

BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2012

Attendees: B. Neel, E. Robbins, T. Rea, K. Wiggins, L. Kennedy, D. Jensen, E. Jenkins, A. Hornyak, T. Valentine, P.Chinn, R. Bishop, S. Ciemniecki

Meeting called to order at 1:20pm.

Welcome: Introductions of all in attendance.

Approved 2012/2013 Budget and PTSA meeting schedule were distributed.

Minutes from May 10, 2012 meeting were approved with one change to be made by Kim Wiggins

Principal's Report: Patricia Chinn

- The first few weeks of school are running smoothly.
- 3/4 and 5/6 Curriculum nights went well; 7/8 Curriculum was rescheduled for September 27, instead of September 20th due to district conflicts.
- Proud Dads Annual Meeting will directly follow 7/8 Curriculum Night on September 20 at 7pm.
- September 21 a group of 7/8 graders will be visiting Derby Middle School to attend a seminar with facilitator Jay Marks. He will be leading a conversation on bullying. The students who will be attending were selected by BCS administration.
- The Character Connections (C-Squared) began September 19 and is considered very successful so far. Teachers reported noticing a difference in behavior right away. There was a Choice Hour held to help clean up the building and take part in having responsibility and respect for each other and the building.
- Roy Bishop has scheduled a meeting with Aaron Frank to discuss whether or not it is possible to take more of BCS registration and volunteerism online in the future. Mr. Frank is responsible for the online process currently in use at Seaholm High School.
- Patricia Chinn contacted the district once again regarding the opportunity for parent Internet access in the BCS building. This request has been denied to protect the security of students and staff.
- There are two open positions for 8th grade students.

Co-Chair's Report: B. Neel/E.Robbins, T. Rea

- All members of the Registration Team were thanks for their efforts in helping to make Registration run smoothly.
- Shawn Ciemniecki and Tina Arpasi were thanked for coordinating the Back to School coffee and for organizing all of the Promise to Participate information for committee heads.

- Co-Treasurers were thanked for their efforts during Registration and budget preparation.
- Room Parent Coordinators, Room Parents and Curriculum Co-Chairs thanked for their involvement with Curriculum Nights.
- Advance acknowledgement was given to Nichole Corum, Becky Moises and Proud Dads team for hosting the annual Ice Cream Social, scheduled for September 21.
- Direct Donations are in line with expectations and with 2011/2012 donations.
- Volunteer positions still open are: Webmasters/Technology, Co-Chairs for Reflections, Office volunteers, Media Center volunteers, Locker of the Month assistance and 8th Grade Celebration committee.

Treasurer's Report: none at this time

Committee Report: Community Connections

- Maps of the USA and Michigan will be painted on the playground September 21 from 8:30-3pm. Volunteers are still needed.
- BCS Open House will be held December 2, 2012 from 1-3pm. More information will be forthcoming.

Additional Business:

- Elizabeth Robbins will investigate various "sign up" services (such as Sign Up Genius) and present options. The objective is to determine a single format to use consistently for all sign up necessities.
- The potential need for a "volunteer opportunity" component to the website was discussed so that parents have one place to go that provides information and the appropriate links.
- Discussed the need for a more thorough Master Calendar to help avoid as many district conflicts in scheduling as possible.

Next Meeting:

- October 11, 1:15pm
- Dr. Nerad, the new District Superintendent, will be our guest, and will be discussing his transition plan.

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm.