

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

January 12, 2011

Present:

Administration: Nan Brown, Ms. Doyle-Wetzelberger, James Evans

Teachers/Staff: Elissa Schuyler, Jennifer Mansir, Doreen Close

PTA board members: LaVone DeLattiboudere, Sandra Miller, Sangita Patel, Beth Webster, Trina Thames, Pam Gray

PTA Committee Chairs: Kathy Daisey, Laura Zulick, Jillian Storms, Gail Miller-Myers

PTA members/parents: Lori Magoon, Salomon Satcha, Renalda Stallworth

December minutes approved

PTA President, LaVonne DeLattiboudere

-Will PTA provide dinner for February teacher conferences? LaVonne spoke to Jenn Hawes who is willing to do organize the dinner. Ms. Brown mentioned the work load on Jenn in November for the teacher conference dinner and offered that they would rather we use resources to help with MSA celebration if resources are stretched too thin. However, LaVonne will discuss with Jenn again.

Mr. James Evans

Mr. Evans is substitute principal in supportive role while Ms. Jameson is on leave. He has worked with Ms. Jameson and Ms. Brown in the past and is a retired HCPSS principal. Introduced himself. Gave background and talked about enjoying being here at BBMS.

1st VP, Bernice Dargan- no report

2nd VP, Sandra Miller

-Volunteer chair is Yvette Hayes. Website is bbmspta.org. Shark Shop Chair found but need to confirm before announcing.

-International Night planning to be started. Volunteers will be needed.

-School dance originally scheduled for Feb. 11th is cancelled.

-Social Events –we have been unable to get sponsors. Sandi to try again to reach out for donations. May need to ask parents help with some events. Event dates on website and agenda.

-Fundraisers:

-Restaurant Night planned at Qdoba March 8th.

-New program with a Gas and Electric Company. The PTA will get a percentage of person's bill if sign up for program. Flyers to get printed and distributed soon.

-New program. Pennysaver. Each homeroom will receive a jar and kids can only donate pennies. Ms. Brown stated that money would need to be locked up at night. It was suggested have jar for each grade at lunch. Will reward each class or grade with pizza party or some other type of incentive but this will cost money. Questioned if need to give prize. Details to be worked out.

Treasurer's Report, Sangita Patel

Renewed charity registration, paid sales tax and PTA membership dues. We haven't met direct donation goal. Still about \$4,000 short. Asking for suggestions from the board. Considering cutting expenses, doing fundraisers and another appeal for direct donations. May be able to set up table at February conferences and/or Scholastic Book Fair. Beth Webster met with Gianni's fundraising representative and received information about sales for pizzas, cakes and cookie dough. Decided to hold off on this for now. May need to do in future.

Vice Principal's Report, Nan Brown

-Welcome to Benedicte Greenberg who will sub for Becky Romans – Charlotte Annabelle born Jan. 7

-Nii Bannerman is new night chief custodian and new custodian – Joseph Miller

-Excited about interns from JHU: Erica Hart w/Keith Janelli, Emily Burns w/ Anne Schaefer, Emily Ascherl w/ John Webster, Zachary Cornell w/ Natalie Janiszewski. On Jan. 18th Laura McDonald w/ Debbie Germroth

-Book Fair in media center to benefit PBIS & After school program Feb. 14-17. Preview in reading classes and sales at lunch, CORE+ and evening conferences on 16th and 17.

-Pick-a time opens Jan. 28th at 3:00 pm for Feb. 16.17.& 18 Parent Conferences. and closes Feb. 14th until midnight

-Spelling Bee on Friday, Jan. 14th

MSA Prep and the need for the PTA to take the lead in planning the celebration on March 16th (MDW)

-Jan. 21 – 3 hour early, end of quarter and PBIS Fun Day

-Jan. 24 – No school for students, professional dev. Day

Administrative Intern, Ms. Doyle-Wetzelberger

-MSA celebration. Core team of instructional staff met to discuss upcoming MSA's. Decided to create MSA Prep Rally. Will use Shark Time on Feb. 9 and Feb. 23. Kids will get ½ hour lesson to prepare for MSA and good test taking strategies. On March 2, there will be an extended shark time for 1 hour and students will take public release test which is a brief MSA. Students will meet in their testing groups and there will be special MSA scholar dollars for incentives. Students will be able to work with their proctors. Goal is to empower the kids with practical information. MSA Math will be March 8-9 and Reading March 15-16. School would like to have a celebration on March 16th. Activity would be a dance or other activities. Would like to get committee of parents to organize and have teacher chaperones. Students can use scholar dollars earned during preparation to do the activities. School is able to fund DJ and some other activities. Need volunteers. Perhaps email, word of mouth and parent conferences. Contact Sandi Miller if interested.

Teachers Reports:

-**6th grade**, Doreen Close. Field trip planned to Science Center in March. Outdoor Ed. plans beginning. Amazing group of 6th graders this year.

-**7th grade**, Upcoming field trip in March to Medieval Times

-**8th grade**, no report

-**Related Arts**, Ms. Doyle-Wetzelberger reporting for Mr. Humphrey. Play was a great success. Successful music concerts, band, string. 7th and 8th graders going into 6th grade lunches to encourage enrollment in foreign languages classes. Papers to register for languages will go home Jan. 18th. First come first serve.

-**Student Services**, Jennifer Mansir. Shark Talk topics this month are courage and risk taking. 8th grade will be registering for high school classes in next couple of weeks. Teacher recommendations will be sent home and registration needs to be signed and returned to school by Jan. 26.

Committee Reports:

-**PALS, Dayna Crisco**-no report

-**Hospitality Chair**, no report

-Special Events Chair, Sandi Miller- see report above

-PTAC Representative, Pam Gray

-Attended presentation at PTA council meeting about teen suicide. Counselors at Board of Ed. talked about their availability to come to school and hold workshop if needed. We can consider this.

-PTAC office moving to Old Cedar Lane Elem. School.

-Reviewing next school years calendar Jan. 6. Wants to reduce 1 day of winter break to have last day school on June 8.

-There will be a book drive for schools in February

-Looking for volunteers to participate on scholarship committee. Meet once per year and they need about 6 people. Can contact Pam if interested.

-Reflections, Jillian Storms-no report

-Membership and Direct Donations, Laura Zulick- Will consider making appeals to parents for direct donations to help budget concerns. Discussions about sending weekly emails to let parents know what their donation dollars support. We have about same number of families contributing this year to direct donations but contribution amounts less than last year.

-Website, Sandra Miller-Website down Sept.-November. Up and running now. Drug watch program would like to have a link to their site on our site. Updated every Sunday night with new information.

-Poetry Night, Gail Miller- Myers. Had first meeting and will be having another tomorrow. Confirmation from Ho. Co. Library that they will be at event on Feb. 4. Will be sending email out for donation for snacks, etc. Wants to encourage more students to participate. Students can participate in ways other than reading poetry .

-Parents for Positive Change, Jillian Storms- no report

-Student Directory, Beth Webster-no report

-Boxtops, Dedra Harris-no report

-Health and Wellness, Yvette Rooks- no report

-STARS, Amy Schroeder-no report

-SIT , Kathy Daisey-Need to provide transportation to a grandmother who needs a ride to grandchild's conference in February.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Beth Webster