

Briarwood Site Council Minutes
October 28, 2008

Members present: Drew Terry, Anne Miller, Amy Hayes, Angela Gillen, Sharon Solie, Nancy Nievaard, Jason Jarman, Marye Kae Anderson, Lara Chung, Polly Niblock, Joan Siegfried

Old Business

- Review of minutes. Revised the spelling of Marye Kae Anderson's name.
- Drew collected training evaluations from site council members.

Building Update

- Important Dates 2008-2009
 - Drew shared these dates with PTA
 - Meet the Teacher Day
 - Tuesday, September 1st, 12pm
 - Curriculum Nights
 - Teachers preferred Wednesdays, parents felt that 6pm might be too early for some parents.
 - 2008-2009 Briarwood Curriculum Night Dates
 - Wednesday, September 16th (Grades 3-5) 6pm
 - Wednesday, September 23 (Grades K-2) 6pm
- Missoula Children's Theater Review
 - Very successful! Transportation was available at no charge and worked well. The location for the performance needs to be booked well in advance (in the spring for the following year). The final numbers are not ready yet, so we're not sure if all costs were covered.
 - There will be a Missoula evaluation form going home in the future for feedback and suggestions for next year.
- Broadcasting System Update
 - Gift wrap fundraiser was presented over the broadcasting system this year instead of during an assembly.



- Different gift wrap company this year. Parents felt that there was less of a selection.
- We didn't raise as much money as we did last year, which may be due to the economy and using a different gift wrap company.
- The Veteran's Day assembly was presented over the broadcasting system. Fifth and Kindergarten students sang songs in addition to a video from Briarwood students with relative currently serving.
- Field Trip Scholarships
 - Many families are requesting field trip scholarships this year. To offset costs, we are asking the families to contribute as much as they can to help BW continue to fund these scholarships.
 - Discussed PTA funding basic educational supplies for students (glasses, tools, supplies, etc.).
- Staff Evaluations
 - All staff members have completed the first round of summative (observation and conference) and formative (goal setting conference) evaluations this year.
 - Drew is impressed with the new staff this year!

District Update

- Boundary Review Committee Update
 - 99% done! A neighborhood in Sammamish (Black Nugget area) is now going to Clark, which created an uncomfortable situation. Parents left the meeting visibly upset.
 - Issue with Liberty High School vs. other ISD high schools. Misconception that Liberty didn't offer programs of the same caliber as other ISD high schools.
 - Next step is for the superintendent to present the new boundaries to the School Board.
 - Change will be in effect beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.
- School Board Member Final Interviews
 - 5 applicants; final interviews the evening of 10/28/08.



- Conferences
 - Monday, November 10th and Wednesday, November 12th: no school for elementary students.
 - Some schools are having issues with parents attempting to reschedule conferences due to vacations during this timeframe.
 - Teachers may show new report cards during conferences, but they are not going home until November 26th.
- Report Card Field Test
 - Teachers have been trained to use the new excel report cards.
 - New items include: drop down comments for each section of the report card, no pluses or minuses, comments are required for 2 and 1 grades.
 - Report card committee members will take any feedback from teachers and community members to their meetings this year.

Community Update

- Emergency Preparedness
 - We are required to have 1 fire drill per month, 1 lockdown and 1 earthquake drill per school year.
 - Earthquake drill this year will be more in depth: injuries, parents trying to take their children, missing students, etc.

Other

- Discussed creating a private PTA scholarship for glasses. There was mention of Jean Boldan, the school nurse, having funds to provide students in need with glasses.
- Mayo/Miller 3rd grade parental feedback
 - Review of parent comments received by Jason Jarman.
 - Discussed the reason for the combined 3rd grade class
 - Drew was impressed with Mayo/Miller's presentation last year and decided to support their idea.
 - Drew shared the combined classroom idea with PTA at their last meeting of the school year.