

Briarwood Site Council Minutes
April 28, 2009

Members Present: Drew Terry, Lara Chung, Joan Siegfried, Amy Hayes, Sharon Solie, Nancy Nievaard, Anne Miller, Jason Jarman and Kellie Anderson (Student Rep.)

Members Absent: Polly Niblock, Marye Kaye Anderson and Angela Gillen

Old Business: Reviewed minutes from March 31, 2009 meeting.

Student Council Update: Kellie Anderson, Student Council President
Community Project this spring will be providing dog food, cat food and kitty litter for the Humane Society. This will take place May 11-22.

May 8, 2009 Different Shoes Day. June 10, 2009 Twin/Triplet Day.

Student Council sponsored activities will be advertised through the PTA Newsletter, posters, Monday announcements and Reader Board.

Building Update: Welcome extended to Anne Miller's return from maternity leave. Baby Madison Gillen was born this morning. Angela and baby are doing fine.

This year's building schedule was reviewed by council members and approved for next year. Full day kindergarten may not have AM recess next year due to specialist scheduling. Teachers and Ea's like recess before lunch.

Numbers Update: Total enrollment is 429.
Science Technology letters were mailed 4-27-09. (24 invited this year...9 from BW)
Kindergarten has enrolled 58 students with a wait list for FDK.

FASTT MATH: Approximately 25 (K-2), 20 (3-5) are attending. Students are comfortable with the routine which includes breakfast.

Enrollment Verification Forms: Only 9 students will not returning next year at this point.

Important Events:

Tuesday, May 5...Jog-A-Thon

Wednesday, May 13...Spring Concert @ Newcastle. Maywood Jazz Band will also be performing.

Friday, May 15...5th Grade Transition Meeting and Visit to Maywood.

Tuesday, May 19...Emergency Drill at approximately 12:45. Will need help from parents to act out scenarios.

Thursday, May 21...Science Fair

Tuesday, June 9...Field Day. Volunteers needed. A discussion was held regarding the date. Could it be changed to June 15?

Saturday, June 13...IMC Performance @ Pickering Barn

Tuesday, June 16...5th Grade Promotion. More information to come.

Wednesday, April 29...Site Council Applications through E-News. Two year commitment for Amy Hayes, Anne Miller and Jason Jarman will end this year.

Friday, May 1...Parent Input Forms Due.

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009...Briarwood will have its Annual Back to School BBQ. Individual school pictures will be done on this day.

Classroom Placement...2009-2010: At the present time, it is difficult to place students in classrooms until budget and staffing have been finalized. A staff member asked parents at the meeting to express their ideas on proper student placement without knowing who the teachers will be. Benefits were acknowledged for both blind placement (not knowing who the teacher will be) and knowing who the teacher will be.

Handbook Annual Review: The following assignments were made to review and edit the current Briarwood Student/Parent Handbook for next year's use: Anne Miller--pages 6,7,8 Amy Hayes--pages 9,10,11 Jason Jarman--pages 12, 13 Sharon Solie--pages 14, 15 Laura Chung--pages 18,19,20 and Drew Terry will include a weapons facsimiles from the District Handbook.

District Update:

WASL Assessments are going well. April 27-30 is scheduled for make-ups. We had no teacher subs during testing and used one extra EA for pull-outs.

The 2009-2010 District Calendar was reviewed. School will start September 2, 2009 and end June 18, 2010. There was a discussion about the date of spring break being so close to Second Winter Break.



May Pelto will be the new principal for Clark Elementary.

MSP 2010 Dates: May 10--June 4 (Online Version); May 12--28 (Paper Pencil Version).

District Staffing Update & Timelines: Nothing can be finalized until budgets have been approved.

Jason Jarman offered the following closing remarks: We need to remember that students are feeling the effects of our economy through parents losing jobs and having to deal with the added stress of every day living.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2009