

Greenbriar School PTO  
2007-2008 Board Meeting  
January 16, 2008

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. in the Greenbriar Teachers' Lounge. President Shelley Frame led the meeting. Attending: Mary Allen, Mariellen Dwyer, Gayle Edmunds, Lisa Erens, Shelley Frame, Stacey Hendricks, Jackie Hoyland, Joanie Gilbert, Jaime Knez, Carolyn Nyren, Jacquie Schermerhorn, Laurie Shults, Nancy Treleven, Rachel Tzinberg, Jill Weininger, Sharon Whitehead.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lisa Erens made a motion to approve the minutes. Jaime Knez seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

**3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Greenbriar has several teachers retiring this year: Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Seal, Mrs. Kollmann, Mrs. Schaffner, and Mrs. Wurtzel are all retiring this year. Jill would like to form a committee to coordinate making scrap books for all the retirees. Mary Allen will work with classrooms for interested helpers and a notice will go in the newsletter for additional interested parents.

The musical for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be "The Princess and the Pea". Auditions will take place early in February. It is a big time commitment for the kids so they will be looking for kids who really want to do it and will also try to spread the lead roles across the two years. Jill recommends that parents who are make-up helpers have family members save seats this year rather than the school saving a block of seats for helpers. Last year, many seats went unused. The focus of the musical is on teaching and making it a learning opportunity.

The school board will be discussing the school calendar soon and having a conversation about starting before Labor Day. With our current calendar and snow days, the last day of school is after Father's Day which interferes with camp schedules and other summer activities.

**4. TEACHER'S REPORT**

Jackie Hoyland thanked all the parents for the Holiday parties. Parents followed the party guidelines beautifully. Conferences are coming up at the end of January. The conference schedule is the same one that parents signed up for on Curriculum Night. All the teachers have been working on their websites so please check the websites out. Student Council is working on what the next community project will be. Mary Allen suggested having more students help at the Carnival as a way to help in our community. Mary will contact the Carnival Committee for potential jobs.

**5. NORTHBROOK BIKE CLUB**

Chris Henning of the Northbrook Bike Club was a guest at our meeting. The Northbrook Bike

Club runs the Friday Night races at the velodrome and promotes biking as a safe and healthy activity. It is a not-for-profit group. The club wants to promote biking and or scootering to school. The club proposes to install a bike counter at Greenbriar to count the number of kids riding to school. A solar powered counter would be mounted near the school. A label would be placed on each child's helmet and would be scanned by the bike counter when the child rides by the counter. The counter is called the "Freikomometer". The club would donate the equipment and incentive prizes. After discussion, the board determined that a recognition board would be better than incentive prizes. We would have a school wide goal of riders and recognize students when the goals are met. There was much brainstorming about how to include children riding the bus, walking or at Kid Care. A motion was passed to move forward with this idea. We will appoint one member from the Green Committee to coordinate the project. We will try for a spring launch, but if not ready we will launch in the fall. Jackie Dubin suggested having Student Council help out with the project.

## 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. President: A motion was made by Mary Allen to approve the changes in the Council by-laws. Joanie Gilbert seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The PTO Council will be having a fund raising meeting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> in the District conference room. Any one interested should attend. They are trying to come up with a master plan for fund raising. Mariellen Dwyer will be Greenbriar's representative and Laurie Shults will be the alternate. There will be a Wellness Night at NBJH on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. More information is in the Gazette.

The PTO has made \$91 through December on the new Artsonia program. The Lift Day Committee at NBJH is looking for volunteers.

The Battle of the Bands is set for January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9, volunteers welcome.

The Greenbriar Nominating Committee needs 5 delegates and 2 alternates. Corresponding Secretary and Vice President of Room Parents are the positions that need to be filled. Voting of the slate will be in March. Delegates for the committee will be: Mary Allen, Carolyn Nyren, Nancy Treleven, Shelley Frame, and Jaime Knez. Laurie Shults will be the alternate.

Valentines parties will be coming up. Parents need to contact teachers about party plans. Jill will talk to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers about whether 5<sup>th</sup> graders want to exchange valentines.

2. Treasurer's Report: Jill motioned to approve the budget, Mary Allen seconded and the motion passed.

3. Corresponding Secretary: Mary Allen distributed gift cards for the holidays. She sent cards to Betsy Decker, Kelley Peifer and Sasha Freidman for their babies.

## 7. COMMITTEES

\*Spirit Lunch and Bingo Night this Friday.

\*January 26<sup>th</sup> is the Carnival and volunteers are still needed. Contact Kari Knebelkamp to volunteer.

\*Science Night is February 19<sup>th</sup>.

\*Parent Night Out/Silent Auction is February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations from families would be very helpful. Help collecting donations is needed.

\*It was decided to continue with Sally Foster for next year.

#### 8. THANK YOU'S

\* Cookie Walk- thank you to Laurie Shults and the Bake Sale team, Sunset Foods and all the families who contributed to the cookie walk. It was a great day and a wonderful time to celebrate our children in an amazing Winger Sing.

\* Susan Zera for coordinating Justin Roberts and Liam Davis to create our fabulous new school song.

\* Melissa Jacobsen for doing a wonderful job at the Winter School and especially for giving the parents a preview of the school song.

#### 9. PLEASE CHECK MAIL IN FOLDERS IN THE OFFICE.

#### 10. NEW BUSINESS

There is an internet safety night tonight. The school is considering a new program for Field Day called Circus Amongus. The cost is \$2500 and it would like the PTO to consider putting any additional funds towards this project. The Board will look into the budget and see what is available.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Nyren  
Recording Secretary