

Bainbridge Island Blakely Elementary PTO
MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2016

GENERAL SESSION

Place: Blakely Library

Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Question: How many people voted "Yes" for Proposition 1 (the Bond to rebuild Blakely and the HS 100 Building)? Answer: 5,733. 62.1%.

ATTENDEES: Erin Cyger, Anna Steen, Lisa Timmins, Lara Demos, Dani Stoehr, April Murray, Lee Muir, Heidi Blair, Caroline Reed, Lori Hungerford, Maggie Donaldson, Alorie Gilbert, Bonnie Thatcher, Julie Schick, Rachel Cunningham, Elizabeth Walsh, Ryan Steen, Missy Render, Amos Staffler-Edwards, Reese Ande

President's Report

- Welcome and Thanks of Appreciation, especially to Erin Cyger, Leah Kriegh and Kathleen Pool for the Book Fair. Lisa Timmins thanked Cheryl Cain and Sandy O'Hare and the 4th Grade Parents for making the Read-A-Thon such a success. Erin thanked the Architecture Committee.

Principal's Report

- Blakely is getting a donated 60' climbing wall. Can put up now, take down and put up again in new school. Getting shipped and installed during Spring Break.
- Two missed days of school to inclement weather. 1st day, Faith Chapel requested a waiver. The waiver will be honored and BISD will not have to make it up. 2nd day waiver has been submitted.
- School Bond has passed and there will be a new Blakely. Tamara VanWinkle, Director of Capital Projects, is sick so Reese will lead discussion on Blakely Rebuild. The information given by Reese is to the best of his knowledge at this time.
 - Timeline: Best case scenario Fall 2019 opening. Worst case scenario Winter 2019.
 - Process: Hire an architect, which is required by state law. 6 firms submitted paperwork/ application. 4 firms selected for interviews, which will happen next week. Hoping for decision of firm by Spring Break.
 - Architect submits design. City issues permit which can take 8 months to 1 year. Construction starts.
 - 12 acres of usable land at Blakely. School will still happen while construction is in process. Challenges will be drop off/ pick up / recess.
 - Goal is to have a beautiful building that has flexible space.
 - Discussion on how the public can submit their ideas of what they want.

- Huge benefit for Blakely that Wilkes was built first. We can build an even better building. Design will be geothermal, as Wilkes is. Potential for solar energy.
- Possible partnerships with IslandWood and Parks & Rec.
- Incorporating something from the old Blakely into the new Blakely.
- If the new Blakely opens Fall of 2019, the old Blakely will be torn down prior to the start of school.
- Discussions are happening now of what it will look like. 2 stories or 1 story.
- Estimated size of new Blakely 62,000 sq. ft. that has an expectancy of 75 years and can house 450-600 students.

Questions

- Developmental Kindergarten? Separate playground for Kindergarten? Library pit? Cafeteria or lunch in classrooms? What will enhanced security look like? What will flexible community space look like? Separate stage from gym? Will each class have technology or will there be a media room? Furniture?
- More information at Blakely PTO.org, Capital Building.
- HS 100 Bldg. is expected to be built after Blakely.

Upcoming PTO Events

- 3/22/16 Kindergarten / 3rd Grade Concert
- 4/21/16 Science Fair

Read-A-Thon

- Raised \$9500.00
- 81% participation rate.
- 75 of 79 students going to Nature Bridge

Other Business

- Open Board Positions for 2016-2017: Communications Coordinator, Enrichment Coordinator, Various Chair positions
- We are a PTO, not PTA. We do not have dues.

February Meeting Minutes Approved.

General meeting adjourned.