

PAC Meeting Minutes – Dec. 9, 2009

In Attendance: Loretta Melhado, Gwen Ginley, Joan Fishburn, Patti Ashley, Kevin Braney, Renee Winklmann, Lauren Hager, Leanne Lockhart

Patti Ashley: (guest)

Patti is the Program Coordinator for CAM, Community Access Mentoring and/or Cool Afterschool Moves. CAM is a school-based mentoring program and afterschool program for middle schoolers who need a positive adult relationship. Presently, CAM has made 50 mentor matches. Volunteers meet with their student 1 hour/week. Mentors are carefully screened with background checks, references and an interview. They are supported with training. CAM is looking for more volunteers, at least 18 years old, to be mentors. There will be a write up about it in Highlights.

Joan:

Showcase went well. Thanks to all who helped out.

Getting cards for staff for end of semester to go along with Lauren's chocolate.

Loretta: (treasurer)

Budget: Approved! Final budget is going to be posted soon on PAC website. Loretta is setting it up so there can be minor changes since we do not have a final figure for Highlights yet. We have about \$16,000 to spend after preserving \$5600 for next year. We all agree we should spend it this year. Parent donations should be spent!

Committee Reports:

Governance Team: included with Kevin's report. Melinda absent.

Make A Difference: Previously submitted by Dolly- not in attendance.

Through Tuesday, December 8, we have received \$23,240 in donations from 113 donors toward the fall Make A Difference campaign. Last fall (fall 2008) we received a total of \$24,630 donations from 137 donors -- so our per donor average is better this year than last. We will continue to accept donations to this campaign through December 31. Given past experience, I think we are on track to receive an amount in donations at least equal to last year. In addition to the amounts donated by families/businesses, we typically receive a donation from the Grocery Certificate program at the end of each semester. Last fall, the grocery program supplemented what we raised with a \$3,500 donation. This fall the grocery

program will be in a position to donate significantly more to the Make A Difference fundraiser (Renee can explain this). Therefore, the total amount that we will raise this fall (to be distributed to teachers in January) will be more than we raised last year, even if we do not receive any more in parent donations before the end of the year. A big thanks to Renee's very successful grocery program. As suggested by JoAnn Beserra at a previous meeting, I am exploring opening a Pay Pal account. I hope to be able to use Pay Pal to accept donations for the spring semester fundraiser.

Dolly Dean

No DPC or DAC Reports

SIT Report will be in Principal's report.

Website: Gwen

500 hits on Highlights website since the newest edition was posted. Not bad!

Principal's Report: Kevin

Semester almost over! Exams start Tues. 12/15. Students return Wed. 1/6/10.

Freshman seminar surveys: more than 80% responded that they feel they have an adult at BHS to go to if they need it. Based on faculty recommendation, the Freshman Seminar will not be continued next semester. However, social activities will be planned as well as keeping a close eye on them! Returning to regular Monday Schedule.

SIT and TIES: Suggested incorporating a Silent Sustained Reading (SSR) time into Wed. schedule. Some faculty are for it, some are adamantly opposed due to loss of instructional time. Kevin is revisiting it with faculty and will make decision. He is hesitant to start it so quickly (next semester) because there still are glitches to work out. PAC discussion was mixed: some are all for it to develop the love of reading in teenagers- others feel it's not structured enough; kids won't use the time wisely; what if the kids don't bring a pleasure read with them? It might just turn into a study hall for many students.

Kevin shared ideas from Senior Class to give as their gift to BHS. Beautiful artwork- great ideas. All in planning stages.

Joan: Front Hall Project-

Several parents responded to Enews announcement to help out (architect, glass work artisan, cool folks!). Joan will get back to them. Shelly (last name?) has volunteered to head it up. Going to meet with Lisa and Joan hopefully before break to get things rolling. We want to spruce up the outside as well with better trash cans, recycling containers, benches, etc. Kevin has already set plans to improve mud situation by bike racks. Just need weather to improve.

Leanne – Bulletin Board (in front hall near front office)

Need a replacement! Secretarial duties are more than what was forecasted last Aug.
Will ask for help in Enews and Highlights at the start of 2nd semester.