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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2011

Attendees: L. Kennedy, E. Robbins, G. Herdegen, A. Hartley, B. Neel, P. Chinn, J. Erne, L. Damman, G. Chapnick, D. Stone, L. Fisher, E. Campbell, M. Frenkel, M. Miller, D. Damman, D. Deutsch-Keahey

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

The meeting minutes of October 13, 2011 were approved.

Welcome

Principal's Report - A. Hartley

- Matt Brown talked to the group about how technology is used to enhance learning.
- Jingle Bell Run update.
- Thank you to J. Erne for captaining the millage. Thank you to G. Herdegen for fast facts.
- Goal-setting and evaluations are keeping him and Patricia busy.
- Quality review audit is coming up.
- MEAP is complete. Great job to everyone. Cut scores are changing. Planning a meeting for Feb/March to explain the new cut scores. Would like to start a committee to plan the parent meeting.

Vice-Principal's Report - Patricia Chinn

- The school-wide service project, Kids Against Hunger, kicked off today. The children responded well and were engaged.

- Tomorrow is Dad's Eat and Run. Please bring in a dollar tomorrow to support Kids Against Hunger. Patricia explained Penny Wars.
- Many people have volunteered for Gleaner's.

Co-Chair Report – G. Herdegen/B. Neel

- Millage Renewal Results - Great turnout. Thank you for your support.
- Thank you!
 - Julie Erne and all Room Parents/RPC's – Millage Efforts
 - Kathleen Mastrangelo and Debby Hoge- Coney Night and Game Night
 - Great attendance and new games
 - Audit Underway – Our financial records will be turned into the MI PTA by 12/1
 - Reflections Contest Underway – “Diversity means...” is the theme. Entries are due by 12/1. Guidelines are on the website.
 - Nominating Committee/ Finding Replacements – We need to get the slate of officers together for next year. Please start thinking about what role you would like for next year. We have many graduating families and there will be many positions to fill. Please see Gina if you are interested.
 - Picasa Photo Accounts - Rob Lawrence set up a Picasa photo account for the eighth grade class. An account was also set up for each grade level, as well as “generic” site. Instructions will be sent out to room parent coordinators on how to utilize the site.
 - BEF Annual Fund Campaign-11/7 through 12/31 – BEF raises money and provides grants back to the schools. Kroger Rewards; Amazon.com/Schoolrewards; We will be putting together a basket for the Unabashed Bash (2-11-12)

Treasurer's Report –G. Chapnick and L. Damman

- Quickbooks online is working well. Still working through the kinks.

Committee Reports

Curriculum – L. Kennedy, E. Robbins –

- There are two new curriculum choice hours: Geography choice hour (Geo Bee), and WordMasters. The Geography Bee will be on January 10th. WordMasters will be made available to all students. Supplemental choice hour materials are available. Junior Great Books will be made available to third and fourth grade students in the third quarter.

Reflections – L. Kennedy, reporting for T. Rea -

- Reflections has a box in the Media Center.
- The submission deadline is December 1.

Room Parent Coordinators:

¾ -M. Frenkel-

- The ¾ coffee was held and started good conversations. Thank you to Adam and Patricia for participating.

5/6 – M. Miller –

- Chipolte in Royal Oak will donate all the food for the teacher's conference dinner. The money saved was used to purchase reusable supplies for class parties.

7/8 - B. Neel, reporting for L. Weidner –

- Flocking is going well. \$790 has been raised so far. Contact Liz if you are interested in flocking. The fundraiser will be repeated in the Spring.

Millage - Julie Erne-

- Thank you to room coordinators and Gina for helping with the millage. They are looking for suggestions for communicating in the future.

Wellness Committee – D. Deutsch-Keahey –

- Would like input on where the committee would like to go.

Proud Dad's - D. Stone –

- Dad's Eat and Run is tomorrow.
- Jingle Bell Run is November 19th. He encourages people to participate. The BCS Cobras team was the biggest team last year.
- Snow club kickoff meeting on Monday. Applications will be taken November 22.
- Proud Dads are also gearing up for the open house.

Blast – G. Herdegen, reporting for K. Gilbert –

- There are many opportunities to volunteer and we need more help to make the event a success. We especially need someone at the new family registration table, someone at the boutique, a volunteer coordinator, people to work in the prize room and cake walk room. We also need someone familiar with the Access database system for the auction.
- The next meeting is in December.

Old Business

Back Garden- We have four raised garden boxes. Teachers can adopt the raised garden and use them for planting.

Amazon.com/schoolrewards - Up to 10 percent of purchases made will benefit the BEF.

New Business

Groves All-Night Party - A \$50 donation was made to the Groves All – Night Party.

CECAC Dues - \$30 was paid for CECAC dues

FODL Donation - A \$100 donation was made to Friends of Different Learners

Teacher Gift Policy –

The Teacher Gift Policy was discussed. Limitations: \$5 per student, limited to two requests per year. The goal of the updated policy is to keep the requests uniform and within limits. The new teacher gifting policy was reviewed and adopted by the PTSA and will be added to the PTSA handbook.

Adjourned at 8:35pm

Hand outs: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Unapproved Minutes October 11, 2011, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Financial Documents, BCS PTSA Teacher Gift Policy