

Approved

BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2017

Attendees: L. Duzan, S. Byrne, A. Acey, S. Wright, S. Shenefelt, J. Hill, P. Roberts, N. Corum, D. Davis, A. Vohra, A. Truesdell, L. Parkin, M. Wallington, K. Juriga, R. McCloud

The meeting minutes of January 5, 2017 were approved. **(Motion – S. Byrne, 2nd – S. Shenefelt)**

Our PTSA Dollars at Work: Roy McCloud (7/8 Engage)

- Mr. McCloud and a group of his 7/8 students presented two units of study in 7/8 Engage: LAUNCH and EV3 Technology. PTSA dollars were used to assist in funding of supplies for the LAUNCH projects as well as partial purchase of the LEGO MINSTROMS EV3s.

Students used the design thinking process of LAUNCH to develop a marble roller coaster.

L – Look, Listen, Learn

A – Ask Questions

U – Understand through research

N – Navigate Ideas

C – Create a prototype

H – Highlight & Fix

LAUNCH – Send the idea to an authentic audience!

EV3s are used to teach drag & drop programming. Robots were programmed by the students to not leave a field (perimeter) designated by electrical tape.

Principal's Report – Mr. Hill

- Makerspace Update – Components of the BCS Makerspace will have a 3-axis router, 3-D Printer, and laser cutter. BCS is working with the district on the purchase of the appropriate furniture for the fabrication laboratory.
- District Water Testing - Parents received the results of the district-wide water testing. Actions are under way to address the access points that were of concern.
- Athletic Boosters have made a \$1800 contribution to purchase a 10ft x 15ft tent to be used for student athletic events. Tent will be easily identifiable by the student body as it will have the BCS Cobras logo.
- Mat Brown will lead the purchase of Tretrix building systems. **(50222 – FTC -High School)**

Treasurer's Report – Sheryl Shenefelt

- Current Budget Vs. Actuals was presented.

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.
 - N. Corum motioned to spend \$14,950 towards an electronic update of the BCS sign. Motion was seconded by A. Vohra. **(BCS PTSA Vote – All Approved)**

- P. Roberts and A. Truesdell are seeking funding from the PTSA to partially fund the purchase (one book for each BCS family and entire BCS staff) of the book titled *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. This book will be used launch a “year of empathy” at BCS in the 2017-2018 school year. They are also seeking a grant from the Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) for funding.
 - **N. Corum motioned to allocate \$2100 from Unplanned Expenses towards the purchase of the book *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. (Each BCS family and BCS employee will receive a copy.) Motion was seconded by S. Byrne.**
- The BCS Green Committee is requested \$480 to purchase three recycling bins to place throughout the school hallways.
 - **A. Acey motioned to allocate \$480 from Unplanned Expenses towards the purchase of three recycling bins for BCS. Motion was seconded by S. Shenefeld.**

Both motions will be posted for thirty days and voted on at the next PTSA meeting, March 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 February.
- BEF Unabashed Bash is February 11, 2016. Tickets are available until 2/4/17. BEF is seeking a few volunteers to assist that evening. <http://www.supportbef.org/>
- A. Vohra is consolidating all PTSA information digitally (g-mail account). She is also working to expedite our “Promise to Participate” registration process through our MySchoolAnywhere.

Committee Reports

- **3/4 Room Parents - Alifya Vohra & Sue Wright**
 - “Reading to Waikiki” party will be Friday, 2/10.
- **5/6 Room Parents – Laura Duzan & Meredith Carrel**
 - Next meeting is Thursday, 2/9 @9:15.
- **7/8 Room Parents – Nicole Corum & Joanne Enwright**
- **8th Grade Graduation Committee:**
 - Need parents to sell bagels
 - Valentine Grams Fundraiser: Heart candies and notes for sale next week (2/6 - 2/10) for \$1 each. E-Blast and fliers will be sent to all students. Orders will be collected during lunches and in the office. Candy will be delivered February 14th to homerooms. 8th Grade Students to help sell Valentine Grams.
 - 8th Grade Celebration Chairs working on details and finding ways to engage more 8th Grade Parents
- **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
- **Wellness: Daniela Davis**
 - Family Yoga Night is Thursday, February 16.
 - Boot Camp Event is coming in March.
- **Box Tops – Lisa Young**
 - Box Tops - The Spring submission deadline is March 1st. I will be contacting volunteers from Fall Submission to see if anyone interested in helping again.
- **Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) – Diana Patterson**
 - February 11, 2017 is the date for the Unabashed Bash at The Townsend Hotel (BCS will provide an auction basket.)
 - Tickets are available until 2/4. See <http://www.supportbef.org/> for details.

- **BBFA – Jennifer Petersen**
 - BBFA Parent Education Program presents “What’s with the Boys?” with Ted Braude, LMSW, on February 9, at 10AM. (7275 Wing Lake Rd. Bloomfield Hills)
 - BBFA Book Club (*The Gift of Failure* by Jessica Lahey) is Wednesday, March 15, 10-11:30AM at the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Pre-registration is required; go to www.bbfaprevention.org to register.
- **Curriculum Enrichment – Nicole Corum**
 - Geography Bee: Geography Bee was successful! We had 18 kids sign up. Winner will take test to possibly move onto State Tournament.

New Business - None

Old Business

- Choice Hour concerns expressed last month were addressed.

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

Handouts: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda for February 2, 2017, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2017, BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE Budget VS Actuals for 2016-2017, BBFA “What’s With the Boys”, BBFA Book Club Flier

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