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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2016

Attendees: L. Duzan, S. Byrne, A. Acey, J. Peterson, S. Wright, S. Shenefelt, M. Morawski, J. Hill, N. Dauer, T. Seley

The meeting minutes of October 6, 2016 were approved. **(Motion – J. Peterson, 2nd – S. Byrne)**

Our PTSA Dollars at Work: Tom Seley (3/4 Team)

- Mr. Seley presented his students' newspaper project, *The 203 Times*. This end-of-the-year project was enhanced by the PTSA dollars that have been invested in classroom technology. The newspaper is an example of project-based learning that involves choice, cooperation, sustained inquiry, authenticity, and character education.
 - Articles (local – within the school) were brainstormed by the students.
 - Drafts were made using lab tops and I-pads (PTSA dollars at work)
 - Demonstrated the presence of tech fluency throughout the school
 - Final product is a record of the school culture (final copy available under PTSA tab)

Principal's Report – Mr. Morawski

- Collaborative Spaces: Furniture is in!
 - A work order for electrical has been placed so that the desks have power for charging electronics.
 - 8th Grade gift will be to furnish/decorate the other collaborative space.
 - Bench area – students are repurposing a chalkboard into a dry erase board
- Report Cards & Conferences
 - 11/14 – Reports cards will be available (3/4 – hard copies, 5-8 accessible on PowerSchool)
 - 11/16 & 11/17 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (half days – 11:30 dismissal)
- Sports Update
 - Soccer & Cross Country wrapped up great seasons!
 - Girls Swim and Boys Basketball are beginning; likely an IM team will form for 7th grade basketball. Mr. Hill will communicate those dynamics to parents.

Treasurer's Report – Sheryl Shenefelt

- 3/4 Team has requested a reallocation of funds (\$1800 from 80160 – Technology to 80175 – Science Supplies); BPS technology enhancements this year make some of the technology money initially requested by the 3/4 team unnecessary in that area.

Co-Chairs' Report – Alicia Acey, Shannon Byrne, and Alifya Vohra

- Millage Renewal – Vote “YES” on November 8. (See attachment.)
 - last item on the ballot
 - does not increase taxes
 - 38% decrease in funding if not passed
 - passing it maintains our property values
- Board of Education – 4 vacancies to fill on November 8th!

- Friends of BPS Donation
 - Friends of BPS requested a donation of \$1000 from each BPS school to assist in campaign costs (materials, mailings, signage, and postage). A. Acey moved to make the \$1,000 donation from Unplanned Expenses (50070) to the millage campaign (Friends of BPS). D. Patterson seconded the motion. Motion will be posted for thirty days and voted on at the next PTSA meeting, November 3, 2016. **BCS PTSA Vote – All Approved**
- Collaborative Space Expense
 - Collaborative Space budget of \$12,460 was maximized over the summer. Additional work was done by school/parent volunteers to build benches in one of the vacant areas; Home Depot donated close to \$200 in materials. Carpet was needed to finish the benches totaling an additional expense of \$1831.
 - **J. Peterson motioned to move \$1,831 from Unplanned Expenses (50070) to Collaborative Spaces (50350). N. Corum seconded the motion. Motion will be posted for thirty days and voted on at the next PTSA meeting, November 3, 2016. BCS PTSA Vote – All Approved**
- **Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) – BCS Basket**

Each BPS school has been asked to create a basket for the Birmingham Education Foundation auction. Our school's theme is A COOK'S CORNER. We are looking to create a beautiful basket filled with all the cooking essentials to make the home cook feel like a gourmet chef. Please consider contributing to the basket by choosing an item from our Sign up Genius, your favorite kitchen item or perhaps contribute in the form of a monetary contribution. Items can be delivered to the front office until December 21st. We really appreciate your help!

[A COOKS CORNER- BCS Birmingham Education Foundation \(BEF\) Auction Basket](#)

Committee Reports

- **3/4 Room Parents - Alifya Vohra & Sue Wright**
 - Halloween Parties and Coney Bingo were great successes!
 - Coney Bingo Suggestion: 2 food lines, bigger room, and more BINGO cards. (S. Wright will look into purchasing more BINGO cards).
 - November 3/4 Room Parent Meeting is November 11.
- **5/6 Room Parents – Laura Duzan & Meredith Carrel**
 - 5/6 Room Parent Meeting is Thursday, November 10. Agenda will include Conference Dinner, Reflections Collection, Winter Party, and gift giving.
- **7/8 Room Parents – Nicole Corum & Joanne Enwright**
 - Targeted parents in high traffic areas for Millage Signs
 - Notified Parents of Groves/Seaholm visits
 - Black Out Party is November 4th.
- **8th Grade Celebration – Nicole Corum**
 - ~Committee Chairs are assigned and working
 - ~Web Site updated under PTSA Home with Celebration information
 - ~Bagel Sales are on target
 - ~Bake Sale on Wednesday, November during Conferences for Fundraiser
 - ~Working to design Collaborative Work Space as 8th Grade Gift
 - ~Will offer NJHS Service hours for 8th Graders volunteering to help with fundraisers

- **Wellness – Daniela Davis**

- Family Yoga Night is November 18 @6PM.

Try yoga for the first time or add to your practice! Come and experience the fun and relaxing art of yoga with your classmates and family on Friday, November 18 in the BCS gym. Taught by local yoga instructor Michael Rice, this unique class begins at 6 p.m. and takes you through a journey. Fee only \$5 per person. Offered by the PTSA through the Wellness initiative. To sign up or for more information, contact Daniela Davis at davismd01@gmail.com. Students must be accompanied by a parent; 8th graders may be dropped off. Bring your mats!

- **Reflections - Diana Patterson**

- Theme is “What is your story?” Entries are due November 11.

- **Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) – Diana Patterson**

- BCS can support through direct donation, Amazon Smile, and Kroger Rewards.
- February 11, 2017 is the date for the Unabashed Bash at The Townsend Hotel (BCS will provide an auction basket.)

- **BLAST – Ryan Abney**

- BCS Blast | Date Highlights**

- BCS Blast | March 19, 2017 | 3pm-7pm
- Wristband Sales | February 22, 2017
- Family Patron | February 22, 2017

- **Community Connections – Nini Dauer**

BCS Open House, Dec 4. 1pm-3pm

Birmingham Covington School will host its annual Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1-3 p.m.

Explore the school with guided tours from BCS students. Get your questions answered and learn why BPS is consistently ranked among the best districts in the state. Registration for 2017-2018 BCS Enrollment Lottery will be accepted during the Open House.

New Business

- None

Old Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20. (Motion – S. Shenefelt, 2nd – S. Byrne)

Handouts: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda for November 3, 2016, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2016, BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE Budget VS Actuals for 2016-2017, *The 203 Times*

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