

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

March 3, 2010

Present:

Principal Ms. Carolyn Jameson and Vice Principal Nan Brown

Teachers: Stefanie Taylor(7th grade), Kimberley Harris(6th grade), Marci Smit(related education)

PTA board members: Tiffany Wendt, Gail Miller-Myers, Beth Webster, LaVonne Delattiboudere, Kathy Green, Trina Thames

PTA Committee Chairs: Laura Zulick, Jillian Storms, Donna Sudbrook, Sandra Miller

February minutes approved

President's Report, Tiffany Wendt

-Thank you to Stefanie Taylor and Gail Miller-Myers for the Poetry Slam

-Spoke to Sandi Miller about dance. Scheduled for 5/13 which is Thursday but needs someone to coordinate. Because of low attendance in past question whether we should skip this year. Also, IES dance same night.

-Girls on the Run-Spoke to Maura Dunningan. Need two coaches and Maura and Trina Thames have been to all of the training and are willing to run the program. Do we want to commit to the program? Liability insurance included in the program.

-Fundraisers-May 11-Q-Doba night. Amy Schroeder arranging a Chick-Fil-A night for April.

-Internet safety-perhaps have seminar with Howard High or on our own. Netcetera-brochures ordered to hand out to students.

-Nominating committee-Tiffany would like to have emails from members if would like to continue role next year. Will be losing a number of executive board members and committee members.

Treasurer's Report-Kathy Green

-Submit for reimbursements if needed.

-Approved \$1,100 of general funds for calculators. Hoping to have more money as needed at end of year.

1st Vice President's Report-Joanne Hackman- No report

2nd Vice President's Report-Gail Miller-Myers

-Poetry Slam a success. PTA and school website will post pictures. Ms. Jameson presented a poem. Encouraging students to submit poetry to Word Up Contest. 12 students involved this year with about 60 in attendance. Gail and Ms. Taylor suggested they try to get more students involved. Would like to devise more strategies for increase. Perhaps expand to more of an arts type program to include musicians. Howard High Poetry Slam scheduled for 3/15. Jillian Storms mentioned having a professional poetry slam present at our school-she wrote a grant for her elementary school and was able to get Gail Danily. Jillian to send a link to PTA with information.

Principal's Report-Carolyn Jameson

-Thank you to PTA dinner for custodial staff as a thank you for clearing snow.

-New baby update. Ms. A.W. had a boy. Sara McKinley is her long term sub. Ms. Sharbaugh had baby girl. Holly Byron is her long term sub

-Special thank you to STARS family.

-Good turn- out for honor roll assemblies and Breakfast of Champions.

-Mr. Klamut across the street from BBMS watches out for cars around Ilchester Road. Parents have been cooperative with driving especially with snow build up.

-Civility-wants to revive the concept of civility around the county and within our school. Teachers receiving a number of emails about certain topics, sometimes negative. Many of these are from the same parent. This is very stressful for the teachers and Ms. Jameson wants to help the teachers. Asked teachers and team leaders to keep track of how many emails they get from certain parents. If too many, will tell parent that they can no longer email teacher for communication but can call a teacher to discuss an issue. Ms. Jameson stresses that they all value support from parents and wants to work together for the good of the student. Asking that parents go back to civility guidelines. Asking for PTA help in spreading the word. Suggested that PTA recommend parents go to hcpss website or stop by office and get civility bookmark. Also suggested a reminder be sent out in weekly BBMS email newsletter.

- Diane Martin, from the student affairs office in central office, oversees summer school and academic intervention program. She and Ms. Jameson were able to recruit three men to help with a mentoring program at BBMS. These mentors met with 3 students yesterday at BBMS. These mentors were invited to come in during lunch time to get involved. Seeking Dad's to

come into school. Give names to Ms. Jameson if we know of any other males who would like to mentor our students.

-WATCH DOG program-whatever happened to this?

-Ramp to be built in the back of BBMS to allow wheelchair bound student more access to outside field. Date to be built not yet determined.

-Horizon Foundation-philanthropy group in HoCo. Ms. Jameson on council for Ellicott City. Sponsoring a middle school dance. Sponsoring other events. Fliers to go home with students.

-Attending staffing meeting tomorrow.

-April 22 and May 14 students will be attending school as a make up for snow days

-June 23 last day of school.

-Intellectual disability is new term for mental retardation in school system

Vice Principal's Report, Nan Brown

-MSA Math March 9 and 10

-MSA Reading March 16 and 17

-Student play this Friday and Saturday, Romeo and Winifred.

PTAC Report, Donna Sudbrook

-Calendar set now for rest of school year with changes due to snow days.

Committee Reports

-Hospitality Chair, Jenn Hawes –No report

-Volunteers/STARS Chair, Amy Schroeder – No report

-PALS- -Special Events Chair, Sandra Miller-Selection of movies sent to Mr. Herdman for student council to review for Movie Night on April 23. Unable to obtain funding from community. Last school dance unable to be led by Sandi. Suggested canceling the dance and carnival because of lack of funding.

-Website Chair Sandra Miller-Letterhead removed because of security risk.

PTACHC Delegate Lavonne Delattiboudere- No report

Reflections Chair Jillian Storms- Will be picking up awards for students for participating in the event. Students will be acknowledged during announcements once awards received.

-Positive Climate Chair, Lavonne Delattiboudere – Mission Statement developed. List of life skills development workshops developed. Parents for Positive Behavior-would like to give survey to students in class and get students and parents to work together toward changes. Suggested workshops geared more towards children rather than parents. Ideas being developed.

-Membership Chair Laura Zulick-No report

-Spiritwear-No report

-PTACHC Delegate, Trina Thames- No report

Teachers Report:

-8th grade representative, New York trip March 24.

-7th grade representative, Stefanie Taylor-Thank you to PTA for donations towards field trip to Medieval Times and Poe re-enactor. Grassroots to restart March 22nd. Making the Intro Boxes discussed last month. Students to start bringing in donations.

6th grade representative, Kim Harris-Outdoor Education forms sent home and due April 30th. Wiki space for questions and forms.

Related Arts representative, Marci Smidt- working with Ms Mongello for Wellness Day May 28 for 7th graders. Community support change to inspire students to work with community.

Minutes typed and submitted by Secretary Beth Webster