

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

February 9, 2011

Present:

Administration: Michelle Doyle-Wetzberger, James Evans

Teachers/Staff: John Webster, Debbie Germroth, Sarah Koslowski, John Davis, Janine Sharbaugh, Samantha Roller

PTA board members: LaVone DeLattiboudere, Bernice Dargan, Sangita Patel, Beth Webster,

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

PTA members/parents: Julie Stokes, Gayle Stokes

January minutes approved

PTA President, LaVonne DeLattiboudere

-Dads on Campus name discussion. Suggested changing name to include students who may have a significant man in their lives who is not their father. Attendees decided on "Big Man on Campus".

-Feb. 11th dance scheduled but ticket sales are extremely low. If we don't sell 50 tickets by tomorrow we will need to cancel. Spoke to students randomly and they feel that they would like to have input into social activities and other activities PTA may be involved with. May boost attendance if students have input. Some staff members offered that they have heard students discussing that they want to come but haven't purchased tickets yet. Suggested to have student council involved next year with activities. Thoughts of having a PTA night for children to offer ideas. Ms. Doyle-Wetzberger suggested a small survey during homeroom to recruit committees such as dance, etc. Need to get groups of children that are involved in school function planning to mesh with PTA functions. Mr. Davis suggested to hold the dance after school rather than in the evening. Our Fall dance was heavily attended.

-8th grade celebrations: Ceremony at Howard High Auditorium, picnic at Centennial Park and a dance. Dates to be announced.

-Discussion about sharing of information between PTA and the school. Sharing of family phone numbers, email addresses so when PTA needs to solicit help from families it will be easier. Ms. Doyle-Wetzberger asked PTA to find out how other schools work and she will gladly look into helping improve our system.

Mr. James Evans

-Congratulations to our Black Saga Students who placed 1st in the county. These students will be going onto the State competition: Korliss Britt, Jordan Griffin, Samuel Paul and Nina Burges. Also congratulations to Dawn and Faye, our coaches.

-Book Fair next week to benefit PBIS. Feb. 14-17.

-First MSA practice today and students got into their MSA Groups. Next MSA practice tests will be on Feb. 23 and March ____.

-After the last MSA test on March 16th, the PTA will be sponsoring many activities for the students as a reward for completing the tests.

-Ms. Doyle-Wetzelberger thanked Ms. Miller Myers for a great Poetry Slam last week. Well attended program and huge success.

-Positive press release we will be singing partnership with

March 3-Spring pictures

March 4-Medieval Times field trip for 7th grade

Vice Principal's Report, Nan Brown-no report

Administrative Intern, Ms. Doyle-.Wetzelberger-

-See mentions in Mr. Evans report above

1st VP, Bernice Dargan-no report

2nd VP, Sandra Miller-no report

Treasurer's Report, Sangita Patel-

-Budget is \$9,000 short but we haven't received revenue from spiritwear and some other revenue sources yet. We are \$4,000 short in direct donations for the school year. Suggested to cut some expenses. Discussion between administration, teachers and PTA members as to where we can cut down.

-Ms. Sharbaugh offered to remove GT allocation. WEB pages can be removed since school does not use this. Agreed that the money allocation for 6, 7, 8 grades will stay. It was decided that the focus will be on making an appeal to parents next week during conference time telling them

how much we need for the budget and have graph as to how close we are to the goal. Parent attendee Julie Stokes suggested that \$50 is too much to have on paper that is given to parents. Would get better donations if leave it up to parent to contribute what they want.

-Recognition award programs are costly and expected to need the funds allocated for presidential awards and the other honor roll awards.

-Jillian Storms suggested a fundraiser near Mother's Day such as a flower drive.

-Gail Miller-Myers is a Verizon employee that told us that if you are a Verizon employee and volunteer 50 service hours they will give \$750 towards organization of your choice. Maybe find out if any student parents are Verizon employees.

-Charity status renewed.

Teachers Reports:

-**6th grade, Samantha Roller**- Upcoming field trips. Outdoor Education permission forms were distributed the end of January. Will be May 18-20 at Camp Letts. Still need adult chaperones. Outdoor Ed. t-shirts available for \$9. April 15th all payments due. Science Center field trip on March 25. Cost is \$25. Permission slip sent out and are due 2/4. Field trip on April 8th to Bill's Buddies. This is free.

-**7th grade, Sarah Koslowski**-Poe assembly will be March 24. Medieval Times field trip March 4.

-**8th grade, Mr. Webster**-May 4 New York field trip for Lion King. Information packets to be sent home in next couple of weeks. T-Shirts can be done anytime. Will contact Kathy Soop the spiritwear coordinator.

-**Related Arts, John Davis**-Awards ceremony went well. PE Kid of the Quarter receives big locker in locker room. Fitness test being performed now.

-**Student Services, Debbie Germroth**-Department has two interns. School counseling and school psychology. 8th grade articulation is over for high school. 4 year planning for 8th graders will be before or after spring break. Allows them to map out 10, 11 and 12 grade.

-Incoming 6th grade articulation begins in March. Incoming 6th graders will come here to visit and learn about BBMS. Updating Wikki daily and would like parents to visit the site periodically. Career Academy information form available.

-Counseling and support groups for students are under way. 6th grade boys group beginning next week and 7th or 8th grade girl support group.

-Adding more anti bullying classroom guidance. 6th graders to do 2 outside lessons from Shark Talk.

-Attendance data for the end of 2nd quarter was 95-96%. Goal for school is to get over 97%. Think that some students may not be turning in notes to school after absences.

-657 students currently enrolled.

-GT Resources, Janine Sharbaugh- 8th grade GT Social Studies students will be showing their History Day projects tomorrow. There will be an enrichment fair in May. All 6th graders were able to apply to be in GT Instructional seminars.

Committee Reports:

-PALS, Dayna Crisco-no report

-Hospitality Chair, no report

-Special Events Chair, Sandi Miller-

-PTAC Representative, Pam Gray

-Reflections, Jillian Storms-no report

-Membership and Direct Donations, Laura Zulick- no report

-Website, Sandra Miller-no report

-Poetry Night, Gail Miller- Myers- no report

-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-

Minutes submitted by Secretary Beth Webster