

BBMS PTA Executive Board Meeting
10 December 2008

Present: Nan Brown, Donna Sudbrook, Jillian Storms, Beth Webster, Megan Mcgolrick, Lisa Strutz, Gail Miller-Myers, Barbara Mongello, Debbie Waeger, Mrs. Moseley, Trudy van den Deijssel

Welcome: (Donna Sudbrook)

Donna fills in for Jennie. The minutes of last meeting were passed around in order to be approved. Everybody introduced themselves. Minutes approved.

Administration report: (Nan Brown)

Cookie pickup today

Monday Dec. 15th SIT meeting

Parent/Teacher conferences well attended

Thank you for wonderful staff dinner

8th grade staff to Long Reach High School demonstration on Dec. 9th. Dec. 11th at Howard High School.

Choral concert Dec. 11th at 7:00 pm

Dec. 12th: 8th grade field trip to Shakespeare presentation at Marriotts Ridge High School.

Dec. 16th band/orchestra concert at Howard High Auditorium at 7:00 pm

7th Grade technical tool assessment went well. Kids are tested to see where strengths are and where it needs to be upgraded.

Jan 6th: after school programs will start again. Flyers about this went home at the beginning of the school year. If you would like to sign up still, go to person in charge. For academic after school program: Tanya Johnson and for intramurals: Phil Herdman.

Jan 7th first Black Saga Competition, because of that there is a 1 hour delayed schedule change. Same on Jan 16th because of Annual Spelling Bee Competition.

Jan 13th: 7th grade Chick-Fil-A Night.

In need of basketball/soccer balls etc., so if you have some to give to school, the kids will be thankful.

An informational meeting on Career Academies is scheduled for Jan 9th. There are flyers in the student guidance office.

Howard County Public Schools offers specialized instruction through its Career and Technology Education programs. One such program is its "Career Academies". Career Academies are held at local high schools and at the ARL, located next to the Department of Education, on Route 108. The goal of Career and Technology Education is to provide rich and rigorous curriculum by combining academic and career skills in order to prepare for a future career interest. This curriculum is strengthened through articulation agreements between two or more educational systems. Academies include Allied Health Academy, Automotive Technology Academy, Biotechnology Academy, Certified Nursing Assistant Academy, Computer Networking Academy, Academy of Finance, and Hotel and Restaurant Management Academy. See www.arl.hcpss.org for more information.

After School Program (Academic Enrichment) is looking for volunteers for after school programs starting in January. Can be a parent, but can also be another person who likes to work with children. Volunteers will assist teachers who are working with students to improve their math and reading skills.

Reflections(Jillian Storms)

6 students submitted to WOW, all 6th graders, except 1 7th grader.

Some kids don't have parent's signature on it, so she will check upon that.

All kids can move on to Howard County contest, no judgement needed.

Jan 22nd ceremony for the winner. Kids can still submit after winter break still. Not a big turn out so far. Art teacher could make it part of their class.

Lower response maybe of the subject (WOW). No volunteers needed because of low turn out.

Next year try to integrate it in a class (part of art project).

At some schools parents help to get their project done during the after school program. Maybe encourage that.

Try to get information in January newsletter, Jillian will give it to Donna this weekend.

Honor Role every month, integrate WOW ceremony in that. Give winner certificate during that ceremony. Send in date for Jan. newsletter is next Friday (Dec. 19th), because of the holidays.

PTA Officer reports: (Jennie done by Donna)

Sandra Miller suggested March 20, April 17 or May 8 for student social. March 20 is in the middle of MSA. April 17 is after spring break. May 8 open. Nan Brown is going to check with Billie Roogow and Sandra. Preferably later at night, because right after school always causes picking up problems.

Jennie & Donna are going to meet on Monday Dec. 29 in order to make plans for next year. Try to get more money in for school. Academic intervention is paid for through the county. Have people invite to yahoo group by Janet Eagles. Still money needed so look for possibilities.

PTA Council meeting report from Donna Sudbrook, BBMS PTA Delegate. At Dec PTACHC meeting, Linda Wise, Chief Academic Officer from HCPSS Department of Education presented work-in-progress related to supplies, fees and curriculum related items.

copied from Dec PTACHC meeting minutes ... "HCPSS has initiated an effort to achieve uniformity and consistency among school supply lists and fees charged for various activities. They are currently working through Elementary school supply list. Proposed a generic school list and is being reviewed by Elementary School Principals. Other items that are being worked on are as below:

General classroom supply list, special needs for lab supplies, supplies for photography class, supplies for culinary classes, supplying graphic calculators and loaners, special education needs like ALS program in high schools.

Delegates wanted to know how much money was budgeted to accomplish this task. Ms. Wise replied that funding is uncertain at this time, and will be based on per student basis. Other comments and questions came from meeting attendees. Some delegates raised concerns regarding school-based programs, for example some schools use uniforms and costumes for various events. Where does one draw the line? These things are still being worked out, with a projected completion date of March 2009 to work on some of these items. Ms. Wise will return to the Council during February to give a further update and answer more questions.

If accessories are needed for instructions the school may have to provide it. Could be restrictive. If parents can't afford it there should be a fundraiser, donations or whatever. PTA may address comments to Linda Wise. Beth Webster thinks not a lot of parents know about these meetings. Should be mentioned on our website.

PTA council: Currently working on list of 5 priorities: behavior, nutrition.....etc, to focus on in the next 2-3 year timeframe.

Poetry night (Gail Miller-Myers)

Feb. 6 (7pm), Meg Roberts works with her. Kids sign up during lunch. There are morning announcements. Flyers made by students themselves and permission slips will be distributed. Looking for volunteers during the event.

Check for tables at Shakespeare event. Gail asked Mr. Humphrey if jazz band can play, until so far no reply. Gail will ask her daughter and friends to make something for the bulletin board. Gail will let Billie know that they're good.

PALS: everything OK as per Nan Brown.

Restaurant night: Set up a restaurant night once a month if possible, because more money is needed. Some restaurant do whole days. Mrs. Moseley suggested the Mama Lucia restaurant or maybe bowling, ice/roller skating for PTA fundraising on Saturdays or Sundays. Pottery place also a possibility. Have kids involved in it, so they are enthusiastic. Ask people to chaperone. Like a social, sign in sign out. Ask for donations. Check with Student counselling: Shelley Heinz-Buehlman.

Ways & Means (Beth Webster):

Talked to Rob Elliott. Will get a parent letter out in Dec. (before e-school newsletter) that at the end of Jan. the renewal magazines will start.

Inform parents where the money goes to. Donna is going to email a copy of the budget to Beth. Look at specific magazines that might be interesting for middle school students. Something for boys????!

Beth asked if she needs approval from PTA for this fundraiser. Try to get the students more involved, Rob will talk to them.

Uncertain if Teacherease will be replaced next year by new county wide system.

Everybody needs to be trained, new computers, probably no budget, no announcements have been made.

Mrs. Kupisch was going to work on signature t-shirts for 8 graders. Donna is going to check with Mrs. Kupisch about this.

CLOSING (DONNA)

Next meeting: January 14, 2009

Minutes submitted by Trudy van den Deijssel