

BCS PTA Meeting

March 3rd, 2022 via Zoom

1. Attendees: Alaina Pardonnet, Amanda Albritton, Alaina Brown, Angee Roman, Katie Pearce, Omar Hakim, Tracy Zeman, Torri Salver, Mariani Rahman, Amy Slosar, Dyanna Cogswell, Margaret Mann, Trienere Powell
2. Call to Order: 18:18
3. Approval of minutes to approve Feb meeting:
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes by Katie Pearce
 - b. Second by Amanda
 - c. Minutes approved
4. Principal's report: Dr. Hakim
 - a. Feb word of the month was respect.
 - i. Staff and students all lean into the word of the month.
 - ii. This month's word is integrity.
 - iii. The goal is to build on our character traits across all grade levels.
 - iv. There are activities and lessons all built around the words of the month and what it means to live into them.
 - b. Please read the email regarding the financial update from the district.
 - i. The good thing for BCS is that, while enrollment has decreased across the district, our enrollment has not decreased.
 - ii. The school leadership is focused on maintaining the environment that continues to attract families to our school.
 - iii. Ms. Truesdale has moved to the high school, but the district asked us to hold on hiring a replacement until the financials are evaluated further. Dr. Hakim has been able to advocate for a long-term replacement for this year.
 - iv. The district is really focused on the strategic plan and looking to align the financials with that plan.
 - c. Looking for volunteers to help with the book fair coming up soon while Dr. Hakim looks to get our long-term media specialist in soon.
 - d. Conference sign ups coming soon.
 - i. 3rd - 4th (EL) is following a model of in person or virtual
 - ii. 5th – 8th will follow the MS model, which is virtual only
 - iii. If you are interested in meeting with a teacher face-to-face, that can be arranged.
 - e. Report cards: 3rd and 4th will not get report cards to align with the district's EL trimester system.
 - f. Spring conferences are student-lead, so watch for information regarding how your student will be involved in conferences.
 - g. Grades are posted early April. This gives time post-conferences for students to address any needs that affect grades.
 - h. The BCS safety and security group met. This involved some parent volunteers.
 - i. Software was installed for front office volunteers to see more cameras around the building.
 - ii. The district has provided a go-bucket for each classroom.

- iii. Dr. Hakim met with the district's security auditor and did a tour of the building. The auditor is working to compile that data and will provide a report with suggestions for improvement.
 - 1. The immediate feedback was very positive.
 - iv. The Safety Committee is meant to have a broader scope than the most recent focus on security.
 - 1. The purpose of this committee is also to increase communication. This is a very new committee, so their full scope and focus has not been fully determined.
 - 2. One caution from the auditor is to make sure that decisions are based on data and research.
 - i. Athletics:
 - i. April 4th: new sports will be starting, including track, soccer, and tennis.
 - j. The mask mandate has been lifted. The staff is really enjoying seeing the students' faces again.
 - i. The students are doing a great job respecting each other's choices regarding mask-wearing.
 - ii. If there is any anxiety or nervousness around this change, counselors are available.
 - k. Question regarding the media center: is there a need for volunteers aside from the book fair? A: yes, that would be wonderful. Currently staffing with any available sub, which means we don't always have someone. If there are any parents interested in volunteering, that would be much appreciated.
 - i. Mr. Hill will send a list tomorrow for volunteers to sign up.
 - ii. Dr. Hakim will work with Joni to determine when the high-need times are.
- 5. Treasurer's report: Katie and Mariani
 - a. \$35K in donations, which is fantastic
 - b. Classroom dues and boosters are both well-funded.
 - c. Spending:
 - i. Many big events are coming up in this last portion of the year, like spring conference dinner, wacky recess, vendors for the blast, etc.
 - ii. Also expecting teachers to be submitting for reimbursement in the next couple of months.
 - iii. We're in a good position to cover these upcoming expenses.
 - d. Q: Is the community read going to be affected by not having a media specialist? A: the community read will still take place.
- 6. Co-Chairs report:
 - a. The biggest item on the agenda is the Blast.
 - i. The biggest ask is for volunteers.
 - ii. We will have the Road Rally again this year. This will be followed by our tailgating event.
 - iii. Planning to have more food trucks this year and hoping to add some of the events from the old blast such as some inflatables and a cake walk.
 - iv. We'll have a prize room where the cakes will be as well.
 - b. Conference dinner will be covered by the PTA.

- c. Before the blast, we will also be looking for volunteers for Teacher Appreciation week.
 - d. First Day School Supplies will be offered again for next year. Expecting them to go on sale in April/May.
 - e. The 5/6 dance is back! It was rescheduled from Feb to April. The dance will have a glow theme. There will be some volunteers requested for this as well.
 - f. Q: heard that the 7/8 trip is on for Washington D.C. Are there trips for other grades? A: Transitioning to a new deputy superintendent, who is the person that approves these trips. Hoping to get approval for the 7/8 trip soon, then will move forward with potential other trips. Mr. Burdick is organizing a trip for 5/6 to Toledo, but it's unclear if that is open to all of 5/6.
7. Committee Chairs:
- a. No reports from any room parent coordinators.
 - b. Green Team – Margaret – have been on a pause during COVID, but people are interested in bringing it back. Met via Zoom last week and are planning to meet again. Several parents are in 3/4, which is great for Margaret to be able to pass the torch. Looking to bring back the movie the kids used to watch at school, potentially organizing animal adoptions at the zoo, communicating ideas like no idling cars.
 - i. Q: Would the Green Team be interested in taking on the Global Garden at the school? A: yes, there are parents who want to work on this, there's a teacher who wants to get involved, and there's a parent that may be interested in running a choice hour to work in the garden.
 - c. Disability Awareness workshop for 5/6: May 26th and 27th. Amy is working with some folks to put together a sign-up genius for volunteers.
 - d. BCS PTA donated a Fire Pit filled with s'mores materials, a blanket, marshmallow sticks, etc to the BEF auction, which is ongoing.
 - e. Multiple BCS kids were picked for the BEF's Got Talent show. The PTA will put a reminder on our Facebook page; Joni can send an eblast email out as well, to vote for the BCS students.
8. Motion to adjourn by Amanda
- a. Second by Mariani
 - b. Meeting adjourned: 19:04