

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

August 11, 2010

Present:

Principal Ms. Carolyn Jameson , Vice Principal Nan Brown

PTA board members: Beth Webster, LaVonne Delattiboudere, Bernice Dargan, Sandra Miller, Sangita Patel, Kathy Green(outgoing treasurer)

PTA Committee Chairs: Amy Schroeder, Dayna Crisco, Jillian Storms, Jennifer Hawes

PTA members/parents: Kathy Daisy, Jennifer Campbell, Meena Khatri

President's Report, LaVonne Delattiboudere

-Introductions of executive board members, committee members, PTA members

-New Business:

-**Girls on The Run**-headed by Maura Dunnigan. Mentoring program for girls 3-8th grade to learn life skills. Looking for coaches. Coach training will be held Aug 17th 7-9:30 pm and Sept. 11 9-12 at Wellness Evolution at Kings Contrivance. Trina Thames has gone through training and will be a coach.

- **Athletes for Achievement**- Patricia Phillips reading specialist at Phelps Luck Elementary is a contact person where the program started 3 years ago.. HHS athletes read with students who need help. PLES has shown progress in these students as result. Ms. Jameson said this program has been considered before but problem with rides of high school students to the school. Can we use buses to bring them to BBMS?

-**Peer Mediation**-New idea presented. Maybe the new peer pupil counselor or new guidance counselor can lead this. Shark Talk may be able to help. Information sheet distributed to attendees at meeting for Safe and Responsible Schools.

-**New student contact committee** for student transfers. Maybe have parents in charge of answering questions or guiding these students and families related to policy or anything going on at BBMS. BBMS has something in place already offered to new or transferred students. Perhaps expand on this program.

-**School communication**-Need to get better with communication to parents and families about things going on at BBMS. Idea to post morning announcements on website each

language. We have access to someone at board of education who can translate our information for parents who speak other languages.

-MD Business Roundtable for Education. LaVonne attempting to sign BBMS up for this program. Includes bringing speakers on variety of topics to talk to students. Program will be reviewed by administration and then a decision will be made if appropriate for BBMS.

-Transitional Team for incoming 6th graders. Proposed to executive board. The idea is to have a few parents of older children to answer questions for kids who may have questions in beginning of school. Question asked if we would need a committee for this or if this is even an issue. WEB leaders and 6th grade teachers steer kids in beginning of school. After discussion, decided this is not needed.

Treasurer's Report-

Kathy Green(outgoing treasurer) and Sangita Patel reviewed budget at earlier date. Kathy built temporary budget for 2010-2011 school year based on last year's budget. Tentative at this point and money has been assigned. May be difficult if we create new committee's or if new groups ask for money. Assumption that we will go with direct donation fundraiser which will be our primary income. Kathy will forward excel spreadsheet onto board and committee members.

Principal's Report-Carolyn Jameson

-BBMS made AYP this year. Continuing to look at core time to put in interventions for students who may need help and aren't in band or orchestra. Teachers writing enrichment lessons to be given during core time. 100% passage rate for HSA for math

-Advanced Reader is name change from Challenge Reading.

-Administrative leader intern Ms. D.W. will not be teaching this year. She will provide support to Principal, VP, teachers and students.

-Breakfast Program to begin Aug. 30th 7:55a.m. This is a paid program. Free to students who get free lunches and reduced price for kids who are eligible for this. Trial to start first day of school and run for 2 weeks before determine how many kids will use the program on consistent basis.

-BTS Sept. 30th 7pm for all grades. PTA ice cream social Aug. 26th 6:30. WEB leader 6th grade orientation Aug. 27th at 8:00 a.m.

-2nd classroom portable. Will be washed or painted. Will be used by Mr. Ensor in math

-New staff: Holly Byron (6th grade Math), Shannon Stottlemire(6th grade reading), Chris Nobis(7th grade SS), Terry Rainey(General/Choral Music), Allison Sneller(health), Megan Savage(guidance), Heather Graham(ppw), Ashley Rentko(paraeducator), Karen Federline(paraeducator), Matt Adkins(paraeducator), Carolyn McCullum(student assistance), Carolyn Torsiello(interpreter), Cindy Ware(Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing).

-Retired Staff: Ms. Mongello, Ms. Mosley, Ms. Martin and Ms. McClure. Ms. Kupisch transferred to another school.

Vice Principal's Report, Nan Brown-

-Core will be different this year. New schedule depending on grade level.

-Shark Talk will be a new enrichment program for all grades. Every Wednesday there will be an extended homeroom of 30 minutes. 2 staff members will be in each classroom to teach the lesson. Topics will be different and are planned for whole year. Topics and lessons will be listed on website to encourage parents to review at home with children. Will be able to view lessons, view resources and know topics.

-Expanding WEB program. Idea is to extend WEB role throughout the year. WEB leader will be able to go into homeroom for 6th grader during above period and assist with 2 teachers.

-Aug. 24th Staff Development activities. Staff scavenger hunt.

Committee Reports:

-**PALs, Dayna Crisco**-In need of 2 parent's each day. Opportunity to recruit parent's at 6th grade orientation. Suggested a universal lunch detention pass so that parent volunteers can be accurate during lunch periods.

-**Hospitality Chair, Jenn Hawes** -Needs help with breakfast for teachers. Jenn will be stepping down from hospitality and would like someone new to come in.

--**Special Events Chair, Sandra Miller**- No movie this year. Attempting 2 dances depending on funds raised. Portelli's has donated money and would like to do fundraiser there. WATCHDOGS-will get info and will get this program started. Also to do DADs lunch again. WEBSITE-PTA site now on facebook and Twitter. Drug Free Zone-are we still doing this? Will remove from website. PTA has own account. Need to email Sandra and she will set up password.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Beth Webster