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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2012

Attendees: L. Kennedy, K. Wiggins, T. Rea, T. Valentine, P. Chinn, C. Motlagh, B. Neel, G. Herdegen, C. Graham, C. Balicki, K. Mastrangelo, L. Damman

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

The meeting minutes of January 12, 2012 were approved.

Principal's Report – P. Chinn

- A March trip to Lansing has been planned for 6th graders. In addition, dates have been set for the 3/4 grades and 5/6 grades to go to Lansing.
- BCS administration, teachers, and staff have been focused on reinforcing the 3 E's – environment, education, and each other. Students have been encouraged to value and respect the school and others. Discussion included behavior in classrooms, hallways, field trips, etc.

Co-chair Report – G. Herdegen/B. Neel

- Part of the proceeds from The World's Largest Lemonade Stand went to BCS. The total was \$465.00.
- The BEF met its goal with its annual fund campaign. BCS donated a basket for the BEF Unabashed Bash.
- The ebugle deadline is February 17th. C. Motlagh will be taking over for K. Grathwohl next year. Committees submitting articles should copy him this year, as well.
- A popcorn coordinator volunteer is needed. If the position is not filled, it was suggested that popcorn be offered periodically vs. weekly. Or, that it be offered only at larger events.
- Market Day is still in question. It will continue if the new representative coordinates it.
- L. Damman was thanked for her efforts in sorting out old miscellaneous bank charges and fees.
- Posters were made for the Kids Against Hunger campaign.
- The Spirit Committee has planned a second dance which will be held on Friday.

Treasurer's Report – L. Damman

- Committees were reminded to turn in check requests.

Curriculum Related Committee- C. Graham/L. Kennedy

- Jr. Great Books started today.
- The Battle of the Books will be on March 2nd. There were questions regarding the book selections. Books are chosen and approved by the media specialists in our district.

5 / 6 Committee – T. Valentine

- The 5 / 6 teachers and room parents are preparing for the Valentine's Day parties, The Blast, and the Battle of the Books.
- Committees and parents were encouraged to help the 5 / 6 students make a difference and save the honey bees from extinction. The 5 / 6 students are taking part in a Disney Planet challenge and gathering signatures for an online petition to help local bee keepers create their own hives and re-pollinate Birmingham. It was suggested that the online petition be advertised during the Dad's Eat and Run on February 17th.

Community Connections Committee – C. Balicki

- The BEF granted a field trip for all of the 3 / 4 classes to attend the DSO last week.
- The Diversity Committee is hosting a film on Wednesday, February 15th at 4:30 p.m. in the Staff Development Room. Upcoming films will be shown on March 7th and April 11th.
- The Kids Against Hunger mobile unit will be coming to BCS on April 27th and May 9th. BCS needs to raise \$5600.00 and is half way to reaching that goal.
- The Spirit Committee will be hosting activities to raise money during Spirit Week for the Kids Against Hunger campaign. The Green Committee will be donating can/bottle refunds. Hip City Deals (a local "Group On") will donate \$1.00 for every new person who registers at their site. Parents were encouraged to go on their link and sign up.
- Information has been sent to new BCS families.
- The District has approved the presentation of "Rachel's Challenge" at BCS. It will be shown on April 17th to the 7/8 students.
- The BCS Alumni Breakfast will be held on April 17th.

Blast Committee – report sent

- The committee is working on implementing a new pay system which will make purchasing auction items easier.

Old Business

- The Recording Secretary position is vacant. A volunteer is still needed to fill this position for the remainder of this year, as well as the next two years.
- The Nominating Committee is looking for one more volunteer.
- Committee members were asked to think of candidates for Volunteer of the Year.

New Business

- Management team members were asked to take shifts at the cash tables for the Blast on March 18th. A sign-up sheet was circulated.
- The 7 / 8 Spirit Committee has requested funding for their third dance and seed money for all three dances next year. It was decided that the PTSA would review the success and expenses

of the second dance this week before making a decision. The issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

- L. Kennedy requested that funds not used from the 5 /6 Conference Dinner be reallocated to the purchase and installation of a dishwasher. The District will be installing a dishwasher in a science lab this year. A second dishwasher would also be beneficial to the 5 /6 team. However, its location should be child accessible and appropriate. It was determined that further discussion and more information will be needed before approving this request.
- A vote was passed to reallocate the unspent funds designated for a music instructional assistant. The unspent funds (\$400.00) will now go toward miscellaneous books, sheet music, and supplies for the music (band/orchestra) program.
- The 7/8 LA teachers requested \$1440.00 to purchase 240 copies of “The Diary of Anne Frank”. It was decided that this purchase be funded by either 1) unspent 7/8 science kit funds (\$3000.00) or 2) unplanned expense funds if the science kit funds proved not to be available.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Handouts: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2012, BCS PTSA Budget

Submitted by: Kim Wiggins

*The PTSA learned that the District provided the 7 /8 team with science kits this year. An electronic vote was taken and approval was given for the science team to use \$1500.00 of their original \$3000.00 for additional science supplies.

An electronic vote was taken and approval was given to use unspent science kit funds (\$1500.00) to fund the 7/8 LA books (as discussed in the meeting), leaving the unplanned expense fund intact.