Briarlake Elementary School

PTA General Membership/Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 19th, 2017

Meeting Time: 5:50 pm

**PTA Officers 2016-2017**

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Call to Order: 5:51 p.m. (Emily Graybill)

In Attendance: 31 attendees

Melissa Perlman

Mark Benedict

Gina Benedict

Courtney Joms

Kelley Maxwell

Michele Beule

Erica Bland

Felecia Grant

Semret Woldegherghis

Catherine Binuya

Anthony Chan

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Lindsey Mangham

Karen Hutchinson

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Shirley Mullins

Kathleen Joyner

Isha Amara

Dan Kelly

Melissa McConnel

Heather Hopper

Jennifer Petrich

Amanda Holt

Alexandra Schubert

Liberty Garcia

Emily Graybill

Debbie Martin-Gerstle

Welcome and Introduction: Emily Graybill

STEM Night Introduction: Debbie Gerstle

Gerstle presented a brief introduction outlining the upcoming STEM night activities that were scheduled to begin immediately following the adjournment of the PTA meeting.

Odyssey of the Mind Informational Session: Heather Hopper

Hopper provided an overview of the Odyssey of the Mind Program that supports students to develop creative problem solving strategies appropriate for students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Hopper provided examples of potential projects including: building a vehicle, writing stories about emoji, and creating skits about a space station.

Note that a special project is designed specifically for students in kindergarten through second grade that includes a skit outlining a cooking lesson.

Announcement: Training will be provided for parents interested in coaching an Odyssey of the Mind team. Contact Heather Hopper.

Presentation of PTA Budget 2017-2018: Emily Graybill

Graybill provided attendees with a copy of the proposed PTA budget. It was noted the most line items have remained the same. There was an increase in funding for STEM and after school clubs/activities.

Opened floor for questions. No questions/discussion. Noted that questions could also be posted on the Briarlake Elementary PTA website.

Motion to approve PTA Proposed Budget:

1st – Heather Hopper

2nd – Dan Kelly

All in Favor – Everyone

Opposed – None

Motion Passed –PTA Budget Approved

Presentation of PTA Audit 2016 to 2017: Emily Graybill

Graybill provided attendees with copy of PTA Audit for 2016 to 2017. It was noted that all issues for which corrections were needed were listed on page 131 of the form.

Opened floor for questions. No questions/discussion. Noted that questions could also be posted on the Briarlake Elementary PTA website.

Motion to approve PTA Audit:

1st – Melissa McConnell

2nd – Jennifer Petrich

All in Favor – Everyone

Opposed – None

Motion Passed –PTA Audit Approved

Presentation of proposed amendment to PTA bylaws: Emily Graybill

Bylaw to be amended: Article 5/Section 7

The proposed amendment would increase PTA membership dues from five dollars to ten dollars. The increase in dues would provide an additional source of revenue to pay for classroom materials and other increasing cost. It was noted that the membership dues have not been increased in a number of years.

Motion to approve Amendment to PTA Bylaw Article 5/Section7:

1st – Liberty Garcia

2nd – Michele Beule

All in Favor – Everyone

Opposed – None

Motion Passed – Amendment to PTA Bylaw Article 5/Section7 Approved

Accolades: Briarlake Elementary School was recognized by PTO Today for having an outstanding focus on academics and enrichments and parental involvement.

Motion to Adjourn business meeting: 6:04 p.m.

1st Erica Bland

2nd Melissa McConnell

All in favor – Everyone

Opposed – None

Motion Passed – Meeting Adjourned