

MINUTES
BBMS PTA Executive Board Meeting
11 February 2009

Present: Carolyn Jameson, Nan Brown, Jennie Decarrier Bezon, Donna Sudbrook, Kathy Green, Beth Webster, Laura Zulick, Amy Schroeder, Karin Molcyk, Jillian Storms, Sandra Miller, Gail Miller-Myers, Myra Jackson, Doreen Klose, Phil Herdman, Jocelyn Anthony-Williams, Linda Gilmore

Welcome Jennie welcomes our guests Myra Jackson and Linda Gilmore. They represent BBMS and Rockburn Elementary School for the Black Student Family Community Network.

The minutes of last meeting were approved.

Faculty report (Carolyn Jameson)

- Carolyn suggests that Linda Gilmore(parent 7th grader BBMS) and Myra Jackson(parent at Rockburn ES) start with their presentation about the Black Student Family Community Network first:

This Black Student Family Community Network is there to help new families in the community. Inform new families about stores, churches, board of education, school policies etc. There is no info sheet, but they do have a binder that can be found at student guidance. Everyone can refer new parents to them.

This organisation is a resource organisation only, no teaching involved. It is new, so they need volunteers. People are needed to service more schools. They would like to have 2 parents in every school.

Jillian Storms suggests to write something about it in the Eschool news.

This organisation is working on a resource tool with a yahoo group.

Everybody is welcome to send emails with questions or suggestions.

Kathy Green suggested to go to PTA president meeting or PTA council meeting Donna suggested.

There are already members of that organisation involved in the PTA Council.

Carolyn continues:

- BBMS is working hard on bullying in school. There are school wide monthly lessons on bullying. Working on behaviour in hallways, Outdoor ED alerts before you may go, scholar dollar for good behaviour, student support, teachers in hall ways, monitors in buses, so a lot of programs. It concerns 10 kids, try to redirect their behaviour. The biggest concern is the 6th graders. Students are told to inform an adult about bullying or about something they feel is not right.
- Breakfast of champions and Honor Roll Assemblies: Feb 13th.
- Nothing known about staffing next year, because of new budget.
- Also not known how many students will be in 6th grade next year.
- No SIT end of this month.
- Feb. 16 pictures taking.
- Outdoor ED meeting for parents will be held March 2nd 7pm.
- Poetry night was great. HHS has a poetry night next week.
- Black Saga team was 2nd, so BBMS students go to Towson in March

Jocelyn Anthony-Williams (Reading 7th grade): 7th graders will go to Medieval Times on March 6th. The costs per student were lowered thanks to fundraising and money from PTA.

Doreen Klose (rep. 6th grade):

- In the middle of Outdoor ED preparations. Try to lower costs by organizing a basket bingo. They need to fill up 20 baskets and want to try to raise \$ 10,000.--. She asks PTA for help. HHS and Ilchester ES do something similar, so we have to check upon that. Kathy Green mentions they can use cultural arts money for sponsoring Outdoor Ed, because they did so last year. Myra Jackson will be able to donate things for the baskets.
- Valentine pops were sold for 50 cents each. They will be distributed in class on Friday. The money raised will be used for families, like providing groceries.
- Nan Brown asks if there is going to be held a spring sale of spirit wear. Donna will ask Kathy Soop.

Committee reports:

- Reflections (Jillian Storms)

We had 2 winners at the Reflections Awards Night “Wow” on January 22nd!! They are Eiryn Griest Schwartzman for dance presentation and Katie Elicker for photography. We have to try to get more students in next year. Jillian will check on next year’s theme. Maybe incorporate with poetry night next year and have a teacher involved to have kids work on it in class. Eiryn and Katie won’t be awarded during the Honor Roll Assembly, because the Spelling Bee and Black Saga winners aren’t as well. Jillian wants to set something up to show the work to the other kids.

- Ways and Means (Beth Webster):

Donna worked with Rob and it appeared that there had to be paid \$700.00 for a mega party, that’s why it changed in possibility for kids to be able to win ipods etc. Total sales till so far is only \$ 1100(online and in school). There was a discussion that not everyone gets the information about the PTA Magazine Fundraiser. Separate Eschool newsletter was sent out on February 11th . Are all parents signed up for the E-school newsletter?? Suggested was to mention it at the parent/teacher conferences and put a laptop there, so people can sign up right away.

Linda Gilmore thinks there is too much fundraising; why not a couple of good things. PTA only does two fundraisers, the rest is from school. Linda didn’t know about direct donations. In order to inform parents better, the PTA will also send a flyer home about the Magazine Drive and specify what the money is needed for. There will also be a note included for a voluntarily donation. Will be done Friday Feb 20.

Student socials: (Sandrea Miller)

There will be two student socials: Free movie March 20 and School dance April 17th. She tries to get donations for socials. Linda Gilmore offered to take care of the sodas. Myra Jackson will provide the cake at the school dance.

Sandrea asks where the movie should be held. Movie used to be held in the cafeteria. The cafeteria is needed for the movie; the cafeteria and the gym are needed for the dance. Movie is free, because if you ask for money, you have to pay for showing the movie. Cost of \$ 275 for the DJ during the dance is OK, as per Kathy. We will need chaperones for the dance. Sandrea has 3 people signed up, she needs 1 adult per 10 children.

PTA Officer reports

-Treasurer (Kathy Green)

We may need to revise the budget if we do not end up reaching our targeted revenue goals for the magazine fundraiser and direct donations.

We received a letter back from the state of Maryland saying that our charitable registration has been renewed through December 31, 2009.

Nan Brown mentioned that one of the Middle School Principals is working with the TeacherEase people to get a Howard County reduced rate for TeacherEase, because it appeared that different schools were paying different rates. She will keep us informed. The current budgeted amount for TeacherEase is \$2,500.

Gail Miller-Myers mentioned that she gets a check of \$ 750 from Verizon (her employer), if you volunteer more than 50 hours. BBMS is on the list of Verizon. Please check the company you work for if they do something similar!

-Vice President (Donna)

- Restaurant night: Not in March, maybe April. School gets 15% of total sales at Qdoba that night.

- 8th Grade signature t-shirts will be done after NYC trip. Should the names be typed or written? Check with 8th grade teachers. The money that will be raised will be for 8th grade.

- Centennial HS has open house on Feb 21st, math/engineering fare for MS and HS

- PTA Nominating Committee: Volunteers for officer and committee positions are needed and can sign up in spring for next year 2009-2010.

- BBMS PTA donated to the PTA Council's Scholarship Fund. (It provides up to 10 scholarships each year to graduating seniors from Howard County to attend post high school education.)

- The Board is still looking at school supply list. What can parents provide?

- The Board of Education is working on a proposal to change the way the capacity at high schools is calculated, as per Email Home from School.

Closing

Next meeting: March 11, 2009

Minutes submitted by Trudy van den Deijssel