AGENDA

Birchtree Parent Guild

Special Meeting November 1, 2011 6:00 p.m.



Mission of the Birchtree Parent Guild: to support Birchtree Charter School and its teachers for the betterment of the children attending the school.

Mission of Birchtree Charter School: to nurture and promote the development of healthy, responsible, and creative human beings.

The Birchtree Learning Plans includes:

- that each class will be a learning community for respect, tolerance, and understanding.
- that BCS is designed to function as a living system that balances initiative and accountability. All teachers, staff, and participants will be asked to make a commitment to develop him or herself along with the pupils.

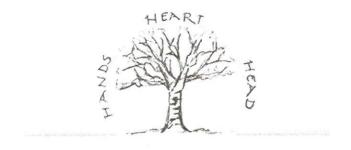
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- that the personal behavior of adults and teachers at BCS will be an example to the pupils.

I. Executive Session				
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II. Bylaws		_	-	
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III. Retreat



Birchtree Parent Guild Special Meeting

At Birchtree School

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

6:00p.m.

I. Welcome

This special meeting was called to order by Jennifer Budde at 6:07p.m. at Birchtree School in Dana Phillips Room

II. Board Members Present:

Jennifer Budde, Greg Stuckey, Jo Terwilliger, Laura Sampson, Stephanie Larousse, Sue Foster, Nicole Reynolds, and Susan McCauley, Lori Berrigan.

III. Others present:

Donna Levesque

IV. Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session with Donna Levesque from the APC invited to join to discuss Board Member Communication:

Motion made by Sue Foster.

Seconded by Lori Berrigan.

Session begins at 6:12 p.m.

Donna Levesque leaves 7:08 p.m.

Motion to end session by Lori Berrigan.

Greg seconded.

Unanimously in favor.

Session ended at 7:22p.m.

V. Bylaws:

Board discusses need for the Removal clause of our bylaws to be changed. Discussion followed that BPG would work with the Foraker Group later in the year to improve our current bylaws. In the meantime board proposes the following change to the Removal clause of the bylaws.

Current BPG Bylaw:

Article IV, Section 9: Removal: Directors are expected to attend, at a minimum, all regular BPG Board meetings. Although absences at times cannot be avoided, the Board may remove any Director who fails to attend three (3) consecutive such meetings during his/her term. Removal shall require a majority vote of the Board.

Proposed change to Bylaw

Article IV, Section 9: Removal: Directors are expected to attend, at a minimum, all regular BPG Board meetings. Although absences at times cannot be avoided, the Board may remove any Director who fails to attend three (3) such meetings during his/her term. Additionally, the BPG may remove a member with or without cause when it determines that the best interests of the BPG would be served thereby. Removal shall require a super majority vote of the full BPG. Removal shall require a super majority of the full BPG to be present. The BPG Director who is subject to removal may vote.

Motion to post the amended Removal bylaw made by Stephanie Larousse.

Seconded by Lori Berrigan

Passed Unanimously

VI. Retreat

Discussion to make Foraker group training in December mandatory for all BPG board. Will work on strategic plan, grant, next steps that need taken by board identified, value, and BPG structure at training. Suggestion was made to send new Email out to redefine the reason for attending the training.

Motion was made that attendance of the BPG Board at the Annual board training is expected, and a member may be removed for absence was made by Greg Stuckey.

Seconded by Nicole Reynolds

Passed Unanimously

Meeting motioned to be adjourned @ 7:59 by Lori Berrigan

Seconded by Sue Foster

Minutes taken by: Jo Terwilliger

Minutes approved by