

MINUTES
BBMS PTA Executive Board Meeting
20 May 2009

Present: Donna Sudbrook, Carolyn Jameson, Nan Brown, Jennie Decarrier Benzon, Kathy Green, Beth Webster, Amy Schroeder, Jillian Storms, Gail Miller-Myers, Tiffany Wendt, Michele Doyle-Wetzelberger, Debbie Waeger, Shawna Collins, Trudy van den Deijssel

Welcome

Minutes of last meeting were approved. Jenny thanks Donna for everything she did and gave her flowers.

1. Administration and Teacher reports (Carolyn)

Staff thanks PTA for staff appreciations.

STARS was a good celebration, wants to continue this.

Parents volunteer appreciation reception on May 28 small PTA meeting. Need 10 people for approval of new bylaws and PTA officers for next year.

Today was 5th grade orientation.

Parent information night for 5th grade tomorrow may 21st at 7pm with power point presentation

Mrs. Brown and some teacher did MSA algebra testing, it was online this time. Next week World Language Assessments.

Science MSA went OK too.

5 long term subs are working at BBMS now, because of maternity leaves.

May 22nd wellness day: there will be a video presentation shown to the 7th grade and 8th grade for stimulating health change. May 28th BBMS chorus concert

June 3rd 8th grade HHS visitation

June 4th Presidential awards is for 8th graders

June 8th 8th grade picnic at Centennial Park.

June 9th Band/Orchestra Concert LRH

June 12th 8th Grade Farewell Ceremony at HHS from 6-8.30pm

June 17 8th grade dance same day as basketball game with staff.

Mrs. Waeger (6th grade): Outdoor ED was great!

Today they had presentation about anti smoking, it was great. You can see it online.

Thanks for donations of \$1800 from BBMS parents for students unable to pay for Outdoor ED and snacks and water donated by Pepsi, wonderful!

Mrs. Doyle-Wetzelberger (7th grade): Patapsco park field trip was great. Stream study was amazing. It was very well run by Chesapeake foundation.

Today kids could write 5 things what was bothering them. 76% said bullying was the worst and gum was also an issue, they could also write solutions.

Thinking about going to Savage Park next year.

Donations for other kids were wonderful. It has been a wonderful year.

The lessons are posted online (positive attitude, bullying etc.) This gives parents the possibility to talk it over with their kids.

Maybe send email to parents as a reminder.

Donna will check with Linda Gilmore about donations of drinks for summer school.

2-8 PTA Officer reports; President, Vice President, Secretary, Delegate etc. on the agenda

Donna: Mrs. Blum sent us a thank you card.

There will be a brief PTA meeting at the BBMS Parent Volunteer appreciation Reception on May 28 at 3.05 pm in the Media Center to announce and vote on the slate of PTA officers for next year. We may also be voting to update our bylaws. More details to follow. Nominating Tiffany Wendt for President, Kathy Green for Treasurer and Beth Webster as Secretary.

Pta fundraiser maybe on Tuesday June 2nd .

Amy Schroeder: Ms. Kupisch says there are enough volunteers for 8th grade events.

Donna will send an email to the yahoo group if 7th grade parents want to come to the 8th grade dance in order to get an idea. Maybe they are also interested to help.

A lot of stuff doesn't come home from the kids, some even don't return interims. Think about sending paperwork by email.

Kids can apply to PTA Council of Howard County for college scholarships each year. Check out the website, www.ptachc.org for more information.

Jillian Storms is working on bullying program: have parents involved, so they know what to tell their kids. Bully forms go to County level and parents are being contacted by them. Speak out to parents!

3. PTA Treasurer's report

Donna says we are doing well. Try to do one more Restaurant night, maybe on June 2nd at Chick-fil-A.

June 30 is deadline for closing the books for this PTA budget year. The new PTA budget for the 2009-2010 school year will be written by the budget committee (includes the PTA Treasurer) over the summer and voted on at the first PTA General Membership meeting of the new school year. Often this meeting is scheduled at the beginning of the Back to School Night in late September.

Next meeting: June 10, 2009

Minutes submitted by Trudy van den Deijssel