

**Approved**  
**BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2012**

**Attendees:** E. Robbins, G. Herdegen, A. Hartley, B. Neel, P. Chinn, J. Erne, J. Karmanos, G. Herdegen, N. Forum, T. Rea, T. Valentine, T. Fortney, K. Wiggins, K. Mastrangelo

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

Welcome

The meeting minutes of November 10, 2011 were approved.

**Spirit Committee – Julia K. and Kelly T.**

- 120 students attended the first dance, Cobra Shores.
- The next dance will take place on 2/10/12, chaperones are needed.
- The committee sold 400 candy grams and made sure that everybody got one.

**Principal's Report – A. Hartley**

- MEAP cut scores are in. J. Erne has been asked to serve as a parent rep to assist with the preparing and presentation of the new scoring system from the parents' point of view. Presentations will be timed to take place prior to the delivery of the new scores. Change for BCS is not dramatic.
- Continued push to raise awareness of facebook page.
- School climate survey (42 questions) regarding character education, staff will narrow down and prioritize to 10 baseline questions
- MLK day – No school for students; teachers will participate in interactive whiteboard training at Seaholm in the morning and a diversity lesson in the afternoon.
- Garden update: District will take over maintenance of front garden; teachers are on board with square foot gardening in back. The Groves football team will be tapped into to help with maintenance of the gardens for community service hours.

**Co-Chair Report – G. Herdegen/B. Neel**

- Current year spending should be reviewed to make sure records are accurate and also to assess whether or not all funds will be spent.
- Budget planning for next school year should be top of mind – new year requests are due at end of February. Current year line items within committee budgets should be reviewed to determine if changes/adjustments need to be made.

## **Treasurer's Report –G. Herdegen for G. Chapnick and L. Damman**

- QuickBooks online continues to be an excellent tool.
- Remind committee members to submit for reimbursements.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Curriculum – E. Robbins**

- Wordmasters program is underway. Challenge will take place during lunch on 1/24.
- Geo Bee winners Evan G. and David L. were introduced at the meeting. Evan will move on to take the written portion of the Geo Bee test in hopes of qualifying for the national bee.

### **Reflections –T. Rea -**

- 71 total entries, 20 sent in as finalists to the State.

### **BoxTops – T. Rea**

- \$83.40 collected in December for Kids Against Hunger initiative

### **Room Parent Coordinators**

#### **3/4 - J. Karmanos**

- Preparing for Blast, V-day and Superbowl parties. Would like to consider community service program (Sweet Dreamzzz) that is not food drive specific, but will adhere to 2 year school-wide Kids Against Hunger commitment if needed.

#### **5/6 – T. Valentine –**

- Holiday party went well, currently planning V-Day parties which will include a talent show in each classroom. Working on Blast baskets and themes. Also asking parents to please sign the petition to save the honeybees on the BCS website – 1000 signatures are needed.

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

- Holiday parties went well, currently preparing Seaholm/Groves basket for Blast.

### **Legislative – J. Erne**

- BEF Unabashed Bash (silent and live auction) will take place on 2/11 (cost is \$160 per person)

### **Proud Dad's – G. Herdegen for D. Stone**

- Next Eat & Run will take place in February
- David Stone stepping down as co-chair, need replacement

### **Social – K. Mastrangelo**

- Asked group to reconsider holding MVM night this year – too close to Blast, small turnout, perhaps has run its course. Recommend taking a break from event this year and re-directing money to fund Wacky Recess lunch for all students at end of year.

### **Community Connections – B. Bachand**

- Open House was very successful due to great volunteers, particularly student ambassadors.
- Lottery takes place on 1/18 (registrations are due at Admin building this week)

### **Communications – E. Robbins, J. Yolles**

- Directory: Anyone in need of information from the directory should let Elizabeth know and allow her enough time to pull requests together
- e-Bugle:
  - There was a hiccup with Comcast, all Comcast e-mail addresses kicked back the most recent edition of the e-Bugle. In future, e-Bugle will be sent out via a link (to the BCS website) versus as an attachment.
  - Next issue will come out in early March.

### **Facilities – K. Wiggins**

- New frames have been hung outside Eng Tech room with new pictures, committee needs basketball and cross country shots, and hopes to display music and band shots next. Special thanks were expressed to L. Kennedy for taking care of the pots outside the front entrance.

### **Volunteer Services – G. Herdegen for S. Ciemniecki**

- Looking for Market Day and School Supply Kits volunteers.
- Looking for input/suggestions on improving the Promise to Participate form.

### **Old Business**

- Photo Accounts have been set up so that classrooms/parents can upload photos that they take at events and parties. Looking for volunteer to help communicate this information to room parents and general BCS population.

### **New Business**

- E. Campbell has resigned from her role and the PTSA is in need of an interim Recording Secretary.
- The PTSA is looking for Nominating Committee volunteers
- The PTSA is looking for Budget Committee volunteers and will make an announcement in the WAG
- ***Motion made by K. Mastrangelo, seconded by J. Yolles to cancel MVM Night this school year and to re-direct the budget set aside to fund this event to pay for lunches at Wacky Recess. The motion was passed unanimously.***

Adjourned at 2:25 pm

Hand outs: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Unapproved Minutes November 10, 2011, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Financial Documents