

**Brier Elementary PTA 7.2.15  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Meeting Notice Given:** The set meeting time is the second Wednesday of the month, September '08 through June '09 at 6:00 pm.

**Meeting Location:** Brier Elementary Library

**Meeting called to order at:** 5:54 pm

**Recorded by:** Julia L. Bogle, PTA Secretary

**In Attendance:** see attachment

**Quorum Present:** yes

**Minutes:** Meeting Minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 reviewed and approved as amended by general consensus.

**President's Welcome:**

Given by: Cathy Fiorillo, PTA President

Welcome to the first board meeting of 2009.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Given by: Jenny McDowell, PTA Treasurer

The budget document of December 2008 was provided for review and discussion. See attachment.

The mid-year audit needs to be completed by the end of January 2009. Three volunteers are being organized for the audit. Light snacks for the volunteers will be funded from the Hospitality budget, line #116.

The Treasurer is working on the PTA's tax return. Thank you!

**Committee Reports:**

Programs:

Given by: Penny Ebright, PTA VP of Programs

Congratulations were extended to Debbie Dunne; Chair of the Arts Enrichment Committee, Brier Elementary PTA's Reflections program was a big success. Twenty works of art by Brier students were accepted to proceed to PTA's Regional Council, of the 20, eight were selected to go on to the WSPTA Reflections judging.

Volunteer Coordination:

Given by: Kim Sowers, PTA Volunteer Coordinator

The Lost & Found Volunteers are working to return items to their rightful owners. As a result of their hard work the collection of "things" in the Lost & Found has been greatly reduced. Thank you!

Legislative Report:

Given by: Ken Bogle, PTA Legislative Chair

The Legislative page on the PTA's website is up and functioning thanks to the hard work of the PTA President and the PTA Webmaster.

Governor Gregoire has amended the State's budget to reflect only an \$8 million cut in school funding instead of her originally proposed \$1.3 billion. Organization of attendants to the WSPTA rally, on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is underway. ESD Superintendent, Dr. Brossoit has offered to meet to discuss the State's budget crisis.

**Unfinished Business:**

Coat Rack:

Given by: Penny Ebright, PTA VP of Programs

A coat rack for the Lost & Found has been ordered. The total cost is \$367.00, which is less than what was budgeted.

Red Cross up Date:

Given by: Cathy Jackson, PTA VP of Fundraising

The O'Neil Foundation Grant of the 2007-2008 school year provided funding for Baby Sitter Training with CPR, for interested fifth and sixth graders. The Red Cross implemented the educational training. The Red Cross was very pleased with the concept of the program and the way in which it was organized. As a result, the Red Cross sought out, and received a grant to implement the same program for other students in the state. The Red Cross "thanked" our PTA by giving us ten free spots in their training program.

**New Business:**

January General Membership Meeting:

The agenda for the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 General Membership Meeting was discussed. The need to appoint a Nomination Committee for next year's elected positions was discussed. ESD Superintendent, Dr. Brossoit will be the guest speaker.

Mid-Year Board Review:

Discussion was held as to the flow and intra-workings of the Board. The PTA President asked Board members to review our goals, and thinks of ways to continuing moving toward the PTA's goals.

The deadlines for various WSPTA awards were discussed, the Golden Acorn Award, Honor Unit designation and Outstanding Communications are a few of the possibilities.

**Closing Communications:**

The Communications Chair requires all articles to be received by Wednesday, January 21st, 2009, to be included in the January 27<sup>th</sup> Brier Buzz.

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 is the date of the next General Membership Meeting.

The PTA President will once again be available for conversation the following morning at Starbucks.

Bobcat clothing orders are done for the winter and a final order form will be sent out to families this spring.

The PTA President will work with the PTA's Webmaster to include a "Community Corner" information center on the PTA's website and notices in the Coffee Email.

**Meeting adjourned at: 6:57 pm**

