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**BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2014**

**Attendees: P. Chinn, M. Morawski, M. Shannon, E. Robbins, N. Corum, K. Wiggins, N. Corum, C. Balicki, S. Motlagh, D. Spencer, L. Kennedy, T. Valentine**

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

The meeting minutes of January 9, 2014 were approved.

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

- BCS parents were encouraged to visit the BCS Facebook page and post pertinent information.
- BCS is looking forward to attending the global forum hosted by Microsoft in Barcelona. BCS was chosen 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.
- The BCS new family meetings are going well.
- The Battle of the Books was a success.
- BCS staff and volunteers are working hard to get ready for The Blast.
- The BCS Spelling Bee was a success and included many strong spellers. L. Kumar was the winner and will compete in the County Spelling Bee.
- The musical, "Guys and Dolls", was a hit and was well received. A thank you was given to L. Kennedy for all of her work on the musical.

**Tri-Chair Report – E. Robbins**

- The 5 / 6 Dance has been rescheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents were reminded to pull up in the parking loops. Standing parking is allowed in the handicap loading area during drop off.
- Committee chairs need to sign reimbursement requests from the committee volunteers. Committee chairs submitting their own reimbursement request must contact co-chairs for a signature.
- PTSA Management Committee members were asked to volunteer for the positions which collect cash at The Blast.

**Treasurer's Report – report sent**

- The Budget Committee will meet at the end of March and early April to determine the budget for the next school year. BCS staff and PTSA committees have been encouraged to use their funds by that time.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Committee – G. Herdegen**

- The committee has chosen a theme and is working on a logo.
- R. Lawrence will be creating the video. Student photos are currently being collected.

- Ideas for a class gift include a drinking fountain for the playground.
- A flower sale is being held this week to raise money for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration.

#### **Blast Committee – report sent**

- The online auction will begin on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The 7/8 game room will be expanded to increase participation of those students at The Blast.
- The 7/8 game room will be in the Staff Development Room. It was suggested that that no food or beverage be allowed in the room to protect the equipment and carpet.

#### **Social Committee – N. Corum**

- The 3/4 Coney Bingo Night and the 5/6 Dance will be removed from the Social Committee’s agenda. Next year, the 3/4 Committee and 5/6 Committee will take over those responsibilities. The budget requests for next year should reflect those changes.

#### **3/4 Committee – N. Corum**

- The Super Bowl party was successful.

#### **7/8 Committee – G. Herdegen**

- The 7/8 classrooms are working on a community service project by writing cards and collecting Chapstick to send to soldiers overseas.

#### **Technology Committee- E. Robbins**

- A. Vohra will chair the Technology Committee.
- The Tech Cafe will hold a workshop on device safety on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Berkshire parents and staff are invited.

#### **Community Connections – C. Balicki**

- The 5/6 classrooms will be looking for volunteers to help with the Disability Awareness Workshop at the end of March.
- The BCS new family letters will be sent out the week after break and will include information about The Blast. It was suggested that a flyer on the BCS Tech Cafe in March be added to the mailing.
- A collection bin has been placed in the BCS parking lot. BPS is piloting a program at BCS by collecting gently used clothes, toys, shoes, appliances for Disabled American Veterans. Each full bin pick-up by the Disabled American Veterans will earn \$50 for Project Cope.

#### **New Business**

- M. Shannon discussed plans for the Spring Scholastic Book Fair.
  - The fair will be held May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will be evening hours on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Ideas to promote and increase attendance at the book fair on Thursday after school include an ice cream and taco truck. It was suggested that Thursday’s book fair be promoted as an event like “BCS Book Fair Fiesta” and that flyers be sent out to inform parents of the event.

- The online book fair will close on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Updates to the By-laws are being made. The main change will address the appointment of an additional Executive Committee member if voted on and approved by the BCS PTSA.
- Budget request forms were disseminated. Committees were asked to submit the requests by March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**Handouts:** BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Budget vs. Actuals: 2013 – 2014, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2014

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