

## Approved

### BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2017

**Attendees:** L. Duzan, S. Byrne, A. Acey, A. Vohra, N. Corum, J. Enwright, S. Shenefelt, M. Morawski, J. Hill, J. Leibson, S. Adams

The meeting minutes of February 2, 2017 were approved. **(Motion – A. Acey, 2<sup>nd</sup> - A. Vohra)**

#### **Our PTSA Dollars at Work: Joe Leibson (Spanish)**

Mr. Leibson detailed how the purchase of 10 iPads with PTSA dollars has benefited the foreign language programs at BCS. Use of the iPads includes:

- Speaking Tests (students record themselves and submit to teacher)
- NearPod – Interactive slides are used to engage students, connect them in discussions, and informally assess student progress
- Kahoot! – Teachers use this game-based learning platform to assess vocabulary understanding.

#### **Principal's Report – Mr. Hill**

- Character Connections on 3/3 – Students should wear pink; Leadership Team will lead a team building exercise on communication.
- Spring Conferences will be held on Wednesday, 3/22/17 from 5-8 PM and Thursday, 3/23/17 from 1-4 PM and 5-8 PM. Sign up through your child's teacher.
- Birbery date is rescheduled to Monday, March 6, at 12:45 in the Media Center.
- Makerspace Update – Components of the BCS Makerspace are on order and furniture needs/configuration are being assessed.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Sheryl Shenefelt**

- Current Budget Vs. Actuals was presented.
- The BCS Sign – Update  
We are waiting on a new design (better visibility) and quote from Gardner Sign.
- Budget Committee  
Budget requests for 2017-2018 are being accepted.  
March 21 and March 24 are the dates scheduled for creating the 2017-2018 budget.
- The following motions were voted on and approved by the BCS PTSA Vote.
  - **N. Corum motioned to allocate \$2100 of Unplanned Expenses towards the purchase of the book *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. (Each BCS family and BCS employee will receive a copy.) The motion was seconded by S. Byrne. **(Motion to vote: S. Byrne, 2<sup>nd</sup> – A. Acey; BCS PTSA Vote – all approved)****
  - **A. Acey motioned to allocate \$480 of Unplanned Expenses towards the purchase of three recycling bins for BCS. The motion was seconded by S. Shenefelt. **(Motion to vote: N. Corum, 2<sup>nd</sup> – A. Vohra; BCS PTSA Vote – all approved)****

#### **Co-Chairs' Report – Alicia Acey, Shannon Byrne, and Alifya Vohra**

- Legislative Update - PTA Council is in close correspondence about new legislative measures.

- Dr. Nerad - Recent e-mail addressed the district's view/actions in regards to recent racial and discriminatory incidences at BPS schools.
- Bond Work – This summer BPS will work on high school auditoriums, technological updates, and secure entrances.
- Water Testing – District sent recent e-mail outlining how they address problems.
- Principal Openings – Both Seaholm & Groves are seeking principal candidates.
- Legislative Council – Alicia Acey is the Committee Chair on the Legislative Council.
- **Handouts:**
  - Dr. Michelle Borba @ Seaholm Auditorium on 3/20/17 (7PM)
  - Concussion Forum @BPS Education & Administration Center on 3/21/17 (7PM)
  - Volunteer of the Year – PTSA Volunteer of the Year nominations are due 4/13/17.

## Committee Reports

- **3/4 Room Parents - Alifya Vohra & Sue Wright**
  - "Reading to Waikiki" party went well. They are working on the Spring Conference Dinner.
- **5/6 Room Parents – Laura Duzan & Meredith Carrel**
  - Next meeting is Thursday, 3/9 @9:15.
  - Donations for the VA Hospital were collected in February and notes of gratitude/encouragement were written by all 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **7/8 Room Parents – Nicole Corum & Joanne Enwright**
  - Working on the Collaborative Space as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gift
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Committee**
  - Collecting 8<sup>th</sup> grade photos for graduation until 3/31.
- **BCS Blast – Ryan Abney**

Blast packets have been mailed to all BCS families.  
Family Patron, wristband, and punch card sales began 2/24 and will continue until 3/13.  
Blast volunteer sign ups will go out on March 1st to 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8 separately.  
All games, food, and decor have been finalized.  
Class Baskets have been finalized.  
Class Basket setup will be Friday, March 17th - time TBD  
Auction item entry is in full swing and will be complete by March 5th.  
Below is the PTA sign up link for positions that require cash handling. Please distribute accordingly.

  - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094AABAB23A02-2017>
- **Wellness: Daniela Davis**
  - Fitness expert Jody Trierweiler from "Jody's FitLife" on Comcast and "Live in the D" on WDIV-4 will be leading a Family Fitness Class on Wednesday, March 29th at 7pm in the gym. The class will include exercises such as push-ups, lunges, and jumping that will be both fun and challenging for all ages. Parents and kids are encouraged to come together to get stronger and burn calories while having fun! Grades 3 and up; 8th graders can be dropped off. There will be a \$5 donation with light refreshments afterward. To RSVP please contact Daniela Davis at [davismd01@gmail.com](mailto:davismd01@gmail.com).
- **Reflections – Diana Patterson**
  - Celebration lunch has been rescheduled to April 25<sup>th</sup>; awaiting winners announcement.
- **Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF) – Diana Patterson**
  - Raised \$158,000 at the Unabashed Bash; tickets purchased by PTSA and used by parents helped fundraising!

- **BBFA – Jennifer Petersen**
  - Your Teen & The Law
    - Presented by Judge Kimberly Small, Detective Mike Romanowski, and Attorney Jonathan Abrahams
    - March 14, 2017
    - 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ The Doyle/Booth Center: 7275 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
  - BBFA Book Club (*The Gift of Failure* by Jessica Lahey) is Wednesday, March 15, 10-11:30AM at the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Pre-registration is required; go to [www.bbfaprevention.org](http://www.bbfaprevention.org) to register.
- **Curriculum Enrichment – Nicole Corum**
  - Geography Bee: Toland Corum is going to finals!
- **Box Tops – Lisa Young**
  - 10/31-1/30 – collected \$49.34 from Kroger Rewards
  - [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) - select BEF or BCS
- **Community Connections – Nini Dauer**
  - Working on the New Family Breakfast
- **Green Team – Margaret Whitfield**
  - BCS has received all points to become a Green School.
  - Earth Week flyer will detail various activities throughout the week.
  - Waste Free Week (work with Chartwells)
  - Collect Change to adopt an animal (4/10 – 4/22)
  - 3/4 and 5/6 go to Earth Day movie; 7/8 – possible speaker
  - List of Earth Day activities for Saturday 4/22 for families
- Proud Dads – Eat & Run was a huge success!
- Technology – Amy Kappaz – working to update website to district format.

**New Business - None**

**Old Business - None**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8PM (Motion – A. Acey, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Shenefelt)**

**Handouts:** BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda for March 2, 2017, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2017, BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE Budget VS Actuals for 2016-2017, Weekly Legislative Update – 2/24/17, Dr. Michelle Borba Flyer, and Play Smart, Play Safe Flyer

Submitted by: L. Duzan