

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

May 11, 2011

Present:

Administration: Carolyn Jameson, Nan Brown, Michelle Doyle-Wetzelsberger

Teachers/Staff: Kara Nanni, Adam Yeargin, Debbie Germroth

PTA board members: LaVonne DeLattiboudere, Beth Webster

PTA Committee Chairs: Kathy Daisey, Jillian Storms, Yvette Hayes

PTA members/parents: Julie Brown, Maryann Cohea, Mary Nicklin, Edwina Britt, Rebekah Rowan, Lori Magoon, Nutan Mathus

March minutes approved(no April meeting)

PTA President, LaVonne DeLattiboudere

Opened the floor for election of officers for 2011-2012 school-year and approved:

President: Yvette Hayes

1st VP-Trina Thames

2nd VP-Maryann Cohea

Treasurer-Mary Nicklin

Secretary-Edwina Britt

PTAHC Representatives- Pam Gray and LaVonne DeLattiboudere

Principal's Report, Carolyn Jameson

- 5/2 STARS Families Meet
- -8th Grade field trip to NYC a success

- 5/11 PTA Staff Appreciation – Thank You! Thank You!
Incoming 5th Grade Visitation
- Summer: Whole School Carpeted
- Links School Partnership: Students from Peabody Institute School Visit
Choral Music – Band – Orchestra

10 week wellness program in the fall of 2011

- Eyre Bus School Partnership: Breakfast for staff return to school in August
Fieldtrip support with technology

- 5/12 Enrichment Fair @ 6:30
Interim Progress Reports (go home with students)
- 5/13 Professional Workday (no school for students)
- 5/16 7th Grade Fieldtrip to Patapsco Park
- 5/25 Choral Spring Concert @ BBMS 7PM
- 6/1 Band/Orchestra Spring Concert @ Howard High 7PM
- 9/7 BTSN @ 7PM
- Teacherease
Aspen (Student Information System) waiting for approval of the parent portal!
Teacherease will continue if approval or concerns arise with Aspen. Will let PTA know
- RACE To The Top (RTTT) Update: Common Core Standards
Educator Effectiveness Academies (BBMS Staff) July 18 - 20
 - Carolyn Jameson
 - Tanya Johnson (English/Language Arts)
 - Andrea Lang (Math)
 - Natalie Janiszewski (STEM)
 - Nan Brown
 - Training at Marriotts Ridge High School

-Rebekah Rowan, Scholastic Book Fair Field Representative-BBMS had first book fair this year. Sales just under \$2,000. Expanding book fair next year to two. Aligning with parent-teacher conferences in November and February. Would like parent volunteer to be on committee to help with teachers who are involved and to coordinate parent volunteers. Scholastic Books has a warehouse sale twice per year offering books at discount. Open up to teachers and volunteers. Closest location is in Odenton . Upcoming sales are on June 11 from 9-3, June 13-17 from 11-8 and June 18 from 9-3.

Administrative Intern, Ms. Michelle Doyle-Wetzelberger- BBMS applied for a state grant for conflict resolution using peer mediation. Purpose is to have kids understand conflict is part of being human especially in a school with as many students as we have. Peer Mediation Program will be implemented regardless of whether we received the grant. Will train 6-8th grade students to be peer mediators which will be a good leadership opportunity. Kick off assembly beginning of year. Will be used in conjunction with Shark Talk. Currently in planning phase. Mr. Nobis and Ms. Stottelmeir have been trained.

1st VP, Bernice Dargan- no report

2nd VP, Sandra Miller- no report

Treasurer's Report, Sangita Patel-

Balances

Checking \$4429.83 (verified by bank statement and General Ledger Balance)

Savings \$6182.44

Summary:

By the end of the month I should be receiving the proceeds for Spritwear as well as the invoice (confirmed by Kathy Soop).

I have also given Billie Rogrow the amended budget agreed by the Board which highlights what can be paid by the PTA (spreadsheet attached). She will email the teachers that have not used their allocation yet to submit a request for disbursement.

The Board also agreed to allocate \$300 towards outdoor Ed using the \$300 allocated towards 6th grade cultural arts.

I am also in the process of compiling next years budget, I will ask the teachers if there is any request for funds for activities or programs that they will need for next year, and be using the direct donations received this year to determine the amount of expenditures for next year. The actual figure for direct donations this year is **\$9055.00** (last year \$12350.00).

Please bear in mind that we have not received our Teacherease bill yet (\$2500) and teacher web pages invoice (\$500), that is why currently our bank balance is high. Once these items are paid as well as disbursements for programs not yet submitted we will have minimal funds left.

Teachers Reports:

-6th grade, no report

-7th grade, Carol Nanni- Patapsco State Park field trip on 5/16. There will be a variety of activities and stations including stream, land and hike activities.

-8th grade, no report

-Related Arts, Mr. Yeargin-Technology and How to Keep Middle Schooler's safe. American Library Association Choose Privacy Week. Focused talks to students over the past couple of weeks on privacy. Sent emails home through teacher ease to parents about what was talked about in class with students. Put students name in Google with quotation marks in it to limit search exactly to their names. Students surprised at what they are finding. Suggested to

Google name frequently. Ended talk with **online privacy checklist**. Stressed to kids that they need to delete old accounts when they leave and move onto another one. Talked about friends list and stressed re-evaluating their contact list and deleting ones not needed. Change passwords at least 1x/yr. Mr. Yeargin's wiki page has lot of useful information for kids and parents regarding online safety, etc.

-Student Services, Ms. Germroth-Currenty 656 students. Attendance tracked. Overall rate for third quarter excellent. Met goal for 6th grade. Missed goal for 7th and 8th grade by one point. Incoming 6th graders visited today. 8th grade visitation coming up soon where they go to high schools. Will hear about activities in high school. Shark Talk Program is looking at overall academic achievement of all grades in addition to positive behaviors. All topics posted on Student Services wiki site. Core curriculum as counselors. Make sure these lessons are taught throughout the school. Anti-Bullying. Netsmart program on internet safety. Also help students with relationships and social skills.

Committee Reports:

-No committee reports

Minutes submitted by Secretary Beth Webster