

Briarwood Site Council Minutes  
March 31, 2009

Members present: Drew Terry, Marye Kae Anderson, Lara Chung, Polly Niblock, Joan Siegfried, Amy Hayes, Angela Gillen, Sharon Solie, Nancy Nievaard, Kelli Anderson (Student Rep.)

Members absent: Jason Jarman and Anne Miller

Old Business: Reviewed minutes from February 24, 2009 meeting.

Student Council Update: Kelli Anderson, Student Council President

- Still determining what the goal for this year's Jog a Thon will be
- Discussed what students would like to get if goal is met for Jog A Thon: basketball hoops and sand field dividers
- Discussed what Mr. Terry would do if goal is met:  
Wear Cougar clothing/face painted with Cougar logo  
Wear a chicken suite all day  
They will determine a safe and fun thing for Mr. Terry to do at their next meeting

Building Update:

Numbers Update:

- Total Enrollment so far is 426
- Science Technology has 40 applications and a wait list of approximately 13  
Parents will receive a letter rather their student accepted or not during Spring Break
- Kindergarten has 56 students with a wait list for Full Day  
Will have Full Day Kindergarten next year

FASTT Math Club:

- Starts the week after Spring Break with approximately 17 (K-2) students on Thursday and Friday mornings and 20 (3-5) students on Monday and Tuesday mornings
- Nancy Nievaard will be supervising
- Breakfast will be served

Enrollment Verification Forms:

- Only 8 students will not be returning next year at this point

Events and Date Changes:

- Jog A Thon – Now Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

- IMC Spring Concert – Now Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Newcastle
- Science Fair – Now Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Kick off assembly for Jog A Thon & Science Fair – Now Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Field Day – Now Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (Need parent help)
- IMC Performance at Pickering Barn –Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion – Now Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (Still determining location of event)

#### Field Trips & Assemblies 2007-2008 vs 2008-2009:

- Assemblies went from 10 last year to 4 this year
- Field trips costs approximately \$1200.00 per grade
  - Looking into bringing more field trips to the students
  - Suggestions have been Science to Go Lessons
  - Looking into other options

#### Parent Input Forms:

- Available Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>; will be due Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

#### District Update:

##### Report Card Surveys:

- Surveys have gone out to parents and teachers
- Will be reviewed in May to determine if any changes may need to be made for next year

#### WASL Assessments: April 14<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup> (Make Ups are April 27<sup>th</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade takes 4 tests - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades take 6 tests

#### Elementary Principal Update:

- Robin Earl will be the new principal of E 15 as of July 1, 2009
- Sue McPeak will be the new principal of Challenger
- Diane Holt from Federal Way will be the new principal at Issaquah Valley
- Clark is still open

#### District Staffing Update:

- Still on hold, no new information as of now
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> a decision should be made
- Class sizes will probably increase

#### Community Update:



Levy Committee:

- Briarwood's Parent Rep. is Paul Dutton
- Meetings are April 1, 15, and 29 from 6:00-8:30 pm
- 2012 will be the next Bond year and will probably be every 2 years instead of every 4 years

Parent Ed. Seminar:

- Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Newcastle, 7:00 pm – Michael Gurian on “Boys and Girls Learn Differently”

Other:

Sharon Solie gave an update on her OSPI meeting.

- Shorter test
- Transitioning to have it mainly taken on computer
- Testing time may be extended if needed
- Some reading items may look more like a flyer

Polly Niblock brought up lunch times and if students are having sufficient time to eat:

- Students have 18 minutes to eat
- Suggestion was to have class labels on the walls so students could locate their lunches quicker and easier
- Concern was brought up regarding students lining up during recess time instead of playing

Joan Siegfried suggested changing from Pizza Hut's Book It program to California Kitchen's reading program. Sharon Solie will look into that option.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 28, 2009