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Parent Teacher Organization



Board Minutes

Board Members _____ present: Kim Ambrose, Jen Meiring, Somya Bergman, Amanda Davis, Dawn Scheck, Marcie Mefford, Nancy Kerr, Jan Wright, Nicholas Davis,

Board Members absent: Deb Rempert, Deb Nielsen, Matt Jeffrey

Other guests: Cindy Jonke

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Secretary

- Approval of September board minutes.
 - Nancy Kerr motioned to approve the minutes. Jen Meiring seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.

1st VP- J.Meiring

- Gator Gallop went well and collecting feedback
 - Jen has made some revisions to the information to simplify it.
 - Reminder announcements need to go out next year.
 - Maybe we could have a kick-off announcement
 - Food suggestions were made to have string cheese and yogurt (Go-Gurt for example) instead of popsicles.
- Spiritwear doesn't have any updates.
- Yearbook
 - There are several volunteers willing to work
 - We will be sending out a site so anyone can upload pictures. We don't want to publicize it until we have guidelines set (no name for example)
 - There are no retiring teachers at this moment.

Special Guest- Cindy Jonke, Junior Achievement (J.A.)

- Cindy explained what J.A. is and what they do.
- Information was handed out and is included in the minutes.
- J.A. started almost 100 years ago by a man who had hired young people and found they had no entrepreneur or business skills. He started courses in schools. At year 75, the organization is global and begins at kindergarten and goes through high school. Last year, J.A. reached 500,000 Chicago students alone.
- J.A. can work with groups such as Girl/Boy Scouts or with a school or particular grade.
- The program goes along with Common Core.
- J.A. is nonprofit and is free.
- The program teaches simple financial readiness and basic work readiness such as being on time, shaking hands and such.
- If we would want to do J.A., they would come in and get a sponsor.
- There are two ways to do the program: 1) J.A. in a day or 2) break up the information into 5 lessons.

- If parents would like to volunteer to teach, J.A. gives a \$500 stipend.
- Cindy showed the board an example of a 3rd grade packet, which dealt with aspects of creating a city.
- In the packet, each lesson is explained and material provided.
- They like for teachers to use their personal experience.
- After Cindy departed, the board thought this a great program but didn't want it to interfere with Common Core teaching. Possibly this could be the after school enrichment idea that has been previously discussed.

Treasurer-A.Davis

- We reviewed the latest report and is included in the minutes.
- Gator Gallop did well.
- We received a letter from Rathje & Woodward stating that we have failed to submit our annual report to the Secretary of State. We need to submit this and filing fees.
- We've received a receipt from last year, end of school party. It will not be refunded since the fiscal year is over.
- As a reminder to parents, we cannot reimburse tax.

2nd VP-S.Bergman

- We received one special appropriations request. It's from Mr. Balderas who would like 6-6 foot white folding tables.
 - These would eliminate smaller tables that don't fold or stack.
 - They can be found at Sam's Club for \$49 each.
 - The finance committee has approved.
 - Marcie Mefford made a motion to approve the purchase of the tables, Dawn Scheck seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Classroom Support-N.Kerr

- Head Room Parent Update
 - Halloween parties are being planned and being kept simple
 - Music will be playing in the hallways during the parade
 - Recommend having a hard start but the students seem to know when to start by the music playing.
 - Recommend an email blast regarding the parade. It begins at 2:30 and parents are allowed to view outside on east side of the school.
 - Costumes will be put on after lunch
- PTO Freezer
 - Nancy has offered to clean the freezer. She will defrost the morning of the next Movie Night in order to clean it during the event. If anyone would like to help, please do.
- Fun Fair Update
 - The kick off meeting is this Friday
 - The board reviewed the flyer created by Dawn Hartman
 - Katie Carter is over-qualified to run the games and is doing prizes as well.
 - The committee is wondering about bringing back some things.
 - The cotton candy machine. It is a money maker
 - The slushy machine breaks even
 - The money machine game is returning as it was hit last year

- The shower is not a moneymaker. This might make more if the teacher volunteers changed ever 15-20 minutes. Parents may not be willing to give more money, as this is not included in the entry fee.
- Chik-fil-A is donating their Plinko game. We may use it as a regular game. The prize is a free sandwich. A question was raised if we should limit the amount of times a person can play this game. It was decided that the coupons are free and any child cannot go alone to the restaurant, so Chik-fil-A will receive a purchase accompanied with any coupon.
- We are looking for dads to run the cake and pop walks.
- The school will look like a Louisiana Swamp ending with the multi-purpose room as Mardi Gras
- Renee Culbertson has offered a raffle item: to cook an authentic creole dinner.

Ways & Means- D.Rempert

- Schwan's
 - Jill Stevens is pursuing this and expects to have registration and details locked in this week. She will put together messages for Look Ahead and Gazette for Marcie and Erika to help promote.
 - She didn't give me an order deadline date or detail of that sort yet, so I will follow up with the board via email when that comes, if appropriate. Will be either end of October or start of Nov., from what I know to date.
- Dine Arouns
 - Adriana is really rocking this area!
 - Smashburger generated \$144.89.
 - Panera is secured for Nov. 6, as we know. If we get sales of \$1,000 or greater we will qualify for bonus of a bagel pack for a year (13 bagels and 2 tubs of cream cheese per month for a year). So this is a big goal we need to help push.
 - December Dine Around on 12/2 will be at Potbelly's. Many good things about this.
 - First and foremost, they give back 25%!! This is the second largest commission (Chipotle being first).
 - They also provide not only flyers, but also a handful of really nice color posters that she will display around the school with the Barnes and Noble night posters.
 - We will just do the one dine around in December to best take advantage of the high % back to the school, and to not dilute our sales opportunity by going to multiple locations (see Adriana's note below):
 - "When you have two locations with similar percentage commission, we, in essence, create our own competition and it lowers our bottom line of sales; thus, creating less percentage commission back. It really only makes sense to double up when it includes a meal at one place and a dessert at another...like your idea of Bulldogs and the Batavia Creamery, which I'll look into for next year some time in February or March. Our goal is to make the most money possible, which will happen with the highest sales possible, increasing our revenue with now 25% back from Potbelly's. Make sense?"
 - Adriana needs help with delivery of the lunches to the teachers on 11/6. If anyone has thoughts on an interested volunteer or 2, that would be great. We could do two runs, one around noon and the other in the evening.
 - She is meeting with the manager at Chipotle to try to line up a Dine Around for us. Nothing is firm on this yet.
 - She is talking to Pal Joeys for the spring.
- Five Below

- Renee Culbertson has secured dates for this event
- They are November 25th-30th, December 5th-7th, and December 14th-20th.

Communications-M.Mefford

- Report on the Batavia Interschool Council (BIC) meeting
 - Both Marcie and Amanda attended
 - Each PTO had to sign up to attend a school board meeting to talk about what our PTO does. Our month is March.
 - All PTO had to sign up to do a food drive. Ours is November. This coincides with a small group of girls who came to Dr. Wright to do a food drive as well as the student council. They will be working together in this effort.
 - The Batavia School Board is starting a BPS 101 Hall of Honor
 - Nominees can be BHS alumni or non-alumni who give back to the community and/or schools for many years OR
 - BPS staff that have been employed by BPS 101 district for a minimum of 15 years.
 - They may possibly put this in the high school.
 - Pat Brown, Building and Grounds, put together a survey asking; 1) if PTO's have enough room to conduct activities, 2) if any new initiatives planned for improvements, 3) if there are any safety concerns to be addressed, 4) if there are any modifications needed to the building.
 - A proposed calendar was distributed. Their goal is to have a draft out by October and be able to approve it in December.
 - The board would like the PTO's to help promote Community Helpers Impacting People IN Need (C.H.I.P.I.N)
 - This organization helps families displaced from their homes and the homeless
 - Last year, Batavia had 88 homeless students
 - Their website is www.chipinbatavia.org.
 - The \$15 million capital improvements include more than just a new field. A flyer was distributed and is included in the scope of the minutes.
 - AGS has not received any funds from other PTO's for the ECC program.
 - The next BIC meeting is on November 15th at 8:30 a.m.

Principal-J.Wright.

- No report
- A question was asked regarding an email blast seeking donations for ECC education upcoming transportation program. The email was sent to the entire AGS community.
 - Wouldn't this appropriate to send to the entire district?
 - Are they allowed to send this? Jan will find out.
 - ECC is solely doing this.

Teacher Liaison-N.Davis

- The Assembly Committee would like to thank the PTO for the extra funds for the AC Rock assembly to be held on Monday April 6th.

President-K.Ambrose

- Website: we haven't seen any changes yet.
- Gazette: we had some issues with typos in the last edition and were wondering if anyone proofreads the information. Erika Mochal compiles the information and sends it to Caroline Batybarr who copies and pastes the information onto the document.

- Google Doc for donations status: Jen Meiring reporting that it has been started and will be sent to the board when finished.

Round Table Discussion

- Tomorrow is picture retakes. We do not have any parent volunteers to assist. The teachers will send students on their own,

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheck