

BKPA

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BKPA Meeting Notes: Monday, November 07, 2011

Committee Reports:

- A. Sports Boosters: Norm Smith
 - a. Calendar fundraiser underway and mailing will go out to BK families probably later this week.
 - b. The proceeds for the Saturday night Bingo supporting Booster Club has brought in \$4000 in Sept – October.
 - c. Full booster budget data not available for the meeting
 - d. Norm to follow up with Coach Boon as to status of the December 3rd pancake breakfast – may be a conflict with a scrimmage game. Let Rene O. know ASAP.

- B. Spiritual and Social: Patty Giblin
 - a. Need to determine level of support needed for Dec 3rd Entrance Exam, based on whether pancake breakfast will be held. (See A-d above.)

- C. Special Projects: Rick Gause
 - a. Rick will be investigating having tables set up at area malls during holiday shopping season where BK materials / students etc. would be available to talk with shoppers about the school. Will link with admissions to plan this.
 - b. Also planning to do a Day of Caring in the spring.

- D. Fund Raising: Bill Pine (absent)
 - a. No report – Question raised as to whether the Poinsettia sale will be held this year?

- E. Communications: Pam Sikora
 - a. Targeting Jan / Feb timeframe for mailing of the next BKPA newsletter.
 - b. Jerry Grundman will work with D. Prinzing and K. Carroll to create a BKPA section on the website.

- F. Administration Report: Doug Miller
 - a. Hall of Fame dinner was attended by about 125 people and was well received.
 - b. October 30th Open House went well with about 200 people in attendance. Positive feedback from families. Thank you to the BKPA members who helped that day. Suggestions made to provide a small gift to attendees in future, as well as follow-up letters to invite the prospective student to a game and to thank them for coming.
 - c. One new TV is installed and running in the cafeteria, student council is purchasing a second TV. Cafeteria will have two internet access points that can support 40-50 computers each.
 - d. The admissions office has made visits to area Catholic middle schools and has visits set for several elementary schools. Plans to move ahead with the 6th grade will remain,

despite the recent decision by the Bishop to leave 6th grade at area elementary schools as well.

- e. Sharon Kruger (Finance Office) will be initiating a parent letter campaign where parents of current students will be invited to write letters describing why they send their children to BK, which will be shared with prospective families.
- f. The demerit system and morning student gathering in the cafeteria seem to be working well. Parents can view the “Behavior” tab in Infinite Campus to see details on any demerits their student may have.
- g. On October 14th, the Public Relations class and teacher Mrs. Slifer were profiled in an article in the D&C regarding a local PR competition for a not-for-profit.
- h. Suggestion made to administration to make free BK bumper stickers available to families to help promote BK. Mr. Miller to check with Jon Boon regarding costs involved.
- i. No update on the status of a driver ed teacher. Mr. Miller to check.

G. Guest Presentation: Mrs. Hoffman-Elswick

- a. Presentation covered the English club, which started small 3 years ago, and now has 18 members which meet on Fridays from 3-4. The club is similar to a creative writing workshop, where students discuss and critique each other’s work. In addition, the club publishes a literary magazine, including photos they have taken. The students’ work was very impressive!

H. Financial Report: Carol Wynne

- a. Carol distributed an updated budget for BKPA. The next large expense is for \$10,000 which is for the new stairway at the rear main entrance. Additionally BKPA has supported the painting of gym stairwell and the junior high hallways and bathrooms. (Mr. Belmont was present and expressed his personal thanks for the financial support of the BKPA for school projects.)
- b. Several questions were raised on how monies set aside for each class at BK is being managed / dispensed. Mr. Miller was going to check with Mrs. Locey.

I. New Business:

- a. Katie Carroll stated that senior class reps need to be identified to begin working on the PACE party process. Currently there is only one parent who volunteered via the parent volunteer sheets to be a senior rep. D. Prinzing to contact this person to see if they would be willing to contact the rest of senior parents to start a PACE team.
- b. There was much discussion on marketing of BK, dealing with ongoing false rumors in the community that BK is closing, etc. It was unclear as to ownership / mission / plan for marketing of BK. It was requested that Mr. Tillinghast attend the next BKPA to help clarify current program and to discuss new ideas with parents. (Katie to invite him.)

Next Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. in room B212