

MINUTES
BHIS PTA Board Meeting
11/3/09 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
- Neomi Lupe Latino Committee Liaison
- Leslie Stewart, Treasurer
- Angela Johnson, Event Coordinator

1. Event Coordinator (Angela Johnson, mother of Bowie in K)

- Big PTA meetings need childcare-at least three adults for the children
- She'll keep track of the gaps and define this role

2. Susie's updates

- There is a continuous school improvement plan-C-SIV. One factor is WASL, now called MSP.
- For children who have limited English, they are not making the transition to literacy and sometimes in math. They are expected to be at the same place as their peers.
- Successful bilingual kids are not counted in limited English students, but they were granted a waiver in math, and so they passed.
- In other words, BHIS is in a "warning year." We need at least a 10% gain.
- The plan will be made available by Dr. Murphy.
- BHIS is hiring a 0.6 Bilingual teacher, some tutors, and getting Powerful Readers. Help is available for all grades.
- Reading in the home language increases vocabulary. Mary Thompson is acquiring books in other languages.
- We could look into the resources at Beacon Hill public library.
- Tonight is the Board meeting for boundaries, and they will make a decision on 11/18.
- Plan for Lunar New Year, Feb. 11, 2010. Assembly on Feb. 12 at 2:30 for children. Agnes, Ying Ying, and Juan will coordinate with instrumental. Ending in a Japanese dance. No dinner, but maybe a fortune cookie snack from the PTA.

3. Standing Rules recommendations

- The Washington rules have been modified to fit BHIS.
- Executive Committee and Board of Directors, #8-Board appointed members will attend at least half of the Board of Directors and General Membership meetings throughout the year.

- Finances and Legal Documents-#6-The PTA Board shall approve any funding proposals not already in the budget.
- Recommend taking this to general membership meeting for approval.

4. Budget updates

- Leslie moved line items to different categories. Fantastic!
- What is the pattern of unexpected budget items? Look at trends, make a pattern, and form a forecast. Leslie and Maythia will meet.
- Big picture---can we be program driven for the budget in the future?—agenda item for next meeting

5. Fundraising Committee updates

- The out portion is the first 50% of payments in the T-shirts. The last 50% will net a final \$200 profit.
- Some problems with the order, but Allison made reasonable substitutes.
- Walkathon raised over \$11,000. Envelopes can be modified to include addresses and e-mails so the donors can receive tax receipts.
- What is the process for supporting training, like grant writing? PTA needs to outline expectations for the training budget approval and the outcomes for BHIS. We approve Angela Castaneda and Robert Henricks to take the grant writing workshop.

6. Latino Family Involvement updates

- Maybe the families have a club at the public library, where people can read with the children.
- One meeting already for surveys, wish lists from the teachers, school boundary updates, etc.
- No minutes from that meeting, but Guadalupe has the surveys
- Meetings are open to everyone. They start with food and then a presentation.
- Almost 50 adults attended (many are not PTA members).
- How can they be encouraged to attend the regular PTA meetings? Kid performances are a draw.

7. Announcements/other items

- Nrteofilo@hotmail.com or nrivera@deniselovie.org for Neomi.
- PTA membership is at 92.
- Expired memberships are at 400. How can they rejoin?
- Annual Giving Fund questions for Shelley Bates. Explanation of it should be put in the newsletter and website.
- Can the PTA pay for copy paper for the newsletter?
- Dave talked to Nancy about end-of-the-year awards. Another agenda meeting item.

8. Action Items

- Susie will put together a list of after school programs that serve kids who are struggling and give it to Maythia.
- Leslie will follow the Standing Rules recommendations and make the changes.
- Erin and Allison will meet before the next Board meeting and make recommendations for the process of paying for grant writing training.
- Erin and Allison will also revisit what PTA funds, like after school sports, being included in every list or for specific fund raisers

- Maythia will write a draft to pay for Angela and Robert to attend a grant writing workshop.
- Agenda item for next meeting-becoming a program driven budget.
- Ortencia will share the wish lists with the Board.
- Leslie will forward the list of meeting dates for the Latino Involvement meeting.
- Potluck and Multicultural Celebration Night on 1/19
- Jill will post PTA roster on Google documents.
- Jill will be an agenda item at the next Latino Family Involvement meeting to promote PTA.
- Jill will get together with Lisa to look at the expired members and figure out who and what.
- Ortencia will send a brief summary about priorities for Latino families.
- Maythia will assign times to the next agenda items. Her new e-mail is mthach@hotmail.com. Jason will change it on the website.
- Jill and Leslie will ask Shelley about the annual fund.
- Allison will buy copy paper for a discount for the newsletters. The PTA will reimburse her.