

Minutes

Bridgehampton PTO

General Meeting

December 13, 2006

- Roll call** Nicki Hemby, president; Melanie La Point, treasurer; Karen Hochstedler, correspondence sec.; Joyce Manigo, advisor; Jack Pryor, principal; Dr. Youngblood, superintendent
- 6:35** Welcome
- Nicki** Old Business
- A.** Minutes from general PTO meeting 11/08--approved
 - B.** Minutes from executive board meeting 11/29--approved
 - C.** Recap of coat drive/food pantry
 1. 129 coats were sent from BHS. They were all professionally dry-cleaned. One Warm Coat is distributing them to needy people in Riverhead via Catholic charities. We will receive a certificate of participation, to be displayed in the PTO bulletin board.
 2. The Student council and PTO have joined forces and extended the food drive. Collections are still being received at the school's main entrance. The student council will deliver all the donations to St. Ann's on Thursday, 12/21.
 - D.** Cheesecake/pie sale
 1. Fifty-seven orders were made
 2. \$307 profit
 3. pick-up date is Thursday, 12/21 from 2-6 PM at the school. Nicki, Melanie, and Mary will attend the pick-up station.

New Business

A. Teacher representatives

Mary Johnson and Ken Giosi have been designated to co-chair the teacher committee. They will assist the PTO board in communicating and rallying teacher/student support while the PTO board will assist in communicating and rallying the parental support.

B. Special Committees

These committees are being formulated to spread the work out. It's a way of inviting all PTO members to offer their time and talents where needed, in order to gain great success. Sign up sheets were passed around for these areas:

1. Fun nights
 - a) Student council would like to work together with PTO for these events

- b) Some ideas would be Family Feud game show, Movie nights, Read-ins, Pajama night
2. School-spirit sale items
- a) T-shirt sales with a possible art design contest, where the winning creation would be used as the t-shirt design
 - b) The question was raised asking if the Killer Bee was an official mascot for BHS, and whether or not it was in the school's best interest to continue using the mascot or adopting something slightly different.
 - c) Questions were asked about creating a new school logo, possibly from an art contest. This idea was well-liked.
 - d) Dr. Youngblood suggested, in doing something of this nature, the logo should be copyrighted as our own trademark
 - e) Joyce mentioned that the Killer Bee logo is already on file with a printing company from a previous order, if we decided to purchase and sell those.
3. Homeroom parents
- a) Mary brought up the idea of creating a school directory. We plan to have a flyer sent out to the parents asking for their phone and email information, as well as, their permission to be listed in a school directory.
 - b) The PTO wishes to aid the teachers by finding homeroom parents for each grade. The teachers will be asked for suggestions about who would make ideal homeroom (or class) parents. Ideally, these parents would help raise the level of awareness of all BH events, boosting the involvement from other families. They would also try to be available or find other parents to help with field trips and classroom parties, etc.
 - c) Ken Giosi suggested that it would be advantageous for the high school teachers to reach out to specific parents they feel could fit this role. Maybe something like the "volleyball competitions" could not only include students vs. teachers, but parents as well. [yesssss]
4. PTO bulletin board will hopefully be placed in the school's main entrance soon.
5. Holiday arts and crafts would be one or two-day events, held after-school during holiday times, where children and parents could celebrate the seasons through art and craft making.

C. Wellness committee will make a presentation for future PTO mtg. Mary Ann Jules will notify the PTO when they are able to do that.

D. Vending machines in the school is an area the Wellness Committee feels they should have an advisory roll, and be able to make recommendations to the board of

education. The Wellness committee has a meeting on 12/20.

E. The date for next year's picture day is Thursday, October 4, 2007. The packets will include options for add-ons i.e. bookmarks, key chains, etc.

F. Next scheduled PTO meeting will be Wednesday, Jan 10, 2007 at 5:30 PM

1. A question was raised as to how a PTO agenda is established and someone might have an item put on the agenda for an upcoming meeting. The PTO president, Nicki Hemby, sets the agenda. Any PTO member can ask for an item to be discussed for an upcoming meeting by emailing Nicki at least few days in advance.
2. The PTO board members now have their emails listed on the BH website [hooray]. Events and minutes will be posted there as well.

Announcements

- A. The school survey has a low parent response, although some parents have only received a survey this week. Mary Johnson plans to set up a table at the winter concert to help anyone who is having trouble answering the questions. She will also have a PTO membership box for anyone who wants to sign up and pay the dues of \$5.00.
- B. Melanie La Point reports the finances to date: checking account has \$1992.94 and the saving's account has \$445.72. The PTO has about 46 members.
- C. Student council is hosting a Holiday Party for the entire school on Friday, 12/22. The PTO has volunteered to help. Anyone who can serve should come at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served at noon. The PTO will also help provide desserts and drinks.
- D. International Dinner will be scheduled for sometime in March and Pamela Swan would love for the PTO to help with the event.

7:35

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hochstedler
PTO correspondence secretary