

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

November 4, 2009

Present:

Principal Ms. Carolyn Jameson and Vice Principal Nan Brown

Teachers: Avi Turner, Jocelyn Anthony-Williams, Shawna Collins

PTA board members: Tiffany Wendt, Joanne Hackman, Kathy Green, Beth Webster, Gail Miller-Myers, LaVonne Delattiboudere

PTA Committee Chairs: Donna Sudbrook, Jenn Hawes, Amy Schroeder, Laura Zulick, Yvette Rooks

PTA Members: Maura Dunnigan, Dorothy Talbot

September minutes approved.

October minutes approved.

President's Report, Tiffany Wendt

-Joanne Hackman, 1st VP will be HC Drug Free Program Representative for our school.

-2 National Honor Society Howard High school students volunteered for academic intervention help beginning December 2nd.

-Coat drive done. Overfilled BBMS food pantry

-PTA Council book drive to be done. Usually beginning of the the new year. Need someone to step up and coordinate. Books will stay in the county

-Do we want to pursue WATCHDOGS program? Donna Sudbrook, CAC chair to contact a couple of representatives from other middle schools to see if appropriate for our school.

CAC Chairperson Report-Donna Sudbrook

WordSmart program purchased for personal use. Has vocabulary program/skills. May be a benefit to the student's who need extra work. Ms. Brown, VP mentioned that the school is already using some proven programs that are available in the county.

Treasurer's Report-Kathy Green

-Didn't plan on profit from dance. New balance sheet distributed.

1st Vice President's Report-Joanne Hackman

Direct Donations Initiative:

Last month we identified that BBMS had received \$ 11,296 for our BBMS-PTA Direct Donations Initiative. As of today, we have collected \$11,536. We only need \$464 donations in order for BBMS-PTA to reach their goal of \$12,000!

Membership Drive:

Last month we reported that we had reached 290 parents enrolled in the BBMS local PTA. To date we are still receiving parent enrollments into our local PTA unit.

HC Drug Free Program:

HC Drug Free has a partnership with the Howard County Public School System. This program is to provide educational programs to teens and their parents and the kick-off meeting was held last evening at the Miller branch library. The meeting was well attended and I found it be very informative.

There was a panel of four teens who met with both parents and teens to hopes of helping them address their own situations. The teens shared their personal life experiences, and identified when, where, and how they became addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. All four teens indicated that they were in the recovery stages and still struggling to get their lives back on track. At the end of the meeting they were available to answer questions and later offered to meet with the group of teens in attendance, offering them a private session to address their topics of interest without parental pressure. Howard county Library was extremely supportive to this new initiative and offered to extend the meeting beyond normal library hours to accommodate the request from some of the teens in attendance.

The most interesting fact for the BBMS parent community was that this panel of students indicated that the problem is not just a high school issue. Stressing to parents the role and importance being involved and asking your teens more questions, reminding them to listen, and asking them to remember that they shouldn't shut them out with negative responses when they are open and honest with them. They indicated that in most cases the 7th and 8th grader may have already been exposed to drugs and alcohol because drugs and alcohol are readily available at social gatherings that have no parent supervision. They closed with asking parents to be proactive but asked that they do not smother their children in the process.

I highly recommend that we reach out to the BBMS parent community and encourage them to attend one of these meetings. There is an excellent website that provides additional information: www.hcdrugfree.org for both the parents and teens to explore.

2nd Vice President's Report-Gail Miller-Myers

Summary of Fall Fling held October 15, 2009

- Suggestions on donating funds to individual grades to cover field trip costs for students that can't afford to attend or to offset the cost of upcoming field trips.
- We collected a total of \$1,111.75 from the dance. Of that, \$915.00 represents ticket sales (i.e. 183 tickets x \$5), and the remainder of \$196.75 represents concessions. The costs were \$200.00 for the DJ, and \$46.10 for concessions (most of the concessions were donated). Net of \$865.65!

Barnes and Noble Event scheduled December 9th

- Volunteers needed to gift wrap (parent must accompany a student)
- Mr. Humphrey will assemble a group of saxophones to perform.
- Email sent for volunteers to recite poetry. (3 responses)

Poetry Slam, February 5th

- Stefanie Taylor, 7th grade teacher will work with me on the event. Will plan a meeting with her to go through the details.
- Submitting building request forms 11/5/09
- Confirm library display with Elkridge library
- Sent budget for event to Kathy for approval
- Will need card tables for the evening a parent to coordinate

Community Outreach

- Meeting scheduled 6:30 Nov 4th to brainstorm ideas for BBMS
- Would like quarterly events for students to participate

Misc.

- Use PTA bulletin board for advertising PTA information, events, etc.
- Have membership information available at each event (i.e. Barnes and Noble, Poetry Slam, etc)
- Canned food drives throughout the year.

Principal's Report-Carolyn Jameson

-American Education Week Nov. 16-20. Parent visitation day is the 19th but parent's invited to come any time.

- Nov. 18th coffee with principal at 9:00 a.m.
- Parent –teacher conferences Nov. 23-25. Pick a time will start Nov. 17th 3:00 pm. 3 teachers per child
- Honor Roll assemblies Nov 23rd. 8:15 8th graders, 7th grade 9:10, 6th grade 11:10.
- Reading assessments will start week of Nov. 20th
- Report cards on Nov. 17th.
- Jan. 7th Ms. Germroth to go to Career Academy session at ARL(Applied Research Lab) 7-9p.m. Family information night. Need volunteers to carpool families who would like to attend but cannot provide transportation.
- December 3rd 7pm. Parent-Math meeting night here at BBMS.
- Michele Gotis, 6th grade English returning from maternity leave. Ms. Hoffman, 6th grade English teacher taking long term maternity leave and will not be returning this year. But, she will be returning to do the school play. We are covered with long term substitute. The 6th grade English teacher position will be filled since critical fill area.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Chair, Jenn Hawes- -Nov. 23rd dinner for staff. Will be sending email out to get volunteers for food donations. Only 30 teachers will be at the dinner. Will also get donations for cakes for Turkey Trot Cake Walk.

Volunteers/STARS Chair, Amy Schroeder -All staff members paired up for STARS and program running smoothly now. 51 staff members and 55 families. Ms. Mongello, Health teacher, asked for Turkey Trot volunteers for daily activities. Already have 15 parent volunteers through directory registration. Will also get some 6th grade parents.

PALS- No representative present. Ms. Brown , VP, mentioned that 2 out of 5 days there isn't a parent. Suggested that email goes out the week before as a reminder.

Special Events Chair Sandra Miller- Sandy's report given by Gail Miller-Myers, 2nd VP. May ask parent volunteers to wear similar colors to stand out. Entertainment being organized. Has witnessed parking lot in morning and has asked that more parent's volunteer to help.

Website Chair Sandra Miller-not in attendance

PTACHC Delegate Trina Thames Report- not in attendance

Reflections Chair-Jillian Storms –not in attendance. Reported that she will be stepping down from the position due to personal reasons. Hasn't had big response to the program so far this year. It was decided to let it go this year and try to plan better for next year.

Positive Climate Chair- Yvette Rooks has volunteered to be the chair of this new committed. New Bullying curriculum being taught in core. Curriculum will be posted on website so that parent's can review with child.

Membership Chair Laura Zulick-296 members

Teachers Report:

Ms. A.W., 7th grade - Grassroots is a temporary shelter in Columbia. Student's donating snacks. Every Wednesday will be snack drive for donations for snacks by students and every Friday will be dessert drive. Also collecting games and direct donations for playground equipment. Classes are competing and collecting money. Contact Kara Nanni if want more information.

Avi Turner, 6th grade-Nothing to report.

Shawna Collins, Related Arts. Turkey Trot coming up and need volunteers. In contact with Amy Schroeder, volunteer coordinator about volunteers for the day and donations.

Minutes typed and submitted by Treasurer Beth Webster

See Attachments:

Front Office Copying Guidelines

Answers to Integrated Approach Questions by Linda Wise

The staff in the front office are more than happy to copy information that needs to be distributed to students. In order for this to be accomplished, please try to follow the following guidelines:

1. If you can, please provide your own paper (If you cannot provide paper, paper will have to be replenished in a timely manner).

2. You will need to provide the original paper(s) by TUESDAY, 2:00 pm, in order for it to be copied, counted and distributed in the teachers' mailboxes by Thursday PM for a Friday morning homeroom distribution.

3. Please make sure that if you are collecting money for any event, a PTA member is present to collect the money and permission slips.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Billie Roogow

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