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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2011

Attendees: G. Salka, K. Wiggins, T. Valentine, T. Rea, P. Chinn, L. Kennedy, B. Bachand, C. Balicki, L. Kingston, C. Bergstrom, L. Shannon, K. Mastrangelo, E. Robbins, G. Patel, S. Salesin, P. Kassab, C. Motlagh, A. Hartley, B. Croft, M. Frenkel, P. Hurd

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m.

The meeting minutes of January 13, 2011 were approved.

Co-Chair Report – M. Lewbel/Gina Herdegen

- A procedure for the use of PTSA tablecloths has been established. The tablecloths are stored in bins in the PTSA room and are used for a number of events. School sponsored events take priority. Requests for using table cloths must now be emailed to PTSA co-chairs to ensure that they are available and accounted for.
- A pre-pay option for popcorn was suggested at the last meeting. It was determined that it would be too busy during popcorn sales to keep track of prepaid students.
- The Market Day program is still looking for a volunteer.
- Two parents have volunteered to coordinate the box tops collection for BCS.
- BCS would like to take part in the Kids Helping Kids program this spring. It was suggested that informational flyers be sent out to organize a team.
- Birmingham will attempt to achieve the Guinness Book of Records' Longest Lemonade Stand this summer. A suggestion was made to send a team from BCS.
- The BBFA and BBCC sent thank you notes to BCS for its donations.
- A thank you was given to J. Erne and BCS families for their contributions to the BEF auction basket.
- The BEF is holding its annual garage sale at Berkshire Middle School on April 16, 2011.
- The Michigan PTSA presents a number of awards each year. It was suggested that BCS consider nominating staff and/or volunteers next year.
- The deadline for ebugle submissions is February 28th.

Principal's Report – A. Hartley

- Feedback on the new ZON choice hour program has been helpful.
- The 7/8 elective packets will be sent home soon. There will be more choices for next year.

Treasurer's Report – B. Croft

- Teachers and staff were encouraged to spend their budgets for this year as soon as possible.

Blast Committee – G. Herdegen

- T. Seley and his band will perform at the Blast.
- The committee is hoping to auction an item related to the movie business in our area.
- The auction booklet will be available online only.

- The closet clean out donation for the prize room is going well.
- The deadline for Blast donations has been extended to March 4th.

Communications Committee – E. Robbins

- Online vs. print options for the directory were discussed. A trial of the online directory can be run with interested BCS parents to determine its ease and usefulness. Approximately 600 schools are using the online directory and it was suggested that BCS contact those schools to get their feedback.

8th Grade Celebration Committee – P. Kassab

- BCS families are encouraged to participate in a new fundraiser and purchase a discount dining card to support the 8th Grade Celebration.

Community Connections Committee – C. Balicki/B. Bachand

- New family packets are being sent out.
- The committee is planning the new family activity with the 3 / 4 team.

Curriculum Related Committee – L. Kennedy

- The Battle of the Books concludes next week.
- A thank you was given to C. Bergstrom for her efforts with the Reflections contest.
- It was suggested that incoming families receive a packet with a calendar to alert them of all upcoming activities.

Proud Dads Committee – report sent

- The new baseball training program is off to a great start.
- Snow club is going well.
- A flyer with information on the spring session of co-ed tennis will be sent out soon.
- The Proud Dads co-ed basketball program is underway.
- The 6th grade girls volleyball program will begin on February 23rd. Flyers will be sent out soon.
- The committee is looking for a new co-chair.
- The Proud Dads Eat and Run will be on February 18th.

3 / 4 Committee – M. Frenkel/T. Valentine

- The classrooms are planning for the Valentine's Day parties.
- The Reading to Waikiki party went well. L. Kennedy was acknowledged for her efforts.

5 / 6 Committee – K. Wiggins

- The teachers are planning the Valentine's Day parties.

7 / 8 Committee – G. Salka

- The 7 / 8 classrooms are coordinating the Groves and Seaholm baskets for the Blast.

Social Committee – L. Shannon

- The committee is working on a theme for the Most Valuable Male Night which will take place on March 11th.

Technology Committee – report sent

- The committee will be hosting the Covington Technology Celebration (CTC) on May 19th. It will provide an opportunity for BCS students to showcase their work in all subject areas.
- The committee is looking into purchasing a new server.
- A co-chair is needed for next year.

New Business

- A vote was taken and passed to approve the revised Bylaws of the Birmingham Covington School PTSA Clearinghouse.
- The Natural Habitat and Rain Garden design was approved.
- Volunteers are needed to serve on the Budget Committee and Nominating Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Handouts: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda, Unapproved Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2011, Budget Request for 2011/2012, Bylaws of the Birmingham Covington School PTSA Clearinghouse, Guidelines for Use of PTSA Tablecloths, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Budget

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