

Bainbridge Island Blakely Elementary PTO
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2017

GENERAL SESSION

Start of Meeting 9:07a.m.

Attendees: Lori Hungerford, Heidi Blair, Rebecca Miller, Dinah Sullivan, Elizabeth Walsh, Jennifer Pancholi, Smiley Grace Kulesza, April Murray, Lisa Timmins, Erin Cyger, Anna Steen, Brandom Price

Time 9:02

Welcome and Thank Yous

Diane Bedell, Erica St. Clair and All the Teachers for Maker Faire
From Blakely Staff to Parents: Families were together and participated together
Thank you for Book Fair (Kathleen Pool)

Principal Report

- Maker Faire, open for suggestions. How did teachers feel about it? Not more work than open house but different kind of work. Better, more focused work. Teachers 100% in. Will it be available to have it longer? Staff question - if they worked longer, they would need to be paid.
- March Character Trait - Self Control. Important skill for everyone. Not just kids but adults too. K-2, 3-4 had a talk during one of their recesses about behavior and what is expected. Social skills are as important as educational skills. Self-Control Assembly had Reese, playing George the Dog, as one of the main characters.
- Budget: BISD. They have been and will continue to be meetings to figure out how to move forward with our deficit and funding issues. Positive - looks like State has extended levy. PBK has made a recommendation to take Commodore off the table for this year. The Advisory Board wants it to remain on the table so that everyone knows what the impact is to the whole District. The Budget decision was to be made in April but it may have changed. The teacher deadline is May 15th.

How many students are currently enrolled in the BISD system?

3374 current headcount

Bainbridge Youth Services with Susanne Schneider and Dr. Carol Kant

- Consider themselves a free mental health care clinic
- Been in existence from 1962. Never charge a fee. Counseling 12-21 year olds. 7 part time counselors. Carol Kant is the PHD psychologist
- Peer tutoring. When a HS student tutors or mentors another student. Little kids come only about 20 to 30 minutes a day.
- Teen Council
- Healthy Youth Alliance
- Fun Run - one big fundraiser. 50% funded privately. They do not receive money from the school district. They are housed at the HS and pay rent for the space.
- Juvenile Diversion Program. Meet up to 2x a month. Prosecutor can recommend a child go through diversion program instead of a criminal record
- Started as Nat'l Honor Society. Those that Volunteer get community service time for school
- Tutoring is after school M-TH Monday 1:30-3:30. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 3:00-4:30
- Any child over 13 can walk into BYS or go online at ask.bys.org to get support and you don't need parent permission
- Number of reasons children go there. Family Issues is a big reason. Support for parents as well.
- Some kids care about being seen and some don't. You don't really know who is there for what reason.
- Staffed in the summer but tutoring is not offered in the summer.
- Have interns because of the high quality of staff
- Kids will come in once or twice or some come all year long.
- Can come in person, go online, or call Dr. Osako, Head Clinician. On the website, you can go on and ask questions regarding mental health and physical health. You can remain anonymous.
- Several Hundred sessions per year.
- BYS went to 7th grade Science classes and 9th grade Health classes to give information.
- Anyone who feels that they need tutoring or mentoring. No criteria.
- Post job requests from the community.
- 30-35 paid internships. July 1st through August 15th.

Other PTO Happenings

- Read-A-Thon supports Outdoor Ed for 4th grade

- K and 3rd grade Concert

January and February Meeting Minutes. Approved and all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 10:20

Enclosures: Bainbridge Youth Services Flyers