for Thursdays
- Spirit wear: a later discussion on what inventory to purchase and if pre-sales are needed

School Garden (Mimosa)

- Garden watered over the summer
- Rain barrels and irrigation system installed

Volunteer Opportunities

- Go Play Save coupon book
- Spirit booth help
- Grounds (twice a year, two Saturdays: around October and the Spring) — possible way to get dads involved