

## Approved

### BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

**Attendees:** L. Duzan, N. Corum, B. Crowley, J. Peterson, D. Davis, G. Moran, A. Acey, J.Hill, S. Shenefelt, D. Patterson, H. Sherman, M. Morawski, K. Davis, E. Maliszewski, B. Johansson

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

#### **Our PTSA Dollars at Work: Erica Maliszewski & Kim Davis: 3/4 Salmon Project**

- Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Maliszewski gave a presentation on the Chinook Salmon Project that is part of the 3/4 Science curriculum. Through this unit, students investigate, observe, and document the importance of water chemistry for the salmon and the stages of their development. It culminates with the release of the surviving salmon into the Clinton River.

The meeting minutes of November 5, 2015 were approved.

#### **Principal's Report – Mr. Morawski & Mr. Hill**

- **Disaster Relief at Work (DRAW)**

Greg Martin, Executive Director of DRAW gave a presentation to our students about the mission of DRAW and “taking care of each other”. The BCS National Junior Honor Society is helping to coordinate a district wide community service project for DRAW. Collection of towels, wash cloths, nail clippers, and toothbrushes will take place from January 4-15, 2016, and then BPS families are invited to help assemble disaster relief buckets with these donations at Berkshire Middle School on January 18, 1-3PM.

- **New Staff Update:**

Mrs. Lydia Tiseo - Spanish/Cross Country/Track & Field

Ms. Michelle D’Orazio – 7/8 Language Arts (Ms. D’Orazio is hosting an Open House for parents next week and is sending out progress reports since she made the transition with Ms. Share.)

- **M-STEP Results – 2015**

M-STEP is a criterion-referenced assessment (% of students that meet a standard). M-STEP results will be mailed to parents on January 15. Our Social Studies curriculum is looped at BCS, and this is reflected in the scores. Overall, BCS students continue to perform very well in comparison to other school and districts across the state.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Shelli Adams & Sheryl Shenefelt**

- Actual Income was reported at \$121,846.72.
- Discussion: \$4000 was budgeted to Engineering Technology (81000), and erroneously, another \$4000 to 3/4 Engineering Technology (80155).  
A motion was made by D. Patterson to reallocate \$4000 from 3/4 Engineering Technology (80155) to Unplanned Expenses (50070). The motion was seconded by N. Corum and approved by those present.

#### **Co-Chairs' Report – Georgene Moran & Alicia Acey**

- **Unspent Funds from 2014-2015**

After a discussion, a motion was made by D. Patterson to put the following to a vote at the next BCS PTSA Clearinghouse meeting on February, 4, 2016. A second was issued by H. Sherman.

**Motion - Allocate previous unspent funds to the following projects at BCS:**

- Climbing wall for swimming pool - \$16,000.
- First Installment for the sound system in the cafeteria/gym - \$15,000
- 2016 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates' Present – Recycling System - \$2000 (if needed)
- **BEF Basket Donation**  
BCS's basket "Cook's Corner" is all set to go for the BEF's *Unabashed Bash* on February 6, 2016 at The Somerset Collection.
- **BoxTops/Amazon Smile/Target**  
Lisa Young has been coordinating these reward programs for BCS, and she will be sending an e-mail to BCS parents about how to sign up for each reward program. She plans to have an online sign-up for parents who wish to assist with BoxTop collections.

### Committee Reports

- **3/4 Room Parents – Alifya Vohra & Diana Patterson**  
Reading to the Super Bowl meeting will be held on 1/8/16.
- **5/6 Room Parents – Sue Wright & Laura Duzan**  
5/6 Dance is on January 22, 2016.
- **7/8 Room Parents – Nicole Corum & Kathy Barnas**  
7/8 News Blast will address Spirit Dance and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Karen Best**
- **Wellness – Daniela Davis**  
There was discussion about creating a Parent Forum on a monthly basis to help with issues such as peer relations, transitions, etc. Wellness Committee will meet with administrators to investigate.
- **Reflections: Diana Patterson**  
We are waiting to hear from District about winners.  
Artwork will be available to view via slide show.  
Ms. Husband will showcase artwork.  
Volunteers were so helpful with sorting!
- **BLAST: Deanna Brown**  
BCS Blast is Sunday, March 13, 2016.  
Auction items are needed!  
It's time for closet cleanout for the Blast Prize Room. Suggestion donations should be new, unopened, and valued between \$1-\$35.
- **Disabilities Awareness Workshop: Nicole Corum**  
Volunteers are still needed on 1/27 & 1/28!

### New Business

- 2016 National Geographic Bee will be held on January 11 at 3:25PM at BCS.

### Old Business

- None

**The meeting was adjourned at 3PM.**

**Handouts:** BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda for January 7, 2016, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2015, BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE Budget VS. Actuals: FY2016, M-STEP Summary of Results (School, District, State)

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