

Minutes of  
The Brinson Memorial Elementary School PTA  
General Membership Meeting

October 2016

PTA President Jennifer Bertling called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. 12 PTA members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated. A few minutes were given so everyone had time to review Septembers meeting minutes. There were no changes or corrections. All of the meeting minutes are linked on PTA's website. The Treasurers Report was given.

Principal Aguiar gave an update on Splash Math. Right now it's not user friendly and she is working to purchase it for the whole school and for students to use at home. She'd like PTA to pick up Brain Pop. She is encouraging teachers to have small group Math this year in the classrooms.

Principal Aguiar passed out ballots for a parent cabinet member vote. She needed a vote from a parent organization to vote in a parent member for the cabinet. This vote was needed immediately. Cabinet meets twice a month and is working on the "School Improvement Plan" The parent survey that went out will come to cabinet. They will discuss the results and what to do in the building. She stated that Cabinet is the voice of the school. Tammy Behrendt is the parent representative who was on the ballot presented by Mrs. Aguiar. Cabinet meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 2:00 and the last Wednesday of every month at 3:30.

President Bertling opened discussion looking for a few volunteers to be committee chairs for the upcoming Spagetti Dinner and Skate Night. Danielle Kowalsky and Danielle Morgan volunteered to chair Spagetti Dinner. Inna Porter and Tonya volunteered to chair Skate Night. PTA has materials and files from previous years to help.

President Bertling gave a recap of Family Fun Night Everyone thought the games were great and that it was a fun time.

Brinson PTA is linked on Amazon Smile. Please, if you are an Amazon shopper link your purchases to Brinson PTA. Your Harris Teeter VIC cards can be linked to Brinson. Also, continue to save and send in box tops. These are all ways to get FREE money for our school.

Membership is currently at 142 paid members (includes 74 teachers). There are a few pending memberships this week. We are needing a minimum of 80 paid parents to meet the cost PTA covered for the teacher memberships.

Project Playground Committee is continuing its efforts. Paint is in progress. The sand was dug up and tilled. It was asked if the shade structure tarp can be removed for the storm coming. A waterproof bench was also purchased.

Fall Fundraiser still has some orders filtering in. Currently we are at about \$18,000 which PTA will receive 40% of at about \$7,600. Our goal was \$30,000. It has been a challenge to get people to come out, volunteer and donate. We may have to reevaluate what we do. Please share ideas from other schools if you have any. December/January we need to start thinking about next school year.

Other items:

The PTA board would like to continue coffee and conversation once a month. This month's coffee and convo. is Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am at Bojangles.

The Talent show may have to move from March 30<sup>th</sup> to May4th. The May 4<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting is also the 2017-18 election meeting.

President Bertling thanked all for coming. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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