

Bainbridge Island Blakely Elementary PTO  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 10, 2015

### **GENERAL SESSION**

Place: STEM Lab  
Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Question: How many receive Differentiation Specialists services? Answer: 355. All students at Blakely.

ATTENDEES: Erin Cyger, Anna Steen, Lisa Timmins, Tricia Kurtzman, Lara Demos, April Murray, Caroline Reed, Alli Schiif, Heather Burke, Lori Hungerford, Smiley Grace Kulesza, Lai Niimi, Maggie Donaldson, Erin Croman, Alorie Gilbert, Bonnie Thatcher, Margaret Powers, Jen Ledbetter, Reese Ande

#### President's Report

- Welcome and Thanks of Appreciation, especially Heidi Blair for Grants, Heather Burke for Holiday Shop, Smiley Grace for Square 1 Art and April for Science Kits.

#### Principal's Report

- Thank You to PTO for Grants. Thanks for putting together the Holiday Shop (One of Reese's favorites at school). Thanks to the Auction folks and Thanks for the Welcome and Kindness Club. Last year WK Club had only 4<sup>th</sup> graders and this year 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. They had a Thankful Thursday and decorated Staff Room. Teaching giving back.

#### Holiday Shop Recap

- Heather Burke reported that the Holiday Shop made \$1470.00. Ton of volunteers which helped sort the presents the week before making the Shop easier to run and manage.

#### Differentiation Specialist Report with Jen Ledbetter as guest speaker

- 'There is nothing more unequal than the equal treatment of unequal people.' by Thomas Jefferson.
- .6 Instructional Teaching and .4 Highly Capable
- End goal: Productive Struggle for all students
- Content (What), Process (How), Product (End Result). Multiple entry points and multiple solution pathways
- Blakely has flexible Walk to Math Groups, Math Café/Dailys, Different texts based on student reading level to access parallel content, Rich math tasks with focus on Number Talks.
- Example: Sea Animals. Students choose roles in which to solve problems or answer questions: Tactile Engineers (Building Light), Tank Set Up, Long Term Care (Linguistic/Auditory), Reading (Researchers), Design Board Games, etc...

- Assessment: Debate of too much or not enough
- How Teachers Determine: give paper/pencil assessments, observation, discussion, one on one conferences.
- Develop Challenging and engaging tasks for each learner “One Size fits All”

#### Bainbridge Island Public School Supporters with Margaret Powers

- Biggest job right now is to communicate with the community.
- Need parent support
- Replacing Blakely, 100 Bldg. at High School and 600 seat LGI Bldg.
- BIPSS, like on Facebook, go to website.
- Parents need to be registered to vote by January 11, 2016.
- Six in depth papers going on website on 12/10/2015
- Letters to the Editor
- Yard Signs
- 2 Tours scheduled 1/13/16 from 4-7 and 1/23/16 from 11-2 at Blakely, 100 Bldg., and Wilkes.
- Part of the Bond is for essential renovations at all schools and if Bond doesn't pass, money comes out of General Fund (which is mostly Teacher salaries)
- “Bonds are for Buildings and Levies are for Learning”
- Every vote matters. Register to Vote!
- Campaign is short on money.

#### Square 1 Art Recap

- Smiley Grace reported that Square 1 Art made \$4,622 for the school. Over 33% participation. Friday, 12/11, the art will start to be distributed. Thanks to Teachers and Katie Bonano for making this happen.

#### Grant Recap

- 12 Grants Funded. Teachers hugely appreciative.

#### Upcoming PTO Events

- Auction: Buy your tickets. Pay for them online. 60 couples/50 child spots. Donations can be made on the Auction page. Be a sponsor, donate an item.
- Art project for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade finishing up tomorrow.
- Teacher Books at the Auction instead of soccer balls.

November Meeting Minutes Approved by Lara Demos. Caroline Reed made a motion to second. All approved.

Exhibits: Agenda, Instructional Coach, Certified Position Opening, Approved Grants, November Meeting Minutes

General meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.