

BBMS PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2009

Present: Tiffany Wendt, Beth Webster, Lauri Via, LaVonne DeLattiboudre, Amy Schroeder, Kathy Green, Joanne Hackman, Donna Sudbrook, Gail Myers, Laura Zulick, Devi Orzechowski, Jillian Storms, Trina Thames

Meeting called by Tiffany Wendt, President at 7:10 pm

President's Report-Tiffany Wendt

Direct donation over \$7,190.00 collected so far. Over 100 families donating. Ice cream social successful.

Can go on Great American website at anytime and purchase wrapping paper and magazines and get credit. Need to follow up and put this in newsletter to let people know.

Donations-need to devise a spreadsheet of who donated what amount to track. Will have table set up at Back to School night for donations. Asked 8th graders to come up with a skit at back to school night to promote direct donations.

Joanne Hackman-would like to see how PTA membership vs. direct donations are split and not just clumped together. Needs to be confidential. Tiffany to remove checks and pass papers to Laurie Z. to manage spreadsheet.

Add space for parent's to join PTA yahoo group at back to school night. Maybe give sheet of paper for people to take home to join.

Treasurer's Report-Kathy Green

Have \$3,700 hoping to give to school since they can't collect activity fee. But we need to get over \$12,000 direct donations before we can give this to the school.

Tiffany to put reminder in newsletters about ordering online for wrapping paper and magazines. Beth to get Tiffany the school code.

Donna to give us bullet points as to where PTA money goes on back of budget distributed at back to school night. Joanne suggested putting descriptions of what committee members do so they know when they sign up to volunteer.

V.P. Report's

2nd VP-Special Events: Gail Myers

Fall Fling Oct 15th. Looking to get donations for refreshments. Sandy and Gail to do this from local merchants. To sell tickets before and days leading up to the event. Tiffany talked to WEB coordinator (Ms. Kozlowski) and the WEB leaders would like to help.

Community Events: Would like to do things for the community and get kids involved with community service. Gail to get information for events like food collection. MD food bank low on donations. Try to incorporate this throughout the school year and not just holiday time(poetry slam?). SHARE program-assemble packages for people. Food pantry at Elkridge. Trina added that her church serves food every Friday night and she will call the contact there to see if they need help. They also have a clothes closet for donated clothing. May need help distributing clothes and maybe sorting. She will get back to us with dates and number of volunteers needed. Jackie also has a contact with CA and will get back to us.

1st VP-Fundraising-Joanne Hackman

Without activity fee asking parent's to consider direct donations vs. door to door fundraising. Asking \$50 per family. Potential that PTA can give parent's opportunity to purchase calculators. Business is Bytes and Pieces selling TI 84 Core Plus and TI 84 Silver. 20% of profits donated back to PTA. May be too late to do this year since most kids already purchased calculators. Target incoming 6th graders in spring"?? Looking at creating a roster for chairperson's to pull out resources when needed and to ask people for helping at special events.

Principal's Report: Carolyn Jameson-No report

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: No report

Spiritwear: No report

Volunteers/STARS-Amy Schroeder- waiting for directory list. Will add to list of those who want to volunteer. Will start to get STARS program up and running.

Cultural Arts: Jillian Storms- Reflections Theme is "Beauty Is". Had 7 entries last year but 5 qualified and 2 went on to the state level. Due date would need to be right before or after Thanksgiving. Needs help getting more students to participate and would like to work with art teacher or others. Administration encouragement is key. Gail suggested that she contact Poetry Slam parent's who may have kids who can participate. She will also contact Ms. Sharbaugh who has a small "leadership" group of kids who may be able to participate. Would like to increase the program. Will have something at back to school night.

Positive Climate-Jillian suggested BBMS form a new committee to address the bullying issue and new county anti-bullying policy. Need to get chair person. Jillian cannot serve since leading other committees. Suggested that someone from administration serve on committee. Need to find out the changes in the bullying policy. Trying to get someone from the State Prosecutors Office to come in to the school and talk to the kids. **Watchdog program**-Donna explained it is about a dad takes a day and walks in hallways, etc. Overall school safety. Can this be tied into the positive climate program? Feel the administration needs to be involved. 2 programs-one through curriculum and one through student services. Talk to Ms. Jameson about the PBIS and I make a difference program and see how we can work together to reduce problems. Jillian suggested we may need an official vote on making a new committee to work with administration. May fall under SIT committee. Jaqueline K. is SIT leader and may be able to help. Amy S. to add this committee to volunteer list.

Directory-Laurie Vi-143 families signed up so far.

Giant-Money comes to school not directly to PTA. Program starts Oct or Nov. Need to push people to register. Tiffany reported many people put their Giant bonus number on direct donation forms.

Boxtops-Donna Sudbrook reported Sonal wants to start soon collecting. Will continue to make contest out of homerooms and give out scholar dollars for reward.

Misc.: Yard sale that IES holds on Oct 10th. Donna asked if we want to participate?

Teachers are desperate for tissues to be donated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Next meeting scheduled for Oct. 2nd

Minutes submitted by Beth Webster