

BRIER PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FROM THURSDAY MAY 24th , 2007

*Meeting was called to order @ 6:18 pm *Attendance was signed in at the door.

I. Welcome: A special "Thank you" for everyone involved in the Brier PTA for a great year. Without the support of our members we could not have had the successful year we did. At the first General PTA meeting of the year we set some pretty high goals, and Debbie is proud to announce that through lots of hard work we achieved all of them. A PTA report card will be sent home soon. At PTA Convention this year, our Brier Elementary PTA received a silver level award for "STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE", a bronze level award for "PTA HONOR UNIT", and a 2nd place in our category for "OUTSTANDING NEWSLETTER". Congratulations everyone!

II. Approve March 2007 General Membership Meeting Minutes: Minutes were handed out at the door, and a moment was taken for review and input. No discussion occurred. A motion was made to accept the March 15th General Membership meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded. Approved by general consent.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: (Dated 5-23 revision #3)

*March & April Financial Reports: Income for April occurred on line items #8, #26, & #43.

Expenses for April occurred on line item #61, #90, #99, #103, #114, & #119,

*Year End Audit: Penny needs 3 volunteers to sign up for the end of the year audit. A sheet is at the door. It is a simple process, and a check list is provided. The audit will only be from January until the end of the year, since we had a mid year audit already.

IV. Field Enhancement update: Phase 2 on field improvement exercise stations has become very difficult. It is not something we can do through the district due to safety surfacing and supervision of use that would be required at all times. After talking to other schools that have them in the district, we also discovered that they are not well used by the students, but more by adults after school hours. In addition it was noted that our middle play structure does not meet new district code. For the time being it is falling under a "Grandfather" clause and requires no immediate action. Other options were discussed, such as the PTA putting in a new play structure. Debbie also brought to our attention that once we granted the money to the school district it legally became their money.

We are hoping they will grant the 2K back to us. However the remaining \$1,900 from the original Trek for a Track money must be used by the spring of 2008 or we lose it. If we do not use it for the track/field enhancement (the original purpose of the grant) we may be required to write a new grant/proposal in order to use the funds. Line item #44 of our proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year will be used if/when we get the money back from the district. Debbie will be advocating getting the remaining district funds separately. We are also recommending as a PTA board, that we take a step back in light of all the issues at hand and wait until the Fall before any further decisions are made. This will give us time to research and present a clear plan of action to the general PTA population. A motion was made to bring back the funds from the district into our 2007-2008 budget for re-evaluation before moving forward with phase 2. No discussion occurred. Motion passed by general consent.

V. Simple Majority Campaign: In the State of Washington school levies require a Super Majority (greater than 60%) to pass. There will be a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to change this to a Simple Majority (only requiring 1 more then 50% to pass). As a PTA board we voted to present to the General PTA population a vote to support and promote. Discussion occurred. The legislation needs funds to promote. The board decided to give \$100 to this cause. This would come out of our 2007-2008 proposed budget line item #127. The remaining funds (\$150) in line item #127 would be used to become more involved as a PTA in legislation, possibly a conference. A motion was made to endorse the simple majority constitutional amendment EHJR4204. No discussion occurred. Passed by general consent.

VI. Approve 2007-2008 Budget: A draft of the proposed balanced budget for next year 2007-2008 school year was presented. The highlighted items that were added for the next year are income line items #20, #21, #36, & #44. Expense line items #71, #72, #83, #84, #96, #104, #125, #126, & #127. Grant line item #136. Discussion occurred on each line item with explanation. The funds for the staff room pop machine proceeds will remain as written for now until guidelines can be written and ownership transferred. A motion was made to approve the 2007-2008 budget as written. No discussions occurred. Motion passed by general consent.

VII. Principal Selection Process: The process of selecting a new Principal is beginning. Parent input is critical. Candidates are now being screened. Interviews will begin next week on Wednesday the 30th of May, followed by site visits. The questions and answers forum for the final 3 selected is scheduled for June 6th, with the final decision scheduled for June 11th.

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Door Prizes were given out.