

Briarwood Site Council Minutes

February 24, 2009

Members in Attendance: Drew Terry, Marye Kaye Anderson, Lara Chung, Jason Jarman, Joan Siegfried, Nancy Nievaard, Amy Hayes, Sharon Solie, Angela Gillen,

Members Absent: Polly Niblock, Anne Miller

Old Business:

Review of minutes from February 24th meeting

Building Update:

Science Tech Open House tonight at 6:00 pm (2/24)

- Parents must attend in order for their child to attend next year

Kindergarten Parent Orientation: Thursday, February 26th 6:30 pm

- Parents may fill out paper work there
- Unless we have 20 committed full-day kindergarten students, we will not have a full-day class. If that were to happen Briarwood would not have 2 full time kindergarten teachers.
- Drew asked that we spread the word to parents about the orientation.
- Registration is published in paper, and on reader board. There is talk about announcing registration at local preschools.
- Angela suggested advertising through churches.

5th grade Transition to Maywood: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 6:00 pm

- Parents will receive information about electives, find out about activities, learn how to check grades with family access and homework through e-board. Teachers can post homework to this.
- 5th grade parents are highly encouraged to come.

FASTT Math

- Got approval from PTA.
- Approved through District.
- In one week we will have site license and will start loading it to the computers.
- We will start the breakfast club at 7:45. At 8:00 math will begin. Students will line up between 8:15-8:20.
- Teachers are now sending names to Drew of recommended students. There will be two sessions of students. 3-5 Mon. and Tues, K-2 on Thurs and Fri.
- Attendance is dependent on students having transportation

Staffing Update

- K full day question. We don't have a number of teachers confirmed. We currently have a K-2 ratio of 20-1. Ratio fluctuates 3 up and 3 down. (70 is approximately the trigger for an extra teacher). The District has floated the possibility of bumping the ratio number. We are close with 2nd and 5th for next year. We don't know how many staff across the district will be given pink slips. The district is meeting with all unions. There should be cuts systemically.

Enrollment verification forms

- We will send them early this year. There is no guarantee that out of district students will be kept. The forms will be put in with the report card. They are bright pink.

District Update

Report cards

- Sent home Friday, March 13th
- District is sending a Zoomerang survey to teachers and parents that week.
- In May the district meets with each grade level to make adjustments. Math is a struggle because there is only one score. Comments provide for explanation but this may be changed.

Important dates

- WASL
 - March 18th the schedule is adjusted 8:30-12:53 due to high school WASL
 - Elementary WASL Assessment: 4/14-4/24, 4/27-4/30
 - OSPI usually sends booklets the week before spring break. There was a new schedule proposed because we will be getting the booklets later than normal but we will keep to the original schedule. There will be two tests each week for 3rd grade, three tests each week for 4th and 5th grades.
 - Training for any subs will take place Wednesday, March 11th after school
 - There is a bit more flexibility in the WASL window due to less tests needing to be given

Kindergarten Registration

- Two times: Wed. Mar. 4 from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM and Thurs. Mar. 5th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Elementary Principal Opening

- Current principal at Issaquah Valley Elementary is moving to Colorado. They are interviewing today and tomorrow. 53 applicants in and out of district.
- There is also a principal opening at E 15 that will work one year planning next year

Community Update

Science Tech Informational Meetings

- Briarwood – Tues. Feb. 24 from 6:00 -7:00 PM
- Clark – Tues. Mar. 3 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Sunny Hills Date has changed to Mon. Mar. 9 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- Parents can attend any orientation

Levy Committee Application and Process

- Meetings begin April 1 at 6:00 PM
- Someone wanted from every school as a parent. Applications were passed out. Last levy was 06. We are one year away from the next. They are considering breaking apart the Bond and Levy and doing one every two years. Site council screens applicants and makes a decision. Commitment is much less than with the Boundary Review Committee.
- Applications are due 3/19/09. We will review at the next meeting. They don't want a principal from every school. 4-5 from elem. 2 from middle, 2 from high.
- All surrounding property for our new school has been purchased. During construction there will be limited parking, playground, etc...

Parent Ed Seminar



- May 11, 7:00 PM at Newcastle. Michael Gurian.
- Information was distributed from www.michaelgurian.com
- Drew has heard good things about the speaker
- Topic: How boys and girls learn differently

Tech update

- Briarwood was broken into on Monday morning at 5:30 am. We lost a projector, 3 digital cameras, and other items. Approx. \$1500 of property was stolen. There was no forced entry. Teachers are locking projectors in cabinets when possible. The district brought new projector by to replace the stolen one by lunch on Monday. Claim is being made for cameras.
- Question was proposed of why district is not re-keying the buildings. Drew mentioned that cost is an issue.
- Briarwood's alarm is now going directly to 911. Previous break-in took place in 4 min. This break-in was 11 min. Our outside lights are being left on 24 hours. Maywood and Liberty are also on a direct link to 911.

Other

- Question was asked about design of new school. Will be same design as Grand Ridge with possibly some small changes.
- Safety lights...Maywood soon and Briarwood next. Hopefully before the end of the year.
- King County is no longer doing elections in schools. We will no longer have voting on campus.
- Question: Are we not picking Levy Committee applicants until March 31st? Drew responded that we may have a group meet earlier to select applicants.
- Drew requested that Angela have her baby on Easter to keep with Briarwood tradition for 08 - 09.
- We received our contract for Missoula for next year: Pinocchio Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 31st