

BBMS PTA Executive Board Minutes

September 15, 2010

Present:

Principal Ms. Carolyn Jameson , Vice Principal Nan Brown

Teachers/Staff: Tanya Johnson, Stefanie Taylor, Jarrett Emery, Alyson Quick

PTA board members: LaVonne DeLattiboudere, Bernice Dargan, Sandra Miller, Sangita Patel, Beth Webster, Trina Thames

PTA Committee Chairs: Jillian Storms, Dedra Harris, Gail Miller-Myers, Laura Zulick, Kathy Daisey, Meena Amin

PTA members/parents: Jennifer Campbell, Meena Khatri, Lisa Lewald, Lori Magoon, Loren Agrusti, Brenda Sanders, Meena Khatri, Liz Beachum, Brandon Love, Stephanie Robinson, Florence Okeh, Polly Weber, Maryann Cohea

August minutes approved

President's Report, LaVonne Delattiboudere

- **Purpose of PTA** read and will be read prior to each meeting

-**Back to School** night will have a table with information on committee's open and what positions need to be filled.

-**Maryland Business Roundtable for Education**- Presentations are 45-50 minutes and are conducted in classrooms during Oct. Nov or Dec. Targeted for 8th graders. Principal and Administration to review the program to see if it is something we can do at BBMS. Program intertwines with county curriculum and state.

1st VP, Bernice Dargan-no report

2nd VP, Sandra Miller

-**WATCHDOG Program** cost is \$350 to start up. Additionally, there will be a pizza night for new Dad's that will cost ~\$100 and the need to purchase walkie talkies for ~\$50. Therefore, approximate total cost is ~\$500. Dad's will be required to purchase t-shirts for identification. Sandra will be making appointment with Vice Principal to determine where to utilize DAD's. At least one Dad per day but target 2-3 per day.

-**Social Events**-new chair Meena Amin. Sandra to be assistant. School dance set for Feb. 11. Spring dance dates to be determined. Possible carnival in spring. Hope to take half of the profits from the dance for carnival. This would be a huge event and we would need lot of volunteers.

-**International night**-would also need committee. If interested contact Sandra. Ms. Jameson suggested contacting language teachers Ms. Romans and Ms. Ravera.

-**Website**-difficult to obtain information from parents and school staff to be posted on website. Don't want delay on information to be posted.

-**Greater Elkridge Community Association** and Elkridge Elementary School PTA are having a meeting on Nov 23rd to discuss the building of a new school.

-**School Nurses** are looking for volunteers for upcoming hearing and vision screening

-**BJ's fundraising**-renewal or new member fundraiser. Must sign up by 9/29

-Volunteers Committee chair desperately needed. Other committees needing help. Can go online to sign up.

Treasurer's Report, Sangita Patel temporary budget set up. Will be handed out at back to school night for vote.

Principal's Report, Carolyn Jameson

-Smooth opening to school year

-**Shark Time** Schedule-going well. Anti-Bullying activities.

-**Race to the Top** Federal Grant-Howard county to receive \$700,000.00. Accountability and new teachers become tenured in 3 years are changes.

-**Breakfast program** has been a hit. New program this year. Averaging about 30 students per day.

-**Picture day** Sept. 21

-**BBMS Website**-Claire Striebich has worked extremely hard to get it up and running.

-**Girls on the Run** program to start. Headed by Maura Dunnigan. Trina Thames spoke about the program: the goal is to build self-esteem for girls. Ultimate goal is to run 5k race. Group activities and work out. 12 schools in the county participating.

-Upcoming Events:

-Back to school night Sept. 30th 7pm all grades. Foreign language 6:15-6:30 and GT from 6:30-6:50

-Family life meeting 9/22

-No longer have food pantry here at school. Encouraging families to go to Howard County Food bank. If parents cannot get to food bank let Heather Graham(PPW) know and she will help out.

Teachers Reports:

-**6th grade, Tanya Johnson**-Outdoor Education planned for May. Will also be planning an English/Language Arts field trip.

-**7th grade, Stefanie Taylor**-appreciate funds donated by PTA. Field trips set up for Baltimore National Aquarium Nov. 1 and Medieval Times March 4. Science field trip to be planned. Fundraisers at Chick Fil A to be set up. Also suggestions for Pei Wei.

-**8th grade**-No report

-**Related Arts:** Mr. Emery- Turkey Trot planned for Nov. 19th. A food drive will be a part of the day with the food being distributed to 2 food pantries. Looking for 2 volunteers. Inviting all families to run.

-**PBIS-fun day** each quarter. Use scholar dollars earned to sign up for events(Incentives for good behavior). Need money and parent volunteers to support this. **Shark shop** is also reward where scholar dollars can be used. Open every other Friday. Will be having a silent auction at back to school night to help support the program. Asking for donations for the auction. Can sponsor a basket if want to donate and promote your business. Staff rewards are given also. PBIS meeting 3rd Monday of every month. They are held after school and all are encouraged to be part of the meeting to give suggestions.

-**BBMS school psychologist, Alyson Quick**-Shark Talk plans. Have focused on 3 R's the first weeks of school. Next 2 weeks working on goal setting activities. Oct. lessons on organization and study skills. Oct. will have a reflection time . Ms. Germroth working on WIKI space so parents can access the lessons.

Committee Reports:

-PALS, Dayna Crisco-Dayna not present report given by **Kathy Daisy**. PALS is acronym for Parent Assisted Lunch . Need more volunteers.

-Hospitality Chair- no report

-Special Events Chair, Sandra Miller-

-PTAC, Trina Thames- Discuss all types of issues in schools throughout county. Can look at website to see upcoming topics.

-Reflections, Jillian Storms-Reflections is an annual program sponsored by the National PTA. Theme this year is "Together We Can". If school gets more than one applicant then run-off among them to go to county level. Monetary award given. Can compete at state and national level. Deadline is Nov. 19th for submissions.

-Membership and Direct Donations, Laura Zulick- About \$6,080 raised so far. Needs help working tables at back to school night.

-Poetry Night, Gail Miller Myers- Ms. Taylor presented the poetry night theme at county and got other schools interested. Poetry night this year set for Feb. 4. Students will start putting poetry together in January.

-Parents for Positive Behavior, Jillian Storms- committee has not met yet this year. Goals are to have a parent component and for students to have respect for each other .. Guidance counselor to help. This is also in conjunction with Shark Talk programs students are being taught in school. Would like more people to be a part of this committee.

-Student Directory, Beth Webster-Will be sending information home for families to enter information into spreadsheet online. Directory will be online like last year but ability for someone to request hard copy if they don't have computer access. Also, we will be having media computers available at back to school night for parents who do not have access at home to enter data. Information about this to be sent home next Friday with students and given out at back to school night.

-Boxtops, Dedra Harris-new chair.

-Health and Wellness, Yvette Rooks-new committee. No report

President Lavonne DeLattiboudere thanked parents for coming out. Encouraged everyone to continue to support us.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Beth Webster