

Bainbridge Island Blakely Elementary PTO
MEETING MINUTES May 12, 2017

GENERAL SESSION

Start of Meeting 9:05 a.m.

Attendees: Erin Cyger, Lara Demos, Heidi Blair, Elizabeth Walsh, Lori Hungerford, Smiley Grace Kulesza, Laura O'Connell, Lisa Timmins, Chris McCann, April Murray, Anna Steen, Reese Ande, Regen Knoebel, Steph Rosentrater, Lai Niimi, Yudith Wynne, Mary Agliam, Amanda Kasuboski, Rebecca Miller, Maggie Donaldson, Kathy McGowan, Michele Hobbs, Dani Stoehr

President Thank You's

- Thanks and appreciation for Board Members rolling off the Board. Anna, April, Lara, Heidi.
- Thanks to people who helped with Staff Appreciation.

Principal Report: Reese Ande

- Thanks to all the volunteers for Staff Appreciation Week
- This month's Character trait is Courage.
- New Building Design: Currently in design and development phase in building development. For instance: Classroom storage will be in classrooms, not in halls. All portables moved off site this summer. PT and STEM will be moved into building. January real construction begins. In the summer, light construction. Water lines, outside digging. Construction costs continues to rise which impacts final product.
- Classroom placement, Karin Knight looks at them, Reese looks at them. Goal is to build a balanced classroom. Friday May 26th deadline to turn in forms. June 7th and 8th is when classroom placements happens.
- Staffing updates. Jeremy Rothbaum is retiring. Mrs. Hilborn is moving to San Diego. Karin Knight will not be returning. School District in ruff situation. Going to 2 kindergartens. .5 music teacher for next year. Ms. Berg won't be coming back at this point. Ms. Bedell is going to teach PE on Mondays. Alec Grimm is coming Tuesday through Friday to teach PE.

Sakai Parent Panel: Michele Hobbs, Dani Stoehr, Elizabeth Walsh, and Lisa Timmins.

Q&A session

- What is one thing you wish you had known?: A) Stepping back and being involved but you are not in the classrooms.
- How can you be involved?. A) Sakai Reads, PTO, Site Council, Classrooms (Sakai Reads -book club with kids who all read the same book)
- Diminished communication almost by design. Use of Skyward and planner for communication
- How does Band and/or Music work? A) Kids take Band or Music. Band

teacher comes to Blakely a few times to talk about music. Scenarios: 1. Kids have Band all year long and take one semester of PE and one semester of Art or 2. They have Music and they have PE all year long and one semester of Music and one semester of Art.

- How to be involved in the school? A) Math O, Robotics Club, Salmon Release, Field Trips, Library needs help, tutoring, game room. Communications Chairs, Yearbook Chair
- Lee Muir will be President next year.
- Back to School Ice Cream Social Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- Bus - High School kids get dropped off first, Bus drops off at Sakai. Bus has security cameras.
- Lunch. 3 lunch periods.

Next Year PTO Board

- Co-Presidents: Erin Cyger and Lisa Timmins
- Secretary: Laura O'Connell
- Treasurer: Alli Schilf
- Communications Chair: Elizabeth Walsh
- Volunteer Recruitment Co-Chairs: Lori Hungerford & Heather Jo Kochevar
- Enrichment Chair: Smiley-Grace Kulesza
- Grants Chair: Chris McCann

All Approved

PTO Budget: All Approved

Meeting Minutes: All Approved

Upcoming Dates

- May 19 - Bike to School Day
- May 24-26 - 4th Grade Outdoor Ed
- May 31 - 1st/2nd Grade Concert
- June 7-9 Fitness Challenge
- June 16 - Field Day
- June 20 - Awards Ceremony
- June 21 - Moving Up Ceremony and Last Day of School

Adjourned 10:25

Trivia Question: How many students are currently at Sakai students. A) 541 students