



Minutes of the Briar Glen PTC Meeting April 18, 2024



Call to Order: Co-President Billy Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendees – In Person: Billy Cruz (Co-President), Amber Norman (Treasurer), Suzanne Kimmerly (Secretary), Christyn Esposito, Jenny Schubert, Lee Cuculich, Dana Early, Lisa Esposito, Elena Pasat

Attendees – Virtual: Brianna Garcia (Teacher Rep.), Carla Schmidt, Clare Van Wetering, Sarah Gemmel

February Meeting Minutes: Christyn Esposito motioned to approve the March Meeting Minutes, Lee Cuculich seconded the motion. March Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Accounts 3/21/24 through 4/17/24
Totals for all accounts: \$28,085.78, Checking: \$27,584.78, Savings: \$501.00

President's Report: none at this time

Principal's Report: The Solar Eclipse was awesome. Experiencing that with over 400 kids was very exciting. New basketball poles and backboards will be installed on Saturday, April 20th using money from last year's Boosterthan Fun Run. IAR testing is almost complete. 5th grade will do the Illinois Science Assessment next week. Caitlyn Lehman has elected to stay home and will not return to Briar Glen next year. Jessica Zhang found another job closer to home. Mr. Dubinsky is in the process of interviewing for a new music teacher. Classroom teachers, as well as specialists, all purchased items for their classrooms using this year's Boosterthan Fun Run money. The Bulldog Shop will be donating all sales from May 3rd to the 5th Grade Fling.

Teacher's Report: Thank you from the staff or all of the materials received from the Boosterthan Fun Run proceeds. Some teachers are using their items for this year, such as new indoor recess games, STEM Bins, math games, and reading games. Another thank you from teachers and staff for the upcoming field trips that are planned. The teachers and students are really looking forward to them.

Plant Sale: The plant sale made a profit of just over \$950. Delivery date for the plants will be sometime between May 14th-24th. When we hear from the company, we will communicate pick up instructions.

Fifth Grade Fling: There are three inflatables booked for the 5th Grade Fling: obstacle course, Hungry Hippo, and Wrecking Ball. There will also be face painting and a photo booth available for students to take pictures with their friends. Another station will be a variety of carnival games.

Bulldog Run: Registration forms are out to families and due by April 26th. A few are coming in but registration is also available through MySchoolBucks

Community Advisory Council: Dana Early shared that results from the calendar survey. 430 families and 190 staff members completed it. Results were varied regarding the start of the school year. Some wanted the school year to start later, but to align with D87 as closely as possible, while others suggested starting after Labor Day. With respect to E-Learning, according to results, 31% of families do not want E-Learning, 22% of the staff do not want E-Learning, while 26% of families do want it. About 41% of parents want an E-Learning option available if needed and about 50% of the staff prefer it as an option. The district has to file with the Regional Office of Education by September 1st, in order to have an E-Learning plan. The plan would go to the board in August and open for community feedback. The E-Learning plan to be developed will not look like the Covid E-Learning. Delayed Start/Early Dismissal was also brought up during the survey process, and it will not be an option due to the shared bus system. Families prefer to keep Thanksgiving week as is, while more than half of the staff prefer to have the whole week off. For next year, Thanksgiving week will remain how it has been. A suggestion was made to alternate Institute Days to days other than Monday so the same classes aren't missing specials. Chronic Absenteeism was also discussed and looking for ideas incentivizing attendance. Social Media concerns were brought up in regards to middle school students. Phones are becoming more prevalent and the district is interested in ways to educate students on using social media properly and prevent cyber bullying. A spouse of a CAC member works for Homeland Security for Child Exploitation and is interested in hosting age-appropriate presentations around this topic.

Teacher Appreciation: Will take place during the week of May 6th-10th. The theme is "All-Star" and centered around sports.

Action Items: The nominating committee, led by Don O'Brill and four other members, presented nominees for Co-President (Dana Early) and Secretary (Carla Schmidt) at last month's meeting. Lyndi Bowers resigned from her position as Co-President due to personal reasons. Billy Cruz will take one additional year as Co-President for the 2024-2025 school year, which would be the remainder of Lyndi Bowers' term. Lee Cuculich motioned approval for all three appointments. Lisa Esposito seconded the motion.

Miscellaneous: Thank You notes from a few staff members for the School Supply Treat Cart last month are available on the table in the Teacher's Lounge after the meeting.

Next PTC Meeting: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Kimmerly