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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2011

Attendees: B. Bachand, L. Kennedy, S. Witkowski, A. Geisler, K. Davis, J. Erne, C. Hilfinger, M. Kennedy, C. Balicki, D. Suris, K. Mastrangelo, K. Wiggins, E. Robbins, E. Weiss, A. Haddad, T. Bowman, J. Walt, K. Grathwohl, K. Best, M. Anderson, P. Hurd, A. Hartley, G. Herdegen, P. Chinn, M. Lewbel

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m.

The meeting minutes of December 16, 2010 were approved.

7 /8 Spirit Committee – E. Weiss/T. Bowman

- The first dance was held on October 1st and attendance was strong. The next dance will be on February 11th. Chaperones are needed.
- The committee sold over 220 candy grams in December.
- Students will host a spring party at the Maple Village Senior Center.
- Students will be making and donating fleece blankets to Child Protective Services.

Principal's Report – A. Hartley/P. Chinn

- An informational video on ZON was presented. ZON is an online virtual Mandarin Chinese language program that will be offered to BCS students through choice hour. It is interactive, age appropriate, and educational. BCS is the 7th school nationwide utilizing this program. It was suggested that a ZON club be organized for students wishing to continue their learning over the summer.
- On January 17th, teachers will be attending a Love and Logic training seminar and participating in the Kids Against Hunger food packing session. The BCS staff also plans to continue educating students on the issues of hunger through classroom activities and field trips.
- Students held "Hat Day" and raised \$470.00 to donate to the City Mission Project.

Co-Chair Report – M. Lewbel/G. Herdegen

- There is an unclaimed Gordon Food Service bill from last month. Committee members were asked to check their receipts to ensure payment.
- A reminder was given to return all PTSA items as soon as possible so that they are available for future events and activities.
- A volunteer is needed to collect box tops.
- Market Day is still available as a service to BCS.
- A suggestion was made to offer parents and students the opportunity to pre-purchase popcorn for the year.
- The BCS decal sales are strong. The sale ends tomorrow.
- The Technology Committee met and discussed the qualifications for entering the BCS website into the national PTA website contest.

- A BBFA representative from BCS is needed. A letter from the BBFA thanking BCS for its donation was circulated.
- There are four administrative positions available in the district for next year.

Treasurer's Report – S. Witkowski

- Committees were asked to check their expenses.
- Check requests typically have a two week turn around. If a check is needed quickly, please email B. Croft and copy G. Herdegen and M. Lewbel.
- Committee expense reports were circulated.

Blast Committee – K. Best

- Raffle prizes and plans for the 7/8 room are being finalized for the auction.
- The committee is hoping to offer new teacher donations and parties as auction items.

Communications Committee – E. Robbins

- A reminder was given to blind copy addresses when emailing large parent groups.
- The option of an online directory, which can be accessed by a password, was discussed. It would offer the opportunity to provide BCS parents timely and updated information, as well as allow the school to be more “green”. Suggestions for this option included:
 - Offering a scaled down printed version with an in depth online version.
 - Offering both versions during a transition year and then just an online version the following year.

Community Connections Committee – B. Bachand

- The spelling bee was held last week. A. Wampler was the winner. N. Smith was the runner up.
- BCS collected 149 lbs. of Halloween candy to be donated to Gleaners Food Bank.
- Registration for the BCS lottery closes at the end of this week. The drawing will be held next week.

Curriculum Related Committee – L. Kennedy

- The Reflections contest was held. There were 77 entries.
- Art Alive will be held in the spring.
- Jr. Great Books will begin in February.

Facilities Committee – M. Anderson

- The committee is currently working on hanging the 8th grade photo and repositioning the art mounting boards.
- The natural habitat and rain garden design, development overview, and budget were circulated. The committee will present the information to the District for approval.
- A thank you was given to R. Weller and the Proud Dads Committee and Facilities Committee volunteers for their efforts in getting the garden project underway.

Ebugle – K. Grathwohl

- Committee reports are still needed for the upcoming ebugle.

- A suggestion was made for the ebugle team to access the BCS Flickr account for photos. In addition, it was suggested that sports team updates and photos of the Reflections entries could be covered in the upcoming ebugle.

3 / 4 Committee – T. Valentine

- Room parents are planning for Reading to Waikiki, the 3 / 4 Food Drive, Valentine’s Day parties, and the Blast baskets.

7 / 8 Committee – report sent

- The holiday parties went well. All perishable food items were donated to the City Mission Project.

8th Grade Celebration Committee – report sent

- Parent volunteers are still needed to coordinate the video and photos. It was suggested that students from Groves help with the video presentation.

Social Committee – K. Mastrangelo

- The committee is planning the Most Valuable Male Night.

Legislative Committee—D. Suris

- Governor Rick Snyder will be presenting his State of the State address and his plans for the Michigan education system on January 19th.
- The BEF Unabashed Dash will be held on February 12th. Attendance is encouraged.

New Business

- The master Committee Chair list was circulated. Chairs were asked to note if they intend to stay in current positions.
- Volunteers are needed to head the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee.
- Committees and BCS staff members were asked to spend their budgets by January 30th, if possible. Budget requests for next year are due.
- Nominations are needed for the BCS Volunteer of the Year.
- J. Erne is coordinating the BEF basket. It is going well.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Handouts: Unapproved BCS Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2010, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Agenda

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