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BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2011

Attendees: L. Kennedy, E. Robbins, K. Wiggins, T. Valentine, B. Bachand, K. Rofick, E. Campbell, T. Fortney, J. Karmanos, T. Rea, G. Herdegen, A. Hartley, K. Mastangelo, C. Balicki, B. Neel, P. Chinn, C. Balicki, S. Spilkin, R. Lawrence, J. Yolles

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

The meeting minutes of May 22, 2011 were approved.

Welcome to everyone, introductions.

School Operating Millage Renewal presentation - S. Spilkin, R. Lawrence

The importance of voting of November 8th was discussed. Lawn signs are available. Viewed Friends of BPS video. Go to www.friendsofbps.com for more information about the millage.

Principal's Report – A. Hartley

- Mr. Hartley is happy with the first weeks of school. He welcomes back Mrs. Chinn. They have had town hall meetings with the 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8 students. Mr. Hartley discussed the importance of communicating with parents/community. The survey will be sent out again to get more parent opinions.

Co-Chair Report – G. Herdegen/B. Neel

- Thank you!
 - Registration team - H. Sherman, N. Best, E. Robbins and all volunteers.
 - Special Services – S Ciemniecki, T. Arpasi, and K. Erb for Back-to-School Coffee and promise-to-participate data collection and distribution.
 - Ice Cream Social – K. Mastrangelo, D. Hoge, Proud Dads and volunteers.
 - Back-To-School nights - room parent coordinators, room parents and curriculum co-chairs. New this year: the curriculum chairs had a table that highlighted the academic-based extra curricular activities. Great job!
 - Treasurers - G. Chapnick and L. Damman - Registration information and going through the deposits. Budget has been reworked with new codes.
- Direct donation – raised over \$33,000 during the direct donation. That is \$3,000 over our goal.
- PTSA email address: close to having the address ready to go. Emails will be sent directly from PTSA instead of than having to go through the office. If you have questions on distributions, talk to Gina or Brier.

- Gail Tikkanen-Bull, Graphic Designer, has volunteered to assist with fliers. Please contact her if interested.
- Open positions and transitions:
 - Wellness - D. Deutsch-Keahey would like a co-chair
 - Social - needs another co-chair
 - 8th grade celebration- L. Dabaldo and L. Weidner, would like another co-chair, meeting on September 26
 - Student leadership chair- need a chair
 - Technology - looking for new co-chairs, current co-chairs will be moving on from BCS in within a couple of years
 - Blast- need co-chairs, current chairs are moving on at the end of this year
 - E-bugle, will need new co-chair(s) next year
 - Disability awareness workshop- we are looking for a 5th or 6th grade parent to chair
- Budget update: Still finalizing codes and numbers for the budget. Unapproved funds will be shown in the document.

Treasurer's Report- G. Herdegen, reporting for G. Chapnick and L. Damman

See new business.

Committee Reports

Community Connections Committee – C. Balicki - Green committee will be meeting soon. Open house is December 4th.

Room Parent Coordinators

7/8 - T. Fournety - Curriculum night is tonight.

5/6 - T. Valentine - Meeting on Wed.

¾- J. Karmanos - Meeting on Friday.

Facilities – K. Wiggins - Garden Day is Oct 1

Curriculum – L Kennedy - Thank you to E. Robbins, who created curriculum brochures for each grade level. The brochures will be posted on the websites.

E-Bugle – J. Yolles - They are working on the protocol form to make communication easier. Discussion about having the pictures in a centralized site for the PTSA. R. Lawrence will create a Picasa account for the PTSA.

Reflections/ Box Tops -T. Rea - Please bring in box tops or turn them in to the office. You can also go to www.boxtopsforeducation.com to link up your Kroger card.

Directory - E. Robbins -Directory has gone to print. About 100 people have signed up for the PDF version for \$3. Everyone still gets a hard copy. It was suggested that a reminder be sent out to let parents know the PDF version is still available.

Proud Dads- G. Herdegen, reporting for D. Stone -Annual meeting is September 26th at 6:30. They are looking for volunteers to assist with registration at the meeting from 6:00-7:15. They also are looking for volunteers for the Garden Day on October 1st.

Blast –G. Herdegen, reporting for K. Gilbert - First meeting is next Tuesday. They are looking for more help. Need new co-chairs for 2012-2013. The meeting schedule is on the BCS calendar.

New Business

Car pool coordinator- S. Reno is willing to coordinate a new committee to coordinate a car pool. It is suggested that she connect with P. Roberts to get word out for green initiative.

Geography Bee and Geography Choice Hour- E. Robbins presented information about the Geography Bee and a choice hour to be taught by L. Braisted. Applications will need to be purchased to prepare for the Bee. The Bee will take place between November and January 13th. The winner will go on to the state bee. There will be an optional materials fee for take home materials. Choice hour will also need classroom materials. Total cost for the Bee is estimated at \$145. Total cost for the Choice Hour materials is estimated at \$260

Motion made by L. Kennedy, seconded by T. Fortney to fund the \$145 for the fees associated with the Geography Bee. The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion made by L. Kennedy, seconded by T. Fortney to fund \$260 for the materials needed for the Geography Choice Hour. The motion was passed unanimously.

Quickbooks Online - To streamline the data entry, upgrading to Quickbooks Online was recommended by the treasurer team. The cost is \$24.95 per month for 2 sign-ons. Annual cost is approx \$250.

Motion made by K. Rofick, seconded by K. Wiggins to approve the cost of Quickbooks Online to and to have Quickbooks Online as the PTSA accounting software. The motion was passed unanimously.

Millage renewal_ PTSA previously passed a \$1000 donation to the millage renewal efforts. The donation was originally \$1500, but was later decreased to \$1000 due to budget concerns. Discussion ensued about raising the donation back to the original amount of \$1500.

Motion made by B. Neel, seconded by T. Fortney to increase donation to Friends of BPS from \$1000 to \$1500 as originally decided. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

Submitted by E. Campbell