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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2011

Attendees: K. Grathwohl, T. Rea, K. Wiggins, A. Hartley, K. Mastrangelo, L. Brooks, E. Robbins, T. Valentine, P. Chinn, S. Motlagh, L. Kennedy, K. Markel, C. Motlagh, A. Tyrell, K. Rofick, P. Hurd, J. Erne, D. Suris, S. Witkowski, L. Shannon, B. Bachand, C. Balicki, S. LePage, M. Anderson, R. Yolles, J. Yolles, G. Salka

The meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m.

The meeting minutes of March 10, 2011 were approved.

Birmingham Schools District Report – D. Larson

- A presentation was given on The Birmingham School District's strategic plan for 2011 – 2012.
- Parents were encouraged to attend the legislative forum at Seaholm Highschool on April 25th.

Principal's Report – A. Hartley

- Ignite training was discussed.

Co Chair Report – M. Lewbel / G. Herdegen

- A thank you was given to the Blast Committee, Social Committee, the 3/4 parent volunteers involved with the conference dinner, the book fair volunteers, and the school store volunteers.
- The By-Laws of the Birmingham Covington School PTSA Clearinghouse were approved.
- The BBFA and Birmingham Coalition have run out of funding and will discontinue their programs.
- Parents were encouraged to donate to and attend the upcoming BEF Garage Sale.
- It was suggested that the Kids Helping Kids Fundraiser be advertised at BCS.
- BCS's involvement in the World's Longest Lemonade Stand was discussed.
- The PTSA Council Reception honoring Reflections winners is on May 16th at 7 p.m.
- The Parent Appreciation Breakfast will be held on May 26th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- A PTSA management meeting will be held on May 26th.

Ebugle Committee – K. Grathwohl

- The Ebugle Committee plans to design a form to make submissions easier next year.
- A volunteer is needed to co-chair next year.
- It was suggested that the Ebugle format be revised to a "Here's What Happened".

Social Committee- K. Mastrangelo

- Plans will be soon be underway for Wacky Recess.
- Most Valuable Male Night went well.

Facilities Committee – M. Anderson

- The Proud Dads and Facilities Committees are working on plans for the garden installation.
- It was suggested that the garden project request help from high school students seeking community service credit. In addition, all BCS teachers should try to involve their students and integrate lesson plans around the garden.
- A student or parent volunteer is needed to post current information on the front sign.

8th Grade Celebration Committee – S. LePage

- A book drive and subsequent sale will be held in May to raise money.

Community Connections Committee – B. Bachand

- The 3 / 4 and 7 / 8 students will be taking field trips to Gleaners as part of their community service projects. Students will be asked to fill paper bags with food items that can be donated to Gleaners.
- The BEF White Party will be held at Toast on May 19th.

New Business

- The Budget Committee completed the budget for 2011-2012. It will be posted on the website and finalized at a later date. Although the teachers have been given a budget, they must put in a detailed request to be approved by the PTSA. A vote will be taken at the next meeting to approve the requests.
- The Nominating Committee has filled most committee positions for next year.
- The nominations for Volunteer of the Year were read aloud and a vote was taken. M. Lewbel was selected.
- Suggestions from the BCS Suggestion Box were read aloud.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Handouts: Birmingham School District Budget Talking Points, The World's Largest Lemonade Stand flyer, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda, Unapproved BCS Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2011, BCS PTSA Budget, Bylaws of the Birmingham Covington School PTSA Clearinghouse

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