

Bainbridge Island Blakely Elementary PTO
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2016

GENERAL SESSION

Meeting called to order at the Blakely Stem Lab.

Question: How many books are in the Blakely Library? Answer: 12, 158. Heidi Blair won!

ATTENDEES: Erin Cyger, Anna Steen, Lisa Timmins, Lara Demos, Dani Stoer, Heather Jo Kochevar, Smiley Kulesza, April Murray, Lee Muir, Heidi Blair, Lori Hungerford, Elizabeth Walsh, Reese Ande, Kathleen Pool, Carmine Rau

President's Report

- Welcome and Thanks of Appreciation, to the PTO Board and the Blakely Staff and special thanks to Dani Stoer. Special thanks and recognition to Lee Muir.

Kitsap Regional Library Summer Reading with Carmine Rau

- Summer reading 15/min/day to maintain grade level reading.
- If a child doesn't read regularly and throughout summer, by the end of 5th grade, that child is 2 grade levels behind.
- Comic Book reading is okay. Words in reading is practice.
- 6/8/2016 new Library Inspire magazine will be available. Library Summer reading: 10 hours = free book from Children's Library Special Book Rack. 100 hours = cool t-shirt.
- Audio books count as reading. Can help with vocabulary.
- Study done in Nashville says cost/ resources to bring a child up to speed or grade level runs @ \$734 per student.
- 3rd and 4th Graders and above are usually okay to go to library by themselves.

Stand Alone and Book Series Recommendation by Kathleen Pool

- Children learn differently and read differently.
- We need to acknowledge that some children are non readers and that is OKAY. Love for reading may come later in life.
- Children sometimes read under their level but it is really important for kids to make choices. With that said, School Librarian will tell kids what books are appropriate and what are not.
- Children pick books by their cover but encourage them to look inside and read the jacket.
- Reader Advisory – Teachers can send kids to library to talk to librarian to find books.
- You are never too old for a picture book.
- Hybrids – Books with pictures
- Kathleen brought many of her favorite books to share and perhaps get our kids to check them out.

- Nancy Peril, author says “Life is too short to finish a book you are not in love with”. Kathleen Pool says to kids read at least 50 pages or 3 chapters before giving up on a book.

Auction

- Heather Jo is super excited about this year’s Auction.
- At Wing Point. January 21, 2017.
- Auctioneer is booked.
- Thank yous for past auction went out and procurement for next year under way.

Budget

- Escript gone
- Fieldhouse ordering will be up all year. Anna made a motion to approve. Second by Heidi. All in favor. Approved.

Upcoming PTO Events

- May 24th, 5:30pm. Thank You Cards signing at the Loft.
- June 1, 2, 3rd Fitness Challenge
- June 10th Field Day
- June 15th Last Day of School
- Retreat in August. Date to be determined.
- Possible 1 or 2 evening meetings for next year PTO.

Other Business

- By Laws Amendment Approved. Lara made a motion to approve. Second by Lee. All in favor. Approved.
- Next year’s Board:
 Anna Stein and Erin Cyger – Co Presidents
 April Murray – Secretary
 Lisa Timmins – Treasurer
 Lara Demos and Lori Hungerford – Volunteer Recruitment Co Chairs
 Heidi Blair – Grants
 Elizabeth Walsh – Communications
 Enrichment Chair – Smiley Kulesza
 Auction – Heather Jo Kocheva
 Heidi made a motion to approve. Second by Lee. All in favor. Approved
- May Meeting Minutes. Heidi made a motion. Second by Lara. All in favor. Approved.

General meeting adjourned 10:20pm.