

Minutes of  
The Brinson Memorial Elementary School PTA  
General Membership Meeting

April 2017

PTA President Jennifer Bertling called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. 15 PTA members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

Principal Aguiar gave opening remarks. She stated there is extra Title money due to teachers denying health insurance. With this, additional I pads for K-2 small groups and books for the book room were purchased. The book room has a \$20K goal and currently is at \$12K. Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> visitors from the Advance Ed External Review will be at Brinson from 11:30- 3:40. They will be speaking with the Cabinet at 3pm. Their evaluation is directly tied to funds for our school.

Secretary Anne Morini reviewed February's meeting minutes. BINGO night took place of the March meeting. There were no changes or corrections to February's minutes. Karrie Hanford made the motion to approve the minutes. Danielle Morgan seconded the motion. Minutes stand approved.

The Financial Report will be given at May's meeting. Treasurer Amy Miller is sick and could not make the meeting today. Help is needed with the audit committee to help wrap up the end of the year. It will take approximately 1 hour. Karrie Hanford volunteered to help.

Marie Mynster and Karrie Hanford reviewed the Project Playground Committee efforts. The committee met with Maintenance Manger, Mr. Skinner regarding some of the new equipment. The old swings were removed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade area and new standard height swings will replace them. A "GaGa Pit" was discussed. A special Thanks to "Tilly's (kindergartner) Dad" with Trader Co. on donating hardware and instillation of the Kindergarten bench. The playground committee would like to see the project complete in 1 year. Members have been working on this project for many years now who have 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and would like to see it to completion before they move on. \$5K is remaining in the playground fund. "Walk-A-Thon" also known as "Bear-A-Thon" is planned for Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Last years walk-a-thon raised \$8K. This year the walk-a-thon has a goal of \$5K which would give enough funds to complete project playground. A school assembly is planned for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Pledge forms will be in by May's meeting and we will know then if discussion is needed to move final funds for the project from PTA's general funds. A playground dedication ceremony is planned after the May 5<sup>th</sup> walk-a-thon.

Anne Morini reviewed Bingo Night. Our goal was met raising just over \$3K which is enough to cover the schools Brain Pop subscription. Approximately 100 more people were in attendance this year, we had to order more pizza. \$500 in direct donations were made which covered the cost of supplies and we were able to give out tickets for everyone to have a free pizza slice. Every BME student was also given a free homework pass. The event was a success and we had a lot of feedback from our surveys. Notes for next

year include looking into a different Bingo flash board, sound system and having a dedicated photographer. Food can also be reviewed but we need more helpers if we do anything more involved than pizza. Thank you cards need to be written for our 44 business sponsors.

The Nominating Committee needs to fill the ballot for May's election. The new board will have full support from the current board. The ticket/ballot would like to be completed by April 24<sup>th</sup>. All 4 board positions are available as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary to help with communications & correspondence. Anne Morini has descriptions of the board member position duties if anyone would like to look over them. Danielle Morgan would like to run for a position and Heather Atkinson can help with the website.

#### New Business:

Mr. Ed Reno spoke regarding concerns and support needed with Mrs. Aguiar's retirement. As many parents as possible are urged to attend next week's board meeting. Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the county office. Feedback is needed to let the School Board know about the type of Principal we'd like to see at Brinson. What are our desires & expectations as well as resources/support needed to plan for the changes and discipline problems our school is facing. Discussion was held and key characteristics that were identified are:

- Continuing to work with staff development and additional counselor(s) needed
- Building relationships with stakeholders
- How we can partner with the School Board as parents
- Call on our State legislatures and City commissioner regarding additional school funds

President Bertling thanked all for coming. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Prepared by Anne Morini  
Recording Secretary