

**Briarlake Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 16, 2010
Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM**

Call to Order at 6:05 PM

Co-Presidents Report: Sarah Rigby & Laurie Hobbs

- The presidents acknowledged Amanda Patterson, Valerie Ringo and Heather Hopper for their hard work coordinating the Used Book Sale; it was a great success and all proceeds directly benefited the PTA.
- Another thank you went out to Steve Seel for volunteering to be our new marquee scribe.
- The nominating committee is in place and is currently accepting PTA board nominations for the 2010-2011 school year.

VP Fundraising: Irene Seufert & Michelle Linder

- Briarlake's next Spirit Night is at Chick-fil-A on Thursday, February 25, 2010.
- The school received their reimbursement check from Chick-fil-A for November's Spirit Night in the amount of \$230.
- The school earned \$150 from the January Stevi B's Spirit Night; although the percentage of proceeds that the school earns is not as large as Chick-fil-A, Stevi B's provides the school with free kid meal certificates that are used for the mentoring program.

VP Programs: Heidi Carpenter & Lisa Moore

- Not represented as both chairs were assisting with the set up of the puppet show directly following the PTA meeting.

Treasurer Report: Micki Gulley

- Micki Gulley was not present; Laurie Hobbs announced that the proceeds from this year's Used Book Sale exceeded last year's by \$600.

Secretary's Report: Jessica White

- Jessica White was not present; there was a motion from the floor to approve the January minutes. The PTA approved these minutes.

Principal's Report: Dr. Culbreath

- The Kindergarten informational meeting will be held on Friday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Art Room.
- Briarlake's new music teacher has started, Mr. Patrick Hydo.

Committee Reports:

Laurie Hobbs, Fun Run

- Registration forms to sign up for the 5K or 1M Fun Run went home with students in their Friday folders last Friday, Feb 12th.

Vanessa Erens, Spring Gala

- The Spring Gala is Saturday, March 27th at the Elk Lodge.
- The committee is currently accepting donations – donation items discussed included unused gift cards (to restaurants, spas, retail stores), tickets to sporting events or the theater, and outings with the teachers (these are extremely popular); additional information regarding donations will be forthcoming.
- Each teacher will receive 2 free tickets to encourage attendance.

Sarah Cook, Healthy Habits/Wellness

- This Thursday, February 18th, will begin the Morning Walking Club; it will be held every Thursday for 10 weeks from 7:30 to 7:45 a.m. Students and parents should meet in the gym.
- The PTA would like to thank Sarah Cook for coordinating Dr. John Wilson of Emory to present Effective Parenting Skills on January 26th; a copy of his presentation will be given to Mrs. Berry to place on the Parent Page of the Briarlake website.

New Business:

- No new business was introduced.

Nominating Committee:

- The nominating committee continues to identify nominations for the PTA board; the VP of Programs position was discussed. The role of VP of Programs is to coordinate events such as the Welcome Back to School coffee, International Night, and events like the ice cream social and puppet show. Contact Loretta Salzano-Vanni if interested in nominating yourself or someone else.

Announcements:

- Spring pictures will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd; a new vendor will be used – Kellum Photography in Tucker. Sitting for these photos is optional; students may choose to bring in a prop or dress in a themed outfit.
- Pre-K will be planting a tree on Friday, February 19th for Arbor Day; it is the second year Pre-K has done this.
- Briarlake's Geography Team will be competing this Saturday, February 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.