

PTC Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2025

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

Attendees-In Person: Billy Cruz (Co-President), Dana Early (Co-President) Carla Schmidt (Secretary), Amber Norman (Treasurer), Sarah Gemmel, Christyn Esposito, Kris Dorger, Aimee Bostrand (teacher rep) and Mitch Dubinsky (principal), and Jen Schubert.

Attendees- Virtual: Suzanne Kimmerly

February Meeting Minutes:

Dana Early motioned to approve the February Minutes, Sarah Gemmel approved the minutes, and Jen Schubert seconded the motion. February Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Budget:

We had Trivia Night and that brought in \$2,300 and \$4,000 was spent. It was favorable to the Budget. Nice job, Claire! Great job! That was a very fun event. The Revenue for dance is coming in at \$4,158, and so far \$1,300 has been spent. It is believed that there will be more expenses and reimbursements that need to be submitted. That was all the changes in the bank account. There's about \$53,000 year-to-date. We are net positive of \$34,392. There were no questions asked.

February and March President's Report:

The Student Board created a video before IAR testing to help all students or those that may be a little bit anxious. The district put out a bid for paving and asphalt work. It was anticipated to cost slightly under \$600,000, but actually came in under \$300,000. Summer school has gone on the last couple of years with the Covid Relief Funding. There will be no summer school offered this year, due to no available funding. The superintendent will be talking with the Citizens Advisory Committee about future ideas ie... stem programs, tuition based programs etc...There's a decrease in student enrollment thus far and encouraging those to register sooner rather than as it can be challenging for staffing purposes. LMC Directors had their first Battle of the Blum Stem books. They had 2 teams from each building, and it was hosted at Glencrest. It was a well attended event and very well received. Arborview had the winning team this year and Briar Glen was in 3rd and 6th place out of 8 teams. The 3rd place team missed 2nd place by 1 point. No questions were asked.

Principal's Report:

A Career Cafe for grades 3, 4 and 5 will be held this year which is a part of the School Improvement Plan. All grade level parents are invited to be a volunteer. They are looking for at least 12 parent volunteers which will allow students to choose 2 or 3 careers to learn about. Emails were sent about it and it's in the school newsletter. Without volunteers, it will

not be able to happen. Mitch thanked the PTC for a successful Trivia Night. 15 staff members attended and enjoyed themselves. To have that many teachers attended, speaks volumes of the relationship between them and the parents. Staff updates were shared. Rachel Druger will be moving into an interventionist position next year. Gina Leiden is retiring. The nurse will not be returning next year as she has decided to spend more time with her family. These changes will create staff openings. There will be a .5 resource teacher that will be hired. This is being offered internally and then externally. Open house was a huge success. A lot of families attended it along with the Book Fair. No questions were asked.

Teacher's Report:

The staff loved Trivia Night and more wanted to come, but Mitch had to cut it off. The staff would like to add another team for next year! There was a surprise ice cream sundae treat cart. It was a fun surprise that afternoon, with a long day that they had. Teachers truly appreciate everything that the parents do for them. They like how parents and staff can work cohesively. If they have a question, they can find out an answer quickly, and that is appreciated. They appreciate all the continued parent support.

Committees:

- **5th Grade Fling:**

There were 2 dine in nights at Cane's and Panera. They thanked all of those that were able to attend. Vendors have been secured. Next steps will be nailing down volunteers and assigning them tasks.

- **Nomination Committee**

Multiple emails were sent out seeking 2 volunteers to take over Treasurer and Co-President which both are 2 year terms. There wasn't much interest. However, two parents stepped up, Danylle Stark as Co-President and Sarah Friga for Treasurer. Per by-laws the Nominating Committee was to announce it in March and vote on it in April. These 2 positions will officially take over July 1st. Both candidates have taken an active role this school year. Sarah helped with the Monster Mash and is detail-oriented with receipts and is very organized. They will be voted in at the next meeting if no other volunteers have submitted their interest. Danylle helped with managing the classroom party reimbursements to assist Amber. Both families have younger kids which will help those families that are aging out of the PTC.

- **Book Fair:**

As of the 20th of March, Briar Glen received over \$1,000 worth of books for the LMC! Having it during Open House was a huge success. There were volunteers to take it down and cash out the registers.

- **VIP Dance:**

Was a success! 270 people were in attendance. About \$100 had been raised.

- **McTeacher Night**
Wednesday before Spring Break from 4:30-6:30.
- **Plant Sale:**
All forms were due the following week, the 27th of March. Final numbers need to be the company by April 9th. There's a two week window for plant delivery starting from May 13th. Information will be sent via newsletter and the Briar Glen PTC email blast.
- **Parent's Night Out:**
There will be 3 teacher teams at the event.
- **Bulldog Run:**
The run will be held on Sunday, May 18th. The Kona Ice truck will be in attendance. Food vendor trucks haven't been very successful due to the time of the event. It'll be moved to Sunday mornings in the future. There will be a bounce house and a musician. The forms will come out after spring break.
- **Classroom Parties:**
Clare Van Wetering and Danylle Stark will be co-chairing it with Carla Schmidt, next school year, and will take over the following year.

Questions:

Are we able to make the Bulldog Run event free for families? For this year, no. There isn't a budget for it. If that is something the community would like, we will need to budget it at a net zero.

Can we have lighter shirts for the Bulldog Run? No, as it is double the cost of the cotton ones.

How many people attended the Bulldog Run last year? Roughly 300 people.

Why is the Bulldog Run being moved to the morning? It's felt there will be better attendance, more people will be interested in purchasing from food vendors, and it'll help avoid conflicts with Briarcliff Baseball. It would possibly start at 10am. Question was asked for those that attend church on Sunday mornings.

Has anyone considered doing it on a Saturday? Yes, however there are more conflicts with spring sports. The committee will be open to discussing the date for the 25-26 school year.

Next PTC Meeting: April 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Teacher's Lounge. Social time starts at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Schmidt