

Bainbridge Island Blakely Elementary PTO  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2017

**GENERAL SESSION**

Start of Meeting 9:07a.m.

ATTENDEES: Heidi Blair, Lori Hungerford, Lara Demos, Laura O'Connell, Smiley Kulesza, Lisa Timmins, Rebecca Miller, Erin Cyger, Lai Niimi, Cori OBrien, Susan Williams, Maggie Donaldson, April Murray

Trivia Question: What was the total operating budget for BISD for the 2016-2017 school year?

Welcome and Thank You's

- Thanks to Laura O'Connell for Game Night and upcoming Bingo Night
- Thanks from Lisa to Heather Jo for Auction and all the volunteers for the auction
- Thanks from Lara to Smiley for Square One Art

Auction:

- Tickets still available - when only about 10 tickets left, info will go out in blast. 149 tickets sold now. 180 total spots. January 21st 5-9. Childcare at Boys/Girls Club 4-11; reserve your spot if needed. Online Auction 14-21. An email will go out everyday during online auction to advertise.

Levy and E&O:

- percentage of previous year's funding tax is from Property tax 28.9%. E&O \$1.50 per assessed value, 2016 \$1.92. Go to BIPSS.org. Bond is for Building - Levy is for learning. We have levies because state doesn't fully fund - bridge the gap.
- 211 out of 295 per pupil funding. Dispell the myth that the District is flush with money. WA state funds differently than other states.

Diane Bedell:

- Blakely Mini Maker Faire. A pilot year. HS21 Robotics will be at Blakely.
- What is a Maker? Designer, Creator. Humans use tools and tell stories. Community event that students can share their ideas. Family friendly festival of invention, creative and resourcefulness and a celebration of the Makers' movement. All teachers on board.
- Circle of try->understand->define->imagine->prototype->try->.....
- Virtual Rock Wall, Giant Maker, Make and Take, Showcasing independent student work. Night of the Faire, review and plan before the faire, choose 3-4 (start with your child), experience. Erica St. Clair (1st grade parent) is coordinating volunteers.
- Goal is to celebrate creativity and resourcefulness. March 8th. Projects picked for students are linked to curriculum.

Kathleen Pool:

- Book Fair will take that night as well. Book Fair runs M-Th that week.

Grants:

- Heidi Blair: Grants, all awarded early November

Upcoming PTO Events:

- Auction January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Conferences
- Bingo Night - Feb. 10
- Blakely Design

Meeting adjourned 10:10