

Bainbridge Island Blakely Elementary PTO  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 8, 2015

**GENERAL SESSION**

Place: Blakely Elementary STEM Lab  
Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Question: How much money did BSF give to Blakely in Grants for the Teachers?

ATTENDEES: Erin Cyger, Anna Steen, Dani Stoehr, Heidi Blair, Lisa Timmins, April Murray, Alli Schilf, Bonnie Thatcher, Karen Hall, Jules Watnem, Elizabeth Walsh, Julie Schick, Kori Abbott, Aaron Edwards, Kathleen Phillips, Kerri Martina, Alison Cain, Melissa Fink, Ellen Faust, Alorie Gilbert, Michelle Hecker, Laura O'Connell, Lorin Roberts, Faith Chapel, Tamela Van Winkle, Carrie Brown, Mairead Shutt, Reese Ande

Welcome and Introduction of PTO Board. Thank you to Julie Schick, Honoree Volunteer who gets bragging rights and to drink out of a real mug instead of a paper cup. Thank you to Dani Stoehr for updating the website. Thank you to Lee Muir for securing volunteers for the Health Screenings.

Principal's Report

- I. Next month's meeting is Emergency Preparedness. Staff did mock drill and they learned a lot. Ready to inform Blakely parents of procedures in an emergency. Parents are to meet their children in the South end of the building. Let Staff do their jobs in an emergency situation and parents are to follow the protocol in place to secure everyone is safe and accounted for.
- II. All School Write. "Why Should Children Go to School?" Reese, Emily Silver and Faith Chapel are in a video explaining why children should go to school. Letters from children and parents are posted in the hallways at Blakely and online. Showed video of Ms. Keller's class holding signs of why kids should go to school. Conversation has empowered kids to talk about why school is important. The culture, community, parents, and kids together can make a change.
  - a. Reese is "Happy to Be Here"

Short Break to Vote on:

- I. Amended Budget. School Takeover (Paper Products) is new and Escrip is gone.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to Approve – Heidi Blair
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to Approve – Lisa TimminsAll in favor. Budget Approved
- II. September Meeting Minutes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Motion to Approve – Karen Hall
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to Approve – Dani Stoehr

All in favor. Minutes Approved.

Question about BSF Funding answered. \$13,700.00 to Blakely

Superintendent's Report.

Faith Chapel and Pamela Van Winkle talked briefly about the history, where we are now and what's next. Focus is on Children and Educational Programs, not just brick and mortar.

- I. 2005 Recommendations for the Master Plan rolled out.
- II. 2006 High School 200 Building replaced.
- III. 2009 Wilkes replaced. Operating costs of new Wilkes down 40% compared to old Wilkes.
- IV. 5 Operating Budgets but talked about General and Capital
  - a. General Fund
    - 1 Day to Day Operations, Staff Salaries, Transportation, Utilities and Insurance.
    2. This fund is allowed to be supplemented through levies. Levy lid is 28.9%. By comparison, Mercer Island's levy lid is 37.9% and they have only 400 more kids.
  - b. Capital Fund – Bond Dollars – Super Majority Vote. 60%+1
    - 1 Bond Dollars pay for Building, Energy Conservation, Major Improvements, Technology, Staff (only Staff that can be paid from this fund must be directly related to funded project)
- V. 2006 - 45M Bond. High School, new flooring, asbestos abatement.
- VI. 2009 - 42M Bond. Wilkes, new track at Woodward, new roof at Woodward
- VII. 4 Schools needs replacement now. Blakely, Building 100 at HS, Commodore and Ordway. Blakely and Bldg. 100 are main focus. Blakely is over 50 years old and needs replacement. 100 Building at HS is the last building on the campus that has not been renovated or in over 45 years.
- VIII. Up for discussion is the LGI (Performing Arts Center) at the High School. Black Box seating under 200 students, 450 seat auditorium or 600 seat auditorium
- IX. Tax Implications of Proposed Projects
  - a. 60.2 M Bond – replace Blakely, patch and repair 100 Bldg. Taxes increase \$9./month
  - b. 68.5 M Bond - replace Blakley and 100 Bldg. with Black Box seating. Taxes increase 12/month
  - c. 77.5 M Bond - replace Blakley and 100 Bldg. with 450 seating. Taxes increase 15/month
  - d. 80 M Bond - replace Blakley and 100 Bldg. with 600 seating. Taxes increase just over 15/month
- I. Obstacles. Parents/people who don't vote and people who think we overbuild. Communication from PTOs helps spread the facts.

BSF Report.

- I. Mairead Shutt and Karen Hall. Click A Thon is under way until end of October.
- II. BSF has pledged \$900,000.00 to schools this year.

- III. BSF provides money to fill gaps that the State can't fill.
- IV. Upcoming Fundraisers. Salty Dog October 17---18. Mora Ice Cream on Halloween.
- V. BSF Auction Feb. 6, 2016.
- VI. Looking for ways to connect, unite BSF and PTOs.

Auction Chair's Report

- I. Elizabeth is heading up Art Projects. Can still us volunteers. Seeking Donations, Sponsorships.
- II. Blakely Auction is 1/23/2016 at IslandWood.

New Business

- I. October 14, 2015 Picture Day
- II. October 22-23 Teacher Parent Conferences. No School.

General meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.