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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2017

Attendees: L. Duzan, S. Byrne, A. Acey, J. Peterson, S. Wright, S. Shenefelt, M. Morawski, J. Hill, P. Roberts, N. Corum, G. Moran, D. Patterson, D. Davis, A. Vohra

The meeting minutes of November 3, 2016 were approved. **(Motion – S. Byrne, 2nd – P. Roberts)**
The meeting minutes of the BCS PTSA Executive Meeting on December 6, 2016 were approved. **(Motion – A. Vohra, 2nd – S. Byrne)**

Our PTSA Dollars at Work: Pauline Roberts (Instructional Specialist)

Through her work on integration via the Galileo Leadership Lab, Ms. Roberts sought to improve student performance in problem solving (mathematics).

- **PTSA dollars contributed to the purchase of an Exemplars Program.** These “authentic tasks include differentiated version and provide teachers and administrators with a way of assessing students’ problem –solving and communication skills. Real-world material engages students and helps them develop critical thinking and reasoning skills.” (<http://www.exemplars.com/>)
 - Teachers can look up problems by standards.
 - There are three entry points for each problem (differentiation).
 - Each problem has an example of how to solve.
 - Four levels of response (novice, apprentice, practitioner, & expert) allow students to compare their responses to the criteria for each level.

This led to Ms. Roberts’s Action Research Project: Would a graphic organizer help with problem solving?

Ms. Roberts and her colleagues developed the “Problem Solving Solution Pathway” which is a graphic organizer for students to use when tackling a problem. After implementing, assessing, and modifying this graphic organizer over time, the current (5th version) indicates measurable improvement in student performance.

Principal’s Report – Mr. Morawski & Mr. Hill

- **7/8 Field Trips:**
 - **Global Works New Orleans Trip (January 11-16):** Students will participate in the Green Light Project; they will begin with meeting locals while changing out their light bulbs for more environmentally efficient ones. Additionally, they will be doing some environmental work at a municipal park.
 - **Washington D.C. Trip (January 16-22):** Students will see the sights of Washington D.C. (memorials, museums, etc.) as well as attend the Presidential Inauguration.
- **BCS Lottery** is at 6PM on January 11, 2017. The lottery will occur at the BPS Education and Administration Center.
- **ALLOWING YOUR CHILD TO FACE ADVERSITY**
 - The BCS PTSA & BBFA are co-sponsoring this parent form on “Allowing Your Child to Face Adversity” presented by Julie Fisher on Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30-8:00 PM. It’s hard to allow your child to fail at anything but allowing your child to fail often leads to them learning how to succeed. Parents will learn

how failure and success are linked and how that link affects academic and future success. Be sure to attend this FREE event in the BCS media center.

- **SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION FOR ELLA CAI BLONSKY**

- Volunteers from Birmingham Schools are coming together to host a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction to be held **Tuesday, January 24th from 4:30-7:30pm at Derby Middle School**. As you know, there is a BCS Parent Forum this same night at 6:30, so if attend the forum and can't make the Spaghetti Dinner, you can donate at the following link: <https://www.crowdrise.com/ellacainstrong>

OR

- You and your family can plan to attend this important event being held to raise money to help pay for cancer treatments, and other expenses for Ella Blonsky. Ella is a 6th grader at Derby who was diagnosed back in the fall with Synomial Sarcoma, a rare form of soft tissue cancer. She is currently entering her 4th round of chemo and will be undergoing proton radiation treatments. These specialized treatments will be taking place at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The associated, uncovered expenses are great, including necessary travel and lodgings for her family. Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will be sold in the BCS, Derby and Harlan offices **starting, Monday, January 9th**. Tickets for can be purchased for \$10 (children 4-10 years of age can be purchased for \$5). Cash or checks written to Derby Middle School will be accepted.

OR

- **Join the Meal Train for Ella Blonsky's Family:** A sign up to provide home cooked meals daily to the family has been established at this link. Ella's siblings, including Harlan 4th graders, Ava and Zack, remain here at home, and the comfort of a home cooked meal is an easy and welcomed form of support. Please click on this to select an available date: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/md0kek/journal/>.
- For questions, contact BCS parent Kimber Bishop Yanke at girlsempowered@aol.com.

- **IT'S SHOWTIME! BCS PRESENTS MY SON PINOCCHIO JR. SHOW DATES: JANUARY 25, 26 & 27.**

Tickets will be on sale NEXT WEEK - look for more ticket sale details!

SHOW DATES:

- Wednesday, January 27, 4:30PM (Student tickets are BUY ONE GET ONE FREE)
- Thursday, January 28, 7PM
- Friday, January 29, 7PM

All shows are in the BCS Cafeteria!

Questions? Email theatrebcs@gmail.com

- District Accreditation will begin the week of January 16. AdvancEd will visit BCS on January 18 as part of the evaluation process. A special board meeting will be held on January 19 at 3:30 to allow AdvancED to provide an initial report.

- **Activities Update:**

- Super STEM Saturdays for 4th & 5th graders is in the planning process. Sessions are planned to begin in March.
- Winter Sports: Boys Swim (6-8) & Girls Volleyball (7-8)
- IM Basketball – Questions were raised about fees related to programming and scheduling.
- MHSAA Travel Team policy – Questions were asked about inconsistent eligibility requirements related to travel team enrollment. Mr. Hill suggested that parents should express their concerns to the MHSAA.
- Spring Sport Coaches:
 - Cross Country: Ms. Wagner & Ms. D'Orazio
 - Track: Liddell, Mr. Bodle, and Ms. Thompson
 - Tennis: Mr. Whitted

Treasurer's Report – Sheryl Shenefelt

- Current Budget Vs. Actuals was presented. Budget looks good. Encourage budgeted items to be purchased/spent by the end of February if possible.
- Audit was completed and approved. Auditor recommends that we start to SPEND the excess.

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

- **PTSA Annual Audit Results In Good News!** - The annual BCS PTSA Clearinghouse annual audit resulted in significant unspent funds that will allow the PTSA to consider funding projects that did not get funded through this year's budget. On December 6, 2016, the Executive Committee met as a result of the audit and proposed to spend the unspent funds. (Members present were Alicia Acey, Alifya Vohra, Shannon Byrne, Shelli Adams, Sheryl Shenefelt, Mark Morawski and Georgene Moran.) The following were proposed by A. Acey and seconded by S. Byrne:
 - \$28,500 for the BCS Makerspace **(BCS PTSA Vote – All Approved)**
 - \$10,000 for Projector and Screen stage projection in the gymnasium **(BCS PTSA Vote – All Approved)**
 - \$2,600 for updated BCS sign, lighting and lettering **(Vote was postponed in order to post a proposal to commit \$15,000 towards a digital sign. See below.)**
 - **After discussion of the proposal to allocate \$2,600 of unspent funds towards the update of the BCS sign, lighting, and lettering, a motion proposing an additional \$15,000 towards an electronic update of the sign was made by A. Acey and seconded by D. Davis. Motion will be posted for thirty days and voted on at the next PTSA meeting, February 2, 2017.**
- Committee Chairs, please notify management if you plan to return to your position next year.
- Budget requests for the 2017-2018 school year should be made by the end of March.
- Legislative Update – Alicia Acey will be the Legislative Representative for the BPS PTA Council.

Committee Reports

- **3/4 Room Parents - Alifya Vohra & Sue Wright**
 - Beaumont Service Project in December was a great success!
 - Gearing up for the Reading Party.
- **5/6 Room Parents – Laura Duzan & Meredith Carrel**
 - 5/6 Room Parent Meeting is Thursday, January 12.
 - 5/6 Dance Party is January 20th.
- **7/8 Room Parents – Nicole Corum & Joanne Enwright**
- **BCS Blast – Ryan Abney**
 - Blast date - March 19, 2017
 - Wristband and Family Patron Sales - February 22, 2017
 - Online Auction - March 2, 2017 - March 11, 2017

We are still in need of auction items and welcome any donations and/or solicitation support

Closet clean-out in process for the prize room

Carnival games are confirmed (favorites and new selections)

Addition of some arcade games (crane, driving games, guitar hero)

Face painting and airbrush tattoos are confirmed

Food vendor participation: noodles and company (confirmed/no charge), Zoyo yogurt (confirmed/no charge), Slows Bar BQ (pending), Dominos (pending)

Raffle prizes will be new this year (Cedar Point bundle, Amazon Echo speaker, \$100 gift card)

Ticket machine has been acquired to speed up ticket counting

Volunteer signup emails will be sent in February

Working with the district to obtain high school volunteers (will count towards their community service hours)

- **Reflections: Diana Patterson**

- Congratulations to the BCS students whose artwork will advance to the state level for this year's **PTSA Reflections Program**. The judges were very impressed with the passion, commitment and creativity in incorporating the *What Is Your Story?* theme. Our students have embodied the

true spirit of this program by honing in on their personal artistic expression and presenting amazing work! 12 of the 13 BPS schools will represent our district at the state level. BCS is sending 19 entries—more than double any other school! Check out the link.

http://blogs.birmingham.k12.mi.us/bcsccommunitynews/files/2016/12/2016-17_BPS_DISTRICT_REFLECTIONS_PROGRAM_WINNERS-22v06nu.pdf

- **Wellness: Daniela Davis**
 - Boot Camp Event is coming in February.
 - D. Davis will research the cost effectiveness of a set of yoga mats (Choice Hour, PE, Yoga Nights).
- **Box Tops – Lisa Young**
 - Box Tops raised \$287.40 from the Winter submission. Spring submission is due March 1st, with check to be disbursed in April. I expect to have enough volunteers to prep the Box Tops.
 - Amazon Smile only raised \$5.07 for the quarter ending 9/30/16. I am not able to see the number of BCS supporters for the Amazon program, but as a point of comparison, Pierce raised over 10 times what BCS did for the same period.
 - If you have any suggestions outside of the WAG for these programs, it would be greatly appreciated. At Pierce, I send flyers in the take home folders at the beginning of the year, but not sure if that would be as effective at BCS. Perhaps a one-time, dedicated e-mail reminding parents about the programs?
- **Directory – Meredith Carrel**
 - The Directory Committee is working towards launching an online (and "app") version of the directory!
- **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.)
- **BBFA – Jennifer Petersen**
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 - Jennifer is pursuing a BCS outing to a Pistons game.
- **Spirit Wear – Alicia Acey**

New Business

- Concerns were expressed about Choice Hour and the efforts to make them beneficial & successful for all students. Mr. Morawski will work with Ms. Stone to alleviate concerns.

Old Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10. (Motion – N. Corum, 2nd – S. Byrne)

Handouts: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda for January 5, 2017, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes for November 3 2016, BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE Budget VS Actuals for 2016-2017, Unapproved BCS PTSA Executive Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2016, Problem Solving Solution Pathway

Submitted by: Laura Duzan