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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2011

Attendees: L. Kennedy, E. Robbins, K. Wiggins, T. Valentine, K. Rofick, E. Campbell, L. Shannon, T. Arpasi, M. Frenkel, P. Chinn, L. Kingston, G. Salka, T. Rea, G. Herdegen, M. Lewbel, A. Hartley, K. Mastangelo, C. Balicki

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

The meeting minutes of April 14, 2011 were approved.

Spirit Committee – 8th grade students

- 7 / 8 students collected food as part of their community service project.
- The upcoming dance needs chaperones.
- The committee sponsored two hat days and raised \$200 for the City Mission.
- The committee was asked to make posters to promote the installation of the BCS organic garden.

Principal's Report – A. Hartley

- Teacher absences were discussed. It was suggested that a town hall meeting be held to address the issue with parents.
- Staff changes for the 2011/2012 school year were reviewed.
- Move-up day will be held on June 9th.

Co-Chair Report – M. Lewbel/G. Herdegen

- The PTSA management meeting will be held on May 26th at 7 p.m.
- A thank you was given to G. Herdegen for organizing and sorting equipment, information, and supplies in the PTSA room.
- Notes from staff were circulated thanking parents for Staff Appreciation Week.
- The Covington Technology Celebration will be held on May 19th. Approximately 20 students will be showcasing their projects.
- Volunteers are needed for next year. Positions available include co-chairs for 8th grade celebration, a forensics coach, a locker of the month decorator, a registration coordinator, a spirit committee liaison, and a volunteer to help hang artwork.
- Art Alive will be held in conjunction with Reflections and conferences next year.
- The Birmingham Coalition will host movie night at Booth Park throughout the summer.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer for the installation of the organic garden.
- Check requests and receipts must be turned in as soon as possible.

Community Connections Committee – C. Balicki

- The New Family Breakfast was very successful. Over 200 people attended.
- The BCS Alumni Breakfast will be held on May 17th.
- An email will be sent out inviting all parents to the Parent Appreciation Breakfast hosted by BCS Staff. It was suggested that room parents also send out emails and that teachers post invitations on their blogs.

Communications Committee – E. Robbins

- Next year, a hard copy of the BCS directory will be offered to parents. An option of an electronic copy will also be offered. It is hoped that BCS will transition to predominately offering electronic copies in the future.

Social Committee – L. Shannon / K. Mastrangelo

- The committee is looking for volunteers to help at Wacky Recess.

7 / 8 Committee – G. Salka

- Plans are underway for the 8th grade breakfast.
- Students will be going to Cedar Point for their end of the year trip.

Facilities Committee – report sent

- Preparations for the BCS Organic Garden installation are going well.

Old Business

- The following officers were approved by vote: B. Neel as 1st Year Co- Chair, G. Chapnick as Expense Treasurer, E. Campbell as Recording Secretary, and J. Erne as Correspondence Secretary.
- The budget was discussed. A. Hartley provided a breakdown of teacher requests. Teachers were asked to provide details of their requests for next year to ensure responsible, coordinated, and purposeful purchases. It was decided that a more in depth review of the overall budget and teacher requests was still needed and that a vote be taken to approve the budget and unspent funds at the upcoming management meeting.
- It was suggested that teachers spend what they can in their budgets by September 30, 2011 and that this due date be more strictly imposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Handouts: Unapproved BCS Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2011, BCS PTSA Budget, BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda

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