Brennan Middle School

Brennan Organization of Parents

January 10, 2017

**Officers in attendance**: Laurie Brasil, Mary Morris, Deb Lacourse, Lourie Sarcione

Attending: Kerry McLaughlin, Jenn Parker, Chris Martin, Melissa Fogg, Stephen Sarcione, Bonnie Mooney, Lucy Pacheco

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Introductions took place

**Principal’s Report**:

Dr. Souza has been actively updating the BMW website. He is working to update the calendar regularly. He is trying to ensure good communication between the school and families. Updates and reminders are being posted on Facebook, Twitter and Aspen regularly. Staff and families are receiving weekly emails, sent out on Sundays.

Upcoming events:

* 1/11 Opioid Awareness 6:30 pm @ AHS (other middle schools are attending this in lieu of there monthly meeting). Some parents were unaware of this event. Better marketing in the future is recommended. Students in Grade 7 and the high school will be screen "for at risk", per the State of Massachusetts. Screening will be done by the school nurse and councilors.
* 1/13 Half day
* 1/16 No school
* 1/24 Grade 5 DARE graduation
* 1/25 "Most Likely to Succeed" film screening at AHS @ 6:30 pm
* 1/27 Bowling Night

Winter Festival: No date yet, Dr. Souza is considering not having the event. He would like to push for staff and family participation at the Basketball Game.

Student/Faculty Basketball Game: Currently scheduled for 3/15/17 to be held at AHS. Dr. Souza proposed moving the event to BMS. It can tie in nicely with a pep rally, students can decorate the hall and gym, and it should make it easier to have staff participate. Spirit wear will also be available for sale. The consensus was in favor of moving the game from AHS to BMS, as long as that date is available.

School Council: Dr. Souza needs three parents to be part of the team that meets approximately five hours in total annually to review the School Improvement Plan. The team evaluates where BMS is, if goals have been met and review data submitted by the state. He is proposing once a month 2-3 hour meetings to really have time to have meaningful discussions. Four parents (Jenn Parker, Melissa Fog, Lucy Pacheco and Deb Lacourse) submitted their names for nomination. The first meeting is scheduled for February 11 from 9:30-11:30.

Cluster Area Update: Dr. Souza will get a final price for 5 bulldog graphics and text "Do the right thing!" with installation to the BOP. Approval is pending the new treasurers’ access to the BOP back account.

Math Counts: Shelley Glassman is running an afterschool math club to compete. Dr. Souza would like to give participants a BMS tee shirt to wear. There will be between 10-12 students. A motion was seconded and accepted. The BOP will provide the tee shirts.

Web link: Dr. Souza has provided Laurie with a web link, which she will forward, to be able to keep him appraised of events that need to be posted.

Entryway update: A flat screen TV will be mounted in the entryway to post videos, announcements, news and upcoming events, including BOP events.

Cameras: New HD surveillance cameras have been installed in all community areas. Dr. Souza can use the video to monitor behavior, both for correction and praise.

*The floor was turned over to the president*.

**President’ Report**:

* Money raised from the Color Run was used to purchase a treadmill for the fitness room. Unfortunately, it broke and needed to be replaced. Laurie was able to exchange the broke treadmill for 3 recumbent bikes. The credit for the treadmill was $1303.11; the bikes were $1409.87, resulting in Laurie paying $106.76 out of pocket. A motion was seconded and accepted to reimburse Laurie.
* Bylaws- if no further changes are to be made, they will be accepted. They will be posted on Facebook and ASPEN.
* Butter Braids Bonnie Mooney offered to chair the fundraiser. Laurie will put her in contact with Nancy for details.
* Box Tops- the next submission date is March 1. The deadline to drop off box tops will be February 17. Prizes for individual students who collect the most will be their choice of gift cards (Dunkin Donuts or Cumberland Farms).
* Square One Art: Currently underway, with the hope items will be available for Mother’s Day.

**Treasurer's Report:**

* Will be forthcoming

**BOP Board update**: A motion was seconded and accepted to replace Nancy Lamothe, Lisa Ramos and Rose Larson from the Bristol County Savings Bank with new officers Laurie Brasil, Deb Lacourse and Lourie Sarcione.

**Open Discussion:**

* It was decided the BOP treasurers will complete a 990N E-post card and discontinue the accountant. Funds saved by this change will be allocated elsewhere.
* Website: Lucy has offered to develop a BOP website via a Weebly account. She needs specific information regarding all school/BOP events to make the website the best it can be. The use of Remind 101 to communicate with families was discussed. This seems like the best option. There’s more to come.

Meeting adjourned 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Morris