

Draft Minutes
BHS Parents' Group Meeting
September 9, 2009

Attendance: Jennifer Padua, Rawson Groves Hobart, Debra Courcoumelis, Janet Becker, Cheryl Partee, Cindy Thompson, Robin Alioto, Elizabeth Pratt, Ildiko Segreti, Cindy Montgomery, Adrienne Leigh, Andrea Moore, Jan Nickoley, Chris Holleran, Shelley Puterman, Renee Mark, Kim Bentley, Vicky Lowdon, Maria Poon, Diana Ferris, Juli Devicenzi, Christine Tucker, Danny Siciliano, Heather Sinclair, Maria Elena Zagorski, Debbie Williams, Stephanie Hu, Palig Der Abrahamion, Rhondal Jeong, Suzanne Nogur, Susan Quintana, Robyn Buckingham, Pamala Sommers, Ron Karp, Yvonne Wun, Cirina Ippolito, Kathleen Parker, Shron Paratte, Charlotte, Mc Fadden, Robin Del Pape, Candi Griffith, Nancy Cochran, Adrienne Graham, Laurel Kane, Steve Hanson, Janine Sturiale, Jennifer Jory, Chip Smith, Denise Orwin, Carolyn Masline, Beth Pascal, Lori Friel, Sue Glick, Diana Ferris, Christi Johnson

Call to order 7:07 pm Cindy Montgomery

1. Summer Correspondence

Cindy circulated summer correspondence and Thank you notes received by Parents' Group from graduating 2009 Seniors, teachers and staff members

2. Motions

1. Nominations presented by Kathleen Parker for unconfirmed Board Members
 1. Peggy McLaughlin- Excellence Fund
 2. Rawson Groves Hobart- Treasurer
 3. Selina Soo- Auditor
 4. Erica Reilly- Communications
 1. First- Shelley Puterman
 2. Second- Andrea Moore
 3. Motion passed for approving above Board Members
2. Approve Minutes of May 13, 2009
 1. First- Robin Buckingham
 2. Second- Rawson Groves Hobart
 3. Minutes approved

3. Introductions

Cindy Montgomery introduced Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs

4. Principals Report

1. Congratulations to PG that no handbooks were mailed this summer
2. Have 1350 students
3. Larger classes with reduced staffing, classes at 31:1, last year 28:1
4. Optimistic for programs and reserve money at District level
5. No money to be taken this year from Basic Aid districts in state
6. Congratulations went out to staff, parents and students at Hillsdale High during their emergency. BHS to practice their emergency drills throughout school year
7. Modernization to begin with cafeteria and small gym, followed by big gym after basketball season.

Building D, woodshop building will start renovations next summer. All plans on display in office.

5. Executive Board Reports

Presidents Report- Cindy Montgomery

1. Thank you to Heather Sinclair for smooth summer handbook assembly and distribution and class registrations
2. Thank you to Erica Reilly for communications NewsAlerts

VP Excellence – Cindy Montgomery for Becky Showen and Peggy McLaughlin

1. We have 127 donors \$93, 775, ahead \$25,000 from last year from 15 less donors
2. Working on updating donation board on front lawn of school
3. Researching online donation option

Parent Education- Jan Nickoley

1. Successful and highly attended Freshman parent night
2. Next event scheduled for September 16, Calming the College Frenzy

Taste of the Town- Cheryl Partee

1. Still needs a co-chair to learn position for next year
2. Date Friday, February 26-, 2010 6:00-9:30pm
3. Have \$5000 donated already along with some auction items
4. Made \$92,000 in 2009

VP Volunteers – Heather Sinclair

1. Asked for volunteers for various events. Will contact as time comes up.
2. Need 4 volunteers for Welcome Back Dance, September 25
3. Need help staffing library lunch and during the day

Treasurer's Report- Rawson Groves Hobart

1. Presented budget as submitted- see attached
2. Raised \$165,000 for Excellence Fund last year, hoping for \$175,000 this year although budgeted at \$165,000 based on last year's donations

6. Committee Reports

1. Buzz Book – Yvonne Wun

1. Will be printed at District Office saving \$500, will be red cover. All students will receive one
2. Membership- Christi Johnson for Jan Norris and Linda Srabian
 1. Currently at 280 families

7. Career Center

1. College and Career Advisor- Lori Friel

1. Thanked Heather Sinclair for registration day, Rhondal Jeong, Jenn Jory, Yvonne Wun for all their hard, dedicated work
2. Encouraged parents and students to come to Career Center & use college counseling resources.
3. Gave overview of college services in office, parent night, application processes

4. CSF sign ups to be 2nd week of October and February

2. Career info E.X.P.L.O.R.E., Job Shadowing Program - Beth Pascal

1. Thanked Parents' group for funding her position
2. Described field trips to software companies, hospitals, financial institutions, working with GATE coordinator, Kevin Nelson
3. Provides speakers for classrooms, vocational speakers

3. Community Service PAWS- Sue Glick

1. Thank PG and SAC for position
2. No required number of hours of community service at BHS
3. Encouraged freshman to join clubs, do community service
4. Part of Jefferson Awards with 40 other schools
5. If students volunteer 100 hours, recognized at Senior Awards night
6. Integrates service learning into curriculum
7. My Red Shoes and Sock Drive coming up
8. Provides counselors for Outdoor Education groups
9. Wellness Week , October 12-16, "Just for the Health of It"—seeking donations to help fund activities during event

8. **Graduation Night-** Robyn Buckingham

1. Friday, May 28
2. Planning secret get away for seniors, site selected
3. Asks for parent volunteers, not just senior parents

9. **Announcements-** Cindy Montgomery

1. Thanked new freshman parents for attendance
2. Next Meeting October 14, 2009 7pm in BHS Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Leigh Schubiner,
Recording Secretary