

BCSD Central PTSA Board Meeting
December 12, 2018

Central Administration Building

Attendance: Natalie Pincus, Alissa Chilson, Kelsey Rinella, Dan Goldman, Stephanie Bush, Emily Brown, Denise Kotalik, Stacia Rush, Heather Goerlich, Heather Coyne, Manish Dixit, Leslie Seltzer, Christina Pearson, Jacqui Liebman, Sangita Patel, Maranne McDade-Clay, Katrina Robinson.

Call to Order: 9:35 a.m.

Alissa Chilson, Vice President, presiding in Emily Minerva's stead.

I. Officers' Reports

Secretary: Approval of November minutes tabled to next month.

Treasurer:

- FRES Movie Night in November raised \$1,994! Building funds have changed a little bit: class of 2023 account has increased due to successful 8th Grade Activity night.
- See Budget Report attached.

II. Building Reports

CRPS

- Our school pictures went home very late, less than a week before retakes. We'd like to present this issue to the board to take into consideration for next year. Discussion regarding quality and timeframe of photo delivery. Have Linda Wilcox here next meeting to discuss further.
- Our Hospitality Chair, Johnita Anthony, created a sign-up page asking for parents to provide snacks for our teachers during our December parent/teacher conference days and staff meeting. A link to the sign-up is being shared around on Facebook and in our school emails. Many parents have signed up already, however, any further contributions are greatly appreciated for our parent/teacher conferences on Friday.
- Our Crayola Recycling collection has started. There are many boxes set up around Council Rock and FRES where any dried out markers (not just Crayola) will be accepted.

FRES

- Meeting with the Principal featured an excellent Impact Earth presentation, but could have been better attended. Recycling has changed – many items now no longer recyclable. Discussion of whether a presentation to should be done on a district level.
- Concerts have been great!
- Game night on Monday at Barnes & Noble went well, with 10 families attending. Will try the next Game Night at the FRES cafetorium.
- Book fair is happening now and going well. We needed to re-supply some books. Story night last night with Dr. Rioux.
- First digital report cards coming out this week.

TCMS

Past Events:

- Heart & Sole ran their 5K on Sunday, December 9.
- Best Buddies had a shopping excursion to the mall this past weekend.
- The Lego Championship was held on Sunday, December 9.
- We are in the midst of the fall concert season.
- Gr 7 ESS class went to see *Thurgood* at the Geva Theatre.
- Gr 8 ELA students were docents at the Memorial Art Gallery on December 11 as part of a project on resilience. They also read the book "Okay for Now" by Gary Schmidt. It was a well-attended event and included a band musical performance.
- The cast of *Hairspray Jr.* had two performances in November. Play was very engaging; all students worked very hard to pull off two great shows!
- TCMS Meeting with the Principal was held on December 5 at 8 am. The subject was "Technology in the Classroom" and about 6 teachers gave presentations on how they utilize technology in the classroom. Teacher presentations were extremely informative and demonstrated the different ways technology is being used 6th - 8th grade! Wish we had taped it!

Upcoming Events:

- More concerts!
- Winter Activity Nights will be held in January and early February.
- TCMS Ski & Snowboard Club starts up in January.
- Gr 8 Parents Orientation at BHS

BHS

- Meeting with the Principal: Discussion on Vaping. Dr. Michael Mendoza, Commissioner of Public Health, was at the meeting, as was Lance Mitchell, BHS Prevention/Intervention Youth Specialist in the Guidance Office. Education needs to start at FRES; if waiting until high school, it's too late. Disappointing

attendance at both afternoon and evening meetings, but it was recorded. Dr. Hall will work on getting it on YouTube. There was discussion of doing a district-wide presentation. A suggestion was made that parent orientations for 6th and 9th grade should include a vaping presentation. Mr. Mitchell says many parents think it's "other people's kids" who are doing this, but the problem is pervasive.

Next Meeting with the Principal on January 29 at Noon will focus on course selection.

- Blue Ribbon Ceremony: Huge event. Lots of speakers, including students from each grade. Lots of attendees, including ceremony committee, building chairs, dignitaries, and our local and federal legislators or their representatives. This was the first of the celebrations. At Springfest there will also be a huge celebration. Cellphone wallets were handed out to all kids and staff. Student essays were read. The event was recorded and can be found on the district website.
- Dr. Hall is planning to pilot a Remind App program for parents, starting in January. He'll do it per class as an opt-in program.
- Staff appreciation this Friday. Blue Ribbon themed mugs for teachers. Christina Thrall (district staff appreciation coordinator) putting candies in mugs.
- Recent grad alumni reunion is this Friday at 3 pm. PTSA will provide cookies and punch.
- Leadership club – Dr. Hall meets with all the leaders of the clubs to discuss issues of diversity and equity in the school.
- "Co-co and Cram" January 16, 6:30 to 8 pm in the cafeteria, for Freshman studying for midterms.
- Snow Ball in January.
- Auditorium renovation will affect BASH. Working with maintenance to plan around this.
- Acknowledgement of Nicole VanDerMeid, Director of Food Services, who works very hard on Brighton Believes Day food.

SPED

- We had 3 of our 4 building meetings in October and November so we've had a quiet month.
- We're working on planning our upcoming events:
 - Staff Appreciation luncheon January 11
 - Parent Panel and reception February 27

- BHS/SPED meeting “Navigating College Choices for Atypical Students” March 19.

III. New Business

- Lifetime membership: Deborah Pulley asked all building chairs to discuss with principals to nominate lifetime members. Please start pushing this.
- Nancy Beck Grants: 9 applications. January 14 meeting to go over them with the committee. One person per building must be in the committee. Emily Brown, Maranne McDade-Clay, Christina Pearson, Wende Domm will sit on committee. Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14 at 6:30 pm at Central Office.
- PTSA Procedures: Stephanie Fuchs at GVPTA, By-law Chairperson. Will come to February meeting to discuss changes we need to make and to help form nominating committee. Each building should prepare their procedures. From building chair level to each event. Alissa showed slides that Emily provided. Please bring them to February meeting. Create electronic binder. Forms will go out to the buildings. The hope is to have a binder of procedures by the end of the year. Creating a template to help successors for each position that can be updated as needed. Include any businesses where you've asked for donations to make sure there isn't too much duplication among the buildings. Keep track of hours for your volunteer work. Approximate numbers. Want to report it to the Board of Education at end of the year. Emily will send out some templates. Bring as much info as possible to February meeting.
- BASH costs \$7000 which means expensive tickets. Asking local businesses for money donations as sponsors, and put names on the t-shirts, etc. Anything that would pertain to graduating seniors (banks, etc.). Trying to get enough sponsorships so we can lower the ticket price.
- Art Fundraiser: Artsonia, without involving art teacher? GVPTA has Reflections reception. Would like to work on this. Theme for next year “The Light Within.” Spring activities that are art-based and could be used for Reflections. Probably too late for an art fundraiser for this year, unless we do a Mother's Day event.
- Question from audience about Teacher Gifts: At another district, the staff and faculty fill out a form about what they like (restaurants, stores, etc.), have it in a binder at the front office that parents can check for gifts. Also classroom wish lists. Dan Goldman could send it out to all teachers at CRPS and FRES.

Next meeting: January 9, 2019, 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 10:49 am

Budget 2018-2019 - December 2018

Fundraising Projection

School Pictures: \$7,000

Calendar Sales: \$8,000 (\$7,919.46)

Spirit Wear: \$4,000 (\$5,369.50)

Art Sale: \$1,200

FRES Movie Night: \$800 (\$1,094.42)

Ice Cream Socials: \$1,500

Book Fairs: \$1,000 (CRPS \$335.47)

Community Fundraisers: \$1,500

 Food Truck Rodeo: (\$1,171.54)

 Amazon Smile: (\$58.24)

Total: \$25,200

Checking: \$24,009.30

Savings: \$22,256.92

Class Accounts: '23: \$3,765.96 '24: \$3,183.10 '25:
\$1,098.53

Obligations & Allocations

Hardship Grants: \$10,000 – (CRPS: \$2000, FRES: \$2248, TCMS:
\$2552, BHS: \$3200)

Author Visits: \$3,000 (\$3,000)

Membership Dues: \$3,200 (1,957.00)

Building Funds: \$1,650 - BHS \$600 (\$85.83), TCMS \$300 (\$56.27),
FRES \$300 (\$47.10), CRPS \$300 (\$52.00), SPED \$150

Grants: \$4,000 (\$500 to ACE at BHS)

Central PTSA: \$400

- Donations/Sunshine
- BOE Appreciation Night (\$200 to Brighton Food Cupboard)
- Miscellaneous

Fun Food Friday/Tasty Tuesday: \$550

- FRES: \$300
- CRPS: \$250 (\$63.30)

Staff Appreciation: \$1500 (\$2 per person)

Scholarship: \$1000

Life Membership Awards & Ceremony: \$700

Retirement Gifts: \$550

Software: \$500

Postage: \$225

Printing: \$300

Bank Fees: \$250 (\$35)

Tax Prep: \$500 (\$500)

Insurance: \$900

Total: \$29,225