Friends of Birchwood

June 13, 2019 | 2:50 pm – 3:45 pm

Meeting Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introductions:
   1. Short explanation of who we are (direct quote from written agenda): “Community Building happens by doing. Continue the great work of including folks and creating a sense of belonging. Many hands make light work.”
      1. Some meeting attendees reported the 2:50 pm Amigos meeting time this year didn’t work as well for families as the evening meeting times did in prior years
      2. Group discussed the previous Language Exchange as a good model for more inclusion and participation
      3. Group discussed plan for Amigos de Birchwood table at the Birchwood International Market to further inclusion and participation
2. Community Events Reports:
   1. End of Year Community Event - Birchwood Bash: Thanks to Jami, Kelly and Erica for securing food for the Birchwood Bash!
   2. Official Announcement of Amigos de Birchwood positions for 2019-2020 school year:
      1. Chair – Jami Pitman
      2. Vice Chair – Brienne White
      3. Secretary – Cherish Flint
      4. Volunteer Coordinator – Katie Luerkens
   3. Budget Report by Matt Whitten (See revised 2019-2020 budget for more details):
      1. 2019-2020 Budget updates: Discussed parade route, moving parade from Tier 2 in budget to Tier 3 (parade is low-cost), and plan to bus younger kids back from parade (ending at Squalicum Park)
      2. Bumped Kindergarten t-shirts from Tier 2 to Tier 1, ordering ahead and will decide later whether to distribute on first day of school or wait (Erica Wayerski has t-shirt connections)
      3. Discussed moving yearbook from Tier 3 to Tier 2
      4. Group discussed two different ways for people to donate money to Amigos: via Amigos de Birchwood/Birchwood School or Bellingham Public Schools Foundation –the consensus was that donating through Amigos allows for more flexibility. Discussion to be continued.
3. Parent Advisory Committee to Superintendent Report (Jami Pitman): Jami discussed last Superintendent meeting regarding emergency preparedness and invited parents to attend future meetings
4. Sub Committee Reports:
   1. Birchwood Boogie – discussed possible October dates. Discussion to be continued.
   2. Volunteer Coordinator – Discussed ways to reach volunteers (Sign-up genius, handouts, facebook, etc.), Discussion to be continued.
   3. Meet greet
      1. Esmeralda/Rodolfo
   4. Open House
      1. Kelly B.
   5. Staff Appreciation
      1. Report out – sounds like it was a success, seeking coordinator for 2019-2020 schoolyear (thank you April Barker for your service!)
5. Next Meeting: August TBD (August meeting postponed to September 17)