

**MINUTES**  
**BHIS PTA Meeting**  
**1/6/10 at BHIS Library**

- Maythia Airhart, President
- Dave McGeoy, Vice President & Legislative Chair
- Susie Murphy, Principal
- Jill Davies, Membership
- Allison Delong, Co-Chair Fund Raising
- Sung Lee, Secretary
- Erin Musser, Co-Chair Fund Raising
- Kate Poux, PTA Liaison
- Ortencia Santana, Latino Committee Advisor
- Lupe Hernandez, Latino Committee President
- Leslie Stewart, Treasurer
- Neomi Teofilo, Latino Committee Liason
- Angela Johnson, Event Coordinator

1. Susie's updates (5 min.)

- It's budget time. The state deficit will impact services across the state, including K-12. The process starts now and continues through June. Worst case scenario: decrease in funding, and also Seattle Public Schools will have a \$45 million deficit. John Shaw and David Gackenback are on the building leadership committee. The timing is tricky, but it may work out for recommendations to the staff in early March. Preliminary budget is due March 19, 2010.
- BHIS is working on furthering its mission as an international school, like in the application for the Confucius classroom, which would provide \$10,000 each year for three years in technology and Mandarin.

2. Budget (20 min.)

- Fund request from Beth Alexacos is moved and approved. Budget should maybe reflect a maximum per grade in the future. Board members agreed on the concept of a mini-grant line item to be considered in the 2010-2011 budget. A fund of \$1,500-\$2,000 was discussed, but wouldn't be approved until next budget year.
- Co-Treasurer position is already being advertised. Duties will be clearly divided and documented.
- Grants-Summer Lit. Camp Grant has been run by Angela Castaneda. Allison meets with her next Tuesday and will ask her for more info so we can continue it and its outcomes. Susie's vision is to see more summer enrichment camp options such as this in the future.
- Kimball PTA has been active in engaging families with its grants, and received a \$60,000 grant from DON mostly for the purpose of community engagement. We will reach out to Kimball to learn more.
- Leslie has filed for an extension, so she can file the taxes.
- Membership dues for next year-\$10 per adult or \$18 per family proposed. Table scholarship memberships.

3. Jan.19, 2010 PTA Meeting Prep (35 min.)

- Agenda:

- 6:30 PM-a potluck has not been planned and it's not a good idea, since parents will be dropping off their children until 6:45 PM to participate in grade-level performances. The PTA will provide snacks: Veggie platters , coffee and water.
- Announcements: Allison will have a table for Taco Time coupons and extra T-shirts, Jill will have a Membership table, and PTA committee vacancies will be advertised. Leslie will discuss the budget and Dave will introduce the Standing Rules motion. Angela J will prepare posters for walls to display info about vacancies, etc. Sung will make copies, if an overhead projector is unavailable or impractical.
- 7 PM-8 PM: Performances by K-5
- No childcare is needed.

#### 4. PTA mission and vision (20 min.)

- Draft developed from 12/9 meeting:
- Vision-Every student achieving. Every family involved.
- Mission-The Beacon Hill International School PTA is dedicated to promoting educational excellence, health and welfare of all students and their families through advocacy, community building, and enrichment programs. We are committed to creating leaders and lifetime learners.
- Approved! Next step is to work on core values and principles

#### 5. Announcements/other items

- The cell tower issue. Health hazard? Inappropriate for the school population.
- DPD will look at public comments due today. Nancy included it in the BHIS digest. Discussion that neighborhood advocacy is an appropriate part of our role, but also need to recognize there may be different opinions and all should be considered.

#### 6. Action Items

- Allison will meet with Angela Castaneda and the grant writing committee next week. She will ask questions about the summer lit. camp, the "green" mission, etc. Highlight: grants from state PTA is for family involvement.
- Allison will contact Kimball PTA board president regarding the DON grant
- Leslie and Allison will work on a mini-grant request for consideration by the board..
- Angela will make posters for the next PTA meeting.
- Angela will buy veggies, coffee, and water. She'll save her receipts and will receive a reimbursement check from Leslie. Budget is \$80.
- Leslie will amend the proposed standing rules and forward to Dave.
- Leslie will post the proposed Standing Rules and the adopted budget on the PTA bulletin board.
- Dave will check with Beth for tables, chairs, and possible use of an overhead projector.
- Sung will make copies of the proposed standing rules, treasurer's report, etc, if necessary.
- Maythia will send the agenda to Beth.
- Leslie will ask Boun to put the approved vision and mission on the website, along with a list of the programs that the PTA funds support. Leslie will forward this infor to Angela Johnson for posters for the 1/19 meeting, so that formatting is consistent.
- Leslie will ask Boun to create an archive tab for PTA for older information.