

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

December 2, 2009

Present:

Principal Ms. Carolyn Jameson and Vice Principal Nan Brown

Teachers: Megan McGolrick(8th grade) and Keith Janelli(7th grade)

PTA board members: Tiffany Wendt, Joanne Hackman, Kathy Green, Beth Webster, and LaVonne Delattiboudere

PTA Committee Chairs: Donna Sudbrook, Jenn Hawes, Jillian Storms, Sandra Miller

PTA Members: Linda Gilmore and Myra Jackson

November minutes approved.

President's Report, Tiffany Wendt

SIT meeting- SIT meeting here last week. Need for breakfast food for kids coming to school without breakfast. Positive climate committee not really up yet. Discussed and decided to have persons interested in this meeting to meet prior to next SIT meeting in January.

Coffee with Principal -Interest in internet safety programs here in school by parents. Nan Brown, Vice Principal, suggested getting feeder 5th grader parents and students to attend.

Treasurer's Report-Kathy Green

Tax filing done and another one due end of December.

1st Vice President's Report-Joanne Hackman

Direct Donations Initiative

Thank you BBMS! Last month we indicated that BBMS had received \$11,536 to support the BBMS-PTA Direct Donations Initiative. As of today, we have collected an additional \$140. This is wonderful news because we are only \$324 dollars away from reaching our BBMS-PTA goal of \$12,000!

Membership Drive

Last month we reported that we had reached 290 people enrolled in the BBMS local PTA. As of today we are still receiving parent enrollments into our local PTA unit and now have 298 members enrolled this year.

HC DrugFree Program

Special Meeting Update:

As many of you are aware, the HC DrugFree Program has a partnership with the Howard County Public School System. This program was developed 15 years ago and designed to provide educational programs to teens and their parents. As a parent awareness the HC DrugFree Program held a morning meeting today (December 2, 2009) with Dr. Sidney Cousin, President of the HC Board. He introduced the new Executive Director of the HC DrugFree Program, Joan Webb Scornaienchi, and asked that we empower our Howard County community to raise drug free teens. For more information please see the Howard County Drug Free website at: <http://www.hcdrugfree.org>

Become a "Friend" of HC DrugFree Program

This HC DrugFree program has been a successful program geared for the teens who are reaching out for help, but it needs the support of the parents, teachers, administrators and the whole community to continue to be successful. As a result of today's meeting we are asking each of you to consider helping support this cause. You can do this by becoming an official "FRIEND" of the HC DrugFree Program.

Donations are needed from parents, teachers, administrators and businesses. Please help this program with as little as \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 today so that Howard County can provide education and information to teens that currently have substance abuse or alcohol abuse issues. Your donation helps to eliminate teen substance abuse to our HC community.

Please make checks payable to: HC Drug Free Inc. Please see attachment for more details.



HC Drug Free
Program-Become a FF

HC Drug Free Meetings/ Presentations Upcoming Events

The HC DrugFree Program is hosting "Mythbusters" on January 19th at the River Hill High School from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. This meeting is open to parents and teens (no registration required) to give everyone a chance to speak with a Howard County police officer, a private drug counselor and Integrative Counseling to discuss myths about drugs and alcohol in our community and schools. Please see the attachment for more information.



HC Drug Free
Program-Jan19th Eve

The Connection with Maryland Chapters of Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD)

The HC DrugFree Program shared the following statistics:

- 60% of the students with learning difficulties develop substance abuse issues as a teen if left untreated.
- 40% of the students with learning difficulties develop alcohol abuse issues as a teen left untreated.

For more information please see the Maryland Charter CHADD at: <http://www.chadd.org>

Please see the attachment for more information.



CHADD and HC Drug
Free Program .PDF

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

No report

Principal's Report-Carolyn Jameson

-Thank you to PTA for providing dinner during conferences

-Thank you for parent's support at Breakfast of Champions and honor roll assemblies

-School visit by Sandy Erickson (Deputy Superintendent) and Sandra French school board members on Dec. 1. Talked to students and teachers. Pleased with what they saw in classroom. They continue to support BBMS.

-Debate Team lost to Folly Quarter but did very well

-After school program started for academic intervention yesterday for reading and math. Transportation provided for students. These programs are offered to students who are basic in math and/or reading on MSA's.

-STEM to start on Dec. 10th. Mr. Janelli coordinator.

-Tech literacy test given today to students and will continue the rest of this week for 7th graders.

-H1N1 injections on Dec. 9th. ~240 students who brought back consent forms. Given by Dept of Health. Can still bring in consent forms.

-Choral concert Dec. 15th at 7pm

-Band and Orchestra at HHS on Dec. 16th

-2nd Quarter progress reports home on Dec. 18th

-Student drop off in front not to be prior to 8am with exceptions for announcements and for students meeting with teachers. Check in front office before going downstairs.

-Ms. Germroth working with 8th graders for high school registration. Sharing data with HHS on how our 8th graders are doing. Some 8th grade teachers going to LRHS later in the month.

Vice Principal's Report, Nan Brown

-Dec. 23 ice cream social for PBIS. Turn in scholar dollars. Looking for connections for ice cream, etc. Jen Hawes will provide contact for Edy's who provided back to school ice cream.

Committee Reports

-Hospitality Chair, Jenn Hawes- -Thank you for donations for teacher dinner and cake walk

-Volunteers/STARS Chair, Amy Schroeder – No report

-PALS- No report

-Special Events Chair Sandra Miller- Barnes and Noble Fundraiser Dec. 9th 6-8:30 pm. Need volunteers for gift wrapping. Member from Baltimore Blast will be there for meet and greet, poetry readers, band. Need to mention BBMS when purchase something. Cannot solicit anyone in the store.

-Website Chair Sandra Miller-Problems with old website. Rebuilt and up and running. Asked if PTA board members want to pursue the bio/picture project for the website so other parent's can identify with us.

- PTACHC Delegate Lavonne Delattiboudere-Ms. Germroth has been contacted and communication started about anti-bullying policy.

-Reflections Chair Jillian Storms-Contacted persons who were interested in submitting projects and one person is interested . An option is to give this student a deadline by Dec. 18 and also give other students in school a chance. Will be getting information out to students by end of the week in case any new students would like to participate.

-Positive Climate Chair- No report

-Membership Chair Laura Zulick-No report

-Spiritwear-Order forms to go out this Friday and orders should arrive before holidays

Teachers Report:

-8th grade representative, Megan McGolrick - Field trip Dec. 10th to see Camelot at Olney Theater. Permission forms due Friday. Has PTA volunteer who comes in once per week to help

7th grade representative, Mr. Janelli-Grass Roots program still going strong. Sent out holiday wish list to all 7th graders. 6 middle school children who are in need for the holidays. Wrapping party for gifts collected. Already completed board game drive. Games already purchased. Money donations put aside to be used toward play ground equipment. Snack donations weekly and desserts every Friday continue.

-STEM initiative-Science Technology Engineering Mathematics -5 year goal for Howard County is in place. BBMS model was presented. Mr. Janelli started program 2 years ago. Program is growing-enrollment doubled. Program offered after school as intramural. Get little money from county but this year getting less than half as last year with double amount of students. 2 main programs. Air Ship program and Rocket Club. Donna Sudbrook, CAC representative, suggested PTA sponsoring a restaurant night to benefit STEM. Budget to be reviewed.

Minutes typed and submitted by Treasurer Beth Webster