

BKPA

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BKPA Meeting Notes: Monday, February 6, 2012

Guest Presentation: - Fred Tillinghast – Director of Admissions

- Overview of new international program given. 15 students from China enrolled for 2nd semester, with 16-20 more expected in the fall. Students will stay until graduation and range from 8th to 11th grade. The students return to their home country for summer. These students applied specifically to BK, and attending US high school enables them opportunities to attend US colleges.
- Still looking for host homes, which will be an ongoing process. Host family must provide a private bedroom and internet access. They receive monthly stipend for expenses. Host family may opt out at any time as needs change. Contact Mr. Tillinghast for more details.
- Registration letters with details on new online registration and tuition costs will be mailed next week.
- Entrance exams set for both March and April.
- General discussion on visits from students from area catholic schools, service hours performed at Christ the King, attending area festivals, etc. to promote BK.
- Jill Myers had summarized lists of suggestions from the November meeting regarding promoting BK both within and outside the school itself. This was sent to Mr. Tillinghast and Mr. O'Neil and the ideas disseminated to appropriate BK staff. Mr. O'Neil indicated that the Coronet and BK TV will be used to promote BK spirit/pride within the school.
- Promotional gifts are given to students who come to the school on shadow visits. Will consider options for promotional items for open houses.
- Sharon Kruger did spearhead a testimonial letter writing campaign from existing families, and these letters went to prospective students. It was suggested these letters, plus promotional facts on BK regarding graduation rate, scholarships etc. be added to the BK website in a new "testimonial" tab or other appropriate location.
- Jeanne Barreca will contact Mrs. LeFrois about better publicizing where graduating seniors will be attending college, within the BK community.

Committee Reports:

- A. Sports Boosters: Norm Smith (Absent – Submitted report via e-mail – condensed version below)
 - Open positions – looking for someone to shadow Norm, may need some help with fund raising
 - Chris Belmont provided a wish list of needs for sports teams – need to check on funds in May and prioritize list
- B. Spiritual and Social: Rene Onorato
 - Spring Mass – slated for April 29 – Confirm with Mrs. Locey.
 - Rene getting quote from Mark Guida for cost of full, hot breakfast.
- C. Special Projects: Rick Gause
 - Spring clean-up date – tentatively May 12. Rick needs to check with Chris Belmont as to any sports conflicts and confirm a final date to the BKPA.
 - Need to get sports teams / clubs involved in this year's clean-up
 - Suggested to extend an invitation to Charter School to participate

D. Fund Raising: Bill Pine

- Plans underway for B&N Book Fair March 24. Have received regents and AP book list from teachers.
- Mr. Miller to forward proper alumni contact person / e-mail distribution list/ Facebook page update info to Bill and Katie.
- Looking into possible Nook raffle to occur off premises of B&N in coordination with the fair.

E. Communications: Pam Sikora

- BKPA Newsletter expected to be mailed to homes next week.
- Diane Prinzing to clarify with Mr. Waz what costs, if any, are associated with requests to add material to the website.

Administration Report: Keith Miller

- Mr. Wazowicz (Mr. Waz) has been appointed the Marketing Director for BK. Marketing will be developed both to promote spirit / pride within the school itself, and to promote the BK product in the community.
- Mrs. Locey will be interviewing a driver's Ed teacher on Feb 28, with the intent that BK will be able to offer driver Ed this coming summer.
- The spring calendar has been updated on the website.
- Ms. Brunetto will be offering a presentation on organizational skills, time management planning to the middle school students after Feb break, to help them prepare for high school.
- At the last meeting there was discussion about a flat screen TV in the lobby area to better advertise school news, events, promotional materials etc. in a highly visible location to students and visitors. The BKPA agreed last evening to purchase the TV for the school. Nancy Meisenzahl will coordinate what is needed to accomplish this project with Mr. Waz.
- Nancy Meisenzahl will also speak to Mr. Waz regarding costs that may have been previously scoped for the BK stage upgrade. Also, check into specs for "scissor lift" to access lights etc. on stage.
- A copy of the most recent Catholic Courier was brought to the meeting, regarding the insert for Catholic Schools Week. BK was the only local catholic school not profiled in the special insert. Question was raised as to the reason for this situation. Mr. Miller took the copy of the paper and will check.

Financial Report: Carol Wynne

- Updated report for July 1, 2011 to Jan 30, 2012 was distributed.
- Carol to check with Mr. Waz and Barb regarding getting bingo event and weekly bingo pot information on the website.

Round Table – New Business:

- Question rose as to why a student council rep is not on BKPA this year. Katie explained that due to the circumstances of the council elections not being held last spring, but rather in November of this school year, that there was not a president to take part in meetings earlier in the year. Katie will contact Lexi Rivera, this year's president, about joining us in future meetings.
- Similar question regarding having a teacher rep present at BKPA meetings, and also regarding improved teacher involvement overall at school events, when possible. (Masses, sports, plays, concerts, etc.)
- There will be 3 vacancies on the BKPA steering team next year. At this point the role of president, vice president, and treasurer will be open. If anyone is interested in learning more about what these roles involve, please contact Katie Carroll. No prior experience is needed....!

Next BKPA Meeting is Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.