

Bannockburn School Parent Organization (BSPO) Meeting Minutes October 18th, 2011

Attendance: Vicki Martin, Sara Danielewicz, Pam Lewis, Nancy Nervick, Sharon Krengel, Cherie Thompson, JoAnn Desmond, Debbie Barnes, Paul Johnson, Catherine Reznik, Duke Gavrilovic, Becca Coleman, Lauren Kliska, Liz Ciko, Ginni Glass

The motion to approve the September 13th meeting minutes was made by Cherie, second by Becca.

President's Report:

- Vicki welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- A representative from Bannockburn School is needed at the 'Parent: The Anti Drug' community meetings held once a month. Sara Danielewicz volunteered to attend meetings and pass on any information to parents. It was suggested that information from this organization be posted on the school's website.
- There has been interest expressed by some parents in forming a Ski Club. Based on the school's past experience and liability issues, it was agreed that interested families should organize such ski trips on their own. Snowflake in Highland Park offers organized trips for children ages 8-16 complete with transportation.

Corresponding Secretary:

- Pam reminded everyone that Spirit Day is November 4th.
- Final shipment of Spirit Wear will be arriving to the office. Staff order will come later.
- Pam suggested starting the Spirit Wear sale earlier next year.
- A condolence card will be mailed to the family of Sam Zeltser. Debbie Barnes mentioned donating a brick in his honor.

Principal's Report:

- Debbie was pleased with the turnout for parent/teacher conferences.
- She thanked BSPO for the math assembly, and praised efforts to plan assemblies that cover various interests/subject areas
- Soccer and Volleyball are ending. Basketball is beginning.
- Everyone agreed that Mr. Vincent's Fitness Field Trip was excellent - great feedback from the kids, specifically regarding the nutrition talk!
- See Debbie's comments under Cultural Arts regarding assemblies.

Superintendent's Report:

- JoAnn reported that Bannockburn School did win an A+ rating by School Search, an organization that ranks school districts. (59/868 school districts in Illinois received an A+ rating)

- JoAnn encouraged parents to write positive comments about Bannockburn School and post online (greatschools.com, schooldigger.com). Relators have suggested that prospective homebuyers rely heavily on comments/rankings made about schools. Promoting our school could increase home sales in the area, and therefore, property value.

Teacher Liaison:

- Liz Ciko and Ginni Glass showed an exciting video presentation by a musician in the UK that does innovative things with instruments using the iPad.
- Both Liz and Ginni are very excited about the opportunity to work with the company and agree that a visit from the musician and his team would be appealing to most.
- The program would consist of an assembly for grades K-4 and break-out sessions for 5-8 graders. The teachers would also receive a 30 minute presentation on using technology in education.
- Proposed date is Monday, December 5th.
- Total cost is \$2000. Funds for a third assembly will go towards this.

Treasurer:

- Sharon reported that Hot Lunch money is on budget, Spirit Wear is paid off, Bull Dog Pumpkin Run flushed out.
- Handouts were distributed highlighting the budget.
- Insurance was purchased to cover BSPO for \$701.
- Sharon described two policies regarding funds. 1) If you need cash for an event, please give a 5 working day notice. 2) If you need a check, please give 48 hour notice.

Committee Updates:

- **Bull Dog/Pumpkin Fun Run** Sara mentioned that although the run was fun, there was not great participation. It was mentioned by Debbie that the feedback was the middle school kids did not know about it. Emails are not being read, so perhaps a few flyers/posters in the hallways would create interest.
- **Fall Gift Sale** Paul reported that the gift sale is over, although he is still accepting forms. Overall, sales were down a bit from last year. Paul agreed that the catalog was weaker than the previous year, there was a lack of Hanukah material, and a new type of incentive program (class parties/duck idea) might be necessary.
- **Book Fair** Cherie reminded everyone about the new date for the Book Fair - Sunday, November 20th. In addition to the Cheesecake Factory Cheesecakes, Kim and Scott's Hot Pretzels will be available for pre-order. The Book Fair committee is going to provide parents with their child's 'wish list' again this year. A copy of the wish list will be sent home with each child and additionally will be on file at Barnes and Noble the day of the book fair.
- Becca and Lauren will begin to plan for the **Holiday Luncheon for Staff** to be held Tuesday, December 13th in the Library.

- **Cultural Arts**: Catherine apologized that it had been difficult to confirm times for the Halloween Assembly, but explained that the BMX Bike Group that had been contracted with back in April had changed ownership and it had been difficult to get a hold of them. Two assemblies are now planned for 9AM and 10AM on Halloween. After Liz and Ginny's presentation, Debbie said that she hoped that some of the future planning for assemblies could wait until the school year had begun so that assembly money might be available to support programs such as this one brought forward by the teachers if BSPO likes the idea(s). Finally, Catherine was contacted by a parent about Bannockburn having after school activities. Debbie reported that this was done in the past, but there were not enough students to support the program. She says that she will send a survey to assess interest/ availability. She mentioned that Deb Kramer is interested in running Camp Invention the week after school is out for the summer. Many in attendance encouraged Debbie to let parents know by January or sooner if the camp is going to be offered at the school so that they could schedule it into their summers.
- Phineas and Ferb: Across the 2nd Dimension won the **Movie Night** vote. Nancy will create several posters to be displayed at school, advertising 11/4th movie night to all grades.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Catherine, second by Vicki.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Nancy Nervick
Recording Secretary