

**BBMS PTA General Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2011**

Present:

Administration and teachers: Nan Brown, Saimantha Kinsella, Jarrett Emery, Janine Sharbaugh, Shannon Stottlemire

PTA members: Yvette Hayes, Mary Nicklin, Maryann Cohea, Trina Thames, Donna Sudbrook, Edwina Britt, Gaye Stokes, Nutan Mathur, Wayne Collier, Sandra Lee Brocke, Erik Brocke

Meeting Items

PTA report

The president called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. The minutes were quietly read and approved as written. The School Directory was distributed. If a family did not receive a copy, please contact Nutan Mathur or Student Services. Donna announced that all the Direct Donation Thank You letters were mailed. There were 307 memberships. The PTA's portion was \$383.75. Donna was not able to make it to the SIT meeting. Nan looked at the data for 1st quarter and each team reported percentages of their goals. The BJs campaign is over and 4 people signed up. If you signed up or renewed through the school, Joyce Turpin can expedite the use of your new card. Kudos to Tonya Sigalis from Hospitality. She prepared food and treats for the Ilchester and Bonnie Branch staff on the same day. The final day for the closure of the Reflections campaign is December 23rd. At least 25 STARS families have signed up and more families are needed. Mary reported the Treasurer's Report with a check register balance of \$5757.11. Savings is \$6,182.73. Everything looks good for the allocated budget. Sales tax forms have already been done. \$900 in purchases was made at Barnes and Noble, which was a profit of \$90. The Administration was pleased with the Barnes and Noble Night and would like to possibly do another one in February. The PTA had a Study Island meeting before the formal PTA meeting. The PTA will go over the budget and see if there is money for Study Island and the New York Field Trip and will report back to the Administration. Nutan noted that she is finished with the directory and there is \$300 remaining. Trina has still not been able to contact the person for the AT& T Mobile Fundraiser. The Poetry Slam will be on February 3rd at 7:00 P.M. The Snow Date is February 10th. It is an opportunity for students to express themselves. The poems can be self-written or someone else's work. Mrs. Taylor will be working with the students again.

School report

Administration

Mrs. Brown started out by thanking the Hospitality Committee. The staff appreciated all the hard work. A Thank You also went out for all the help with the Turkey Trot and Fall Fling. There were 911 Parent Teacher Conferences and the administration received fabulous feedback. There were families that did not attend because of transportation issues. The PTA could assist in providing rides for conferences. On January 10, motivational speaker Dr. Michael Fowlin will be speaking to 7th & 8th graders in an assembly on January 10. The PTA was thanked for its efforts to bring the motivational speaker to Bonnie Branch. Additionally, Acting Maryland State Department of Education Superintendent, Dr. Bernard Sadusky will be visiting the 7th grade Financial Literacy classes at Bonnie Branch on January 10th. There was much discussion about the fight in the cafeteria and on the bus. There was also discussion about bullying. Some parents were very concerned. The administration followed the HCPSS Code of Conduct. The school has weekly lessons in Shark Talk and Peer Counseling. There is also Alternative Education and PBIS. Mrs. Brown also discussed some of the procedures for discipline. Anytime there is a suspension, an intake conference is scheduled. Repeat offenders receive appropriate consequences from the use of the HCPSS student code of conduct. Any incidents of Bullying, Harassment or Intimidation are investigated within 24 hours and a report is filed in a state system. Students, teachers/staff, and parents have access to these forms; they are located in the media, health room, student services and the front office. Mrs. Brown stated that if there are problems on the bus, they need to be reported. A supervisor from the Office of Transportation has

ridden on buses when necessary. The administration will send out communication to the parents that bullying on the bus is not tolerated. The school and Office of Transportation stress that riding the bus is a privilege. There was a discussion about discipline and what the data shows about discipline issues. Donna, the PTA SIT representative, will be able to supply the PTA with Goal 2 data from the SIT meetings.

6th Grade

The 6th grade field trip to the Maryland Science Center was earlier today. Mrs. Fields is fundraising for Outdoor Education which will be May 15-17 at Camp Letts. For the Reading team, the Bowie Bay Sox Read and Hit a Homerun Program will start and is due in March. Students need to read 5 books.

7th Grade

The 7th grade team is excited about items collected for families in need. There will be a wrapping party on next Friday. The students are relating to the project and making real life connections.

8th Grade

The New York Field trip is on April 28th. The 8th grade team is requesting 10 scholarships from the PTA based on financial hardship. The cost is \$200 per student. Another payment is due on January 4th. The 8th Grade Service Learning project "Empty Bowls" will be on February 23rd with a snow date of March 1st. Last year, this project raised over \$2,000 for the Howard County Food Bank. The My Coke Rewards program is also going on. Soccer balls and Footballs have been ordered through the program. To help, you may go to www.mycokerewards.com or send coke caps to Saimantha Kinsella.

Related Arts

The Chorus concert was last night. Orchestra and Band Concerts are on next Wednesday. The Physical Education team thanks everyone for their help with the Turkey Trot. Mrs. Sharbaugh stated that the PTA should let her or Mr. Yeargin know if you need to have a morning announcement made. You could also send a Power point slide. Bonnie Branch recently hosted a Countywide Debate. It was a big success and many visitors came from around the county. Yearbooks are also on sale for \$27. The price increase includes the picture and name on the front which prevents unclaimed yearbooks. The annual Enrichment Fair will be held on May 10 and it will be throughout the building. The teachers have been planning their part for Cultural Night to promote the languages taught in school. Mrs. Williams has completed the building use form.

The PTA meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Old Action Items

-Attempt to find a second PTA delegate and fill other open positions

-Determine amount that the PTA can contribute towards the New York field trip for students who have a financial need

-Trina will continue to look into the AT&T Mobile Fundraiser

New Action Items

-Determine the amount if any that can be contributed to Study Island