

BBMS PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2009

Present: Tiffany Wendt, Beth Webster, Carolyn Jameson, LaVonne DeLattiboudre, Sandra Miller, Amy Schroeder, Kathy Soop, Linda Gilmore, Joanne Hackman, Donna Sudbrook, Jenn Hawes, Gail Myers

Meeting called by Tiffany Wendt, President at 7:15 pm

Treasurer's Report

Reported by Tiffany Wendt for Kathy Green: Copies of report passed around. Budget of \$25,000. Direct donations plugged in. Conservative approach this year. Removed normal fundraisers. . General fund for school based on direct donations. Attempt to fund PTA budget first and anything leftover will go to fund activity fee. Family involvement program may be added in. School not allowed to ask \$25 activity fee this year so PTA trying to help fund some of this. Signature shirts will be done again by PTA

V.P. Report's

2nd VP-Special Events: Gail Myers and Sandy Miller

Confirmation from Billie on all dates for educational and social activities. Get dates posted on school and PTA website.

Ideas to get student's more involved in special event selection and ideas. Research new ideas for social activities for kids.

Gail: Poetry Slam-To contact Meg Roberts to see if she will work with her to get donations . Reviewing budget for the event.

Sandy: B&N night contract signed. Set to go until 8:30 but can go longer. Trying to contact O's player to show up at event. Letter's sent to previous sponsors: Pepsi, Costco, Giant. Home Depot, M&T bank offer sponsors for school events but process is long-will get this together. Looking for other businesses to sponsor the event. Set up to be fundraiser but will not be one since we have direct donations. Now will be family reading night-we can get percentage of proceeds if parent' want to buy a book and mention us. Set for Dec.9th.

Fall Fling: D.J. Doug contacted just need to confirm dates. Tiffany talking to person in charge of WEB program to try to get 8th graders to get their 6th graders to attend. Need to get more chaperones this year.

Carnival-will be big event this year. Date to be determined but will be in spring

1st VP-Fundraising-Joanne Hackman

Direct donation will be our main fundraiser. Cannot be a one time deal. Should be done all year. Need to track who contributed and if someone didn't need to follow up with them. Keep data within PTA and need to be sensitive to fact that many cannot contribute. Last year only 300 PTA members which is less than half of student population. Direct donation program targeted to run until end of September. Need to develop a committee.

Principal's Report: Carolyn Jameson.

Rather than fundraising we are doing a 5K run. Striders website and Run(?) will post event on websites. Sponsor letters to some in the community. Using Trinity's course and Trinity's students invited to participate. Goal is to be fitness day for all elementary and high schools in the area. Course will be certified. Flyers and communication set but the advertising will be the big thing we need help with. School to do everything on its own. Flyer to be emailed out. Goal is to raise at least \$5-10,000. Money to come from kids sponsored, entry fee and advertisements. T-shirts to be done and sponsor logo's can go on it.

Student enrollment 693 students. Able to keep surplus teacher. Outside building trim painted, hallways, gym painted. Mascot painted on gym floor.

Summer programs at school success

Stephanie Esworthy-Taylor-hired as 7th grade English teacher. Taking Meg Robert's place. Samantha Cansella will be half time a.m. teaching 7th and 8th grade algebra. One vacancy for teacher's secretary. 2 peer educator openings.

Sept. 23rd back to school night. Aug 27th ice cream socials. 6th grade orientation Aug. 28th.

BBMS made AYP adequate yearly progress for MSA's and getting harder and harder to make. We had to appeal to make AYP. Student groups have to make certain score on competence level to make AYP. 2 students groups had 4 student's not make AYP and we made an appeal. This kept us out of the newspapers. For next year we need 30 kids which means we need to make a lot of changes in terms of instruction. Integrated approach needed. BBMS had 7 teachers plus Carolyn and Nan attend training program for integrated approach. Will implement new program this year. Pretest on Monday's for a skill which is taught (lesson taught in all classes) and post test given on Friday. Try to work on core time for students not passing post test. This approach will be in addition to other instruction. Not yet determined if this will be part of grade yet. Want to push proficient and advanced students in addition to those not achieving. PTA suggested to help some student's with meeting goals. National Honor Society from Howard or Long Reach may be able to come to BBMS after school for tutoring. Athletes for Achievement is done with Howard High and Phelp's Luck students with the county paying for bus fee for transport. MD Report.com has BBMS meeting expectations. Overall, Math 86%, Reading 88.2% on MSA.

PBIS(positive behavioral instructional support)-staff that goes through training. Bullying last year worst year for BBMS and national middle school level. Goal is to be vigilant with discipline. Assemblies at beginning of year to talk about policies and expectations at BBMS.(RRR). Bullying policy in county just changed. Wants something kid friendly-"I make a difference program". Have students and staff fill in the blank as to when they make a difference. Use in addition to PBIS to focus on all positives and the fact that students and staff can make a difference. Bracelets will be reminder to kids. Each grade level will be producing a novel Reinforce that they want positive school environment. Suggested that students get involved in the solution or parent group.

BSFCN(Black Student Family Community Network)-Linda Gilmore-Program may be able to have visibility at back to school night. Want to let people know about Saturday Math academy through BSAP. Network working on website.

President's Report

Tiffany Wendt and Donna Sudbrook: Watch Dogs Program Dad's of Great Student's. Dads volunteering in hallways at Bellow Springs Elem. To address at next month's meeting.

Classified ad that parents can offer a talent to share with the school. Can help as presenter or in classroom

Next month will talk about committee for direct donation and anti-bullying

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Jenn Hawes-ice cream social set, principal breakfast set.

Dana Crisco doing PALS.

STARS-need volunteer

Spiritwear: KathySoop-Shark T-Shirts ordered . Will be \$11 each. If run out can order more.

Aug 27th at 9:15 will start stuffing X-files. Need volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 2nd

Minutes sub mitted by Beth Webster