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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014

Attendees: C. Motlagh, P. Chinn, M. Morawski, T. Rea, E. Robbins, N. Corum, K. Wiggins

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

The meeting minutes of November 11, 2013 were approved.

Principal's Report - M. Morawski/P. Chinn

- A thank you was given to the parents on the grant writing team. To date, BCS has earned one BEF grant and G. Mixon has received 2 Samsung tablets.
- BCS has been selected by Microsoft as one of 80 outstanding Mentor Schools from around the world. P. Roberts, M. Morawski, R. Joseph, and J. Kernan will be traveling to Barcelona in March to present on 21st Century Learning.
- There is a staff development day on January 20th. Staff will attend a presentation given by an internationally renowned speaker and also view the documentary "American Promise".
- During the week of January 20th, Character Connections classes will discuss the African influences on our culture. They will focus on books, music, folk lore, and history.
- The 5/6 dance will be held on January 24th. It was recommended that the gym be locked for the dance.
- The BCS Spelling Bee will be held on January 10th.

Tri-Chair Report – E. Robbins/T. Rea

- A thank you was given to all volunteers involved in the Open House. It was a success. The new training program for ambassadors was well done.
- A thank you was also given to all of the parents who helped to organize and run the winter parties.
- The following volunteer positions are open:
 - Technology Committee Chair
 - Project Cope Parent Representative

Treasurer's Report – report sent

- Teachers have been reminded to use their budgets and to send in reimbursements.
- The treasurers are following up with Pay to Play to ensure that all invoices are paid.

8th Grade Celebration Committee – report sent

- The committee is discussing themes for the 8th Grade Celebration.

Blast Committee – report sent

- Solicitation letters have been sent to local businesses requesting donations.

- An email explaining the “Bidding for Good” preview was sent out to parents. It was intended to familiarize parents with the site.
- The committee is asking if families would like to sponsor the different activity rooms.
- New items will be added to the auction. Families can name the front or back parking loops for one year.
- It was suggested that an email entitled “New This Year!” go out to BCS families explaining the new items and/or activities planned for this year’s Blast.
- The auction is primarily online this year. There was discussion on the best way to encourage parents to still attend the Blast.

3 / 4 Committee – N. Corum

- Slow teacher response time to emails and questions was discussed.
- 3 / 4 parents would like to be notified in advance about their child’s new choice hour selections each quarter.
- It was proposed that BCS look into partnering with the Robot Garage.

Technology Committee – E. Robbins

- The meeting in December was cancelled. The committee will be meeting sometime in January.

New Business

- Volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee.
- Volunteers are needed to review and rewrite/update and readopt the By-Laws this Spring so that BCS will be in compliance with the Michigan PTA.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Handouts: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Budget vs. Actuals: 2013 – 2014, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2013.

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