

PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017

Attendees: L. Duzan, S. Byrne, A. Acey, A. Vohra, N. Corum, J. Enwright, S. Shenefelt, M. Morawski, J. Hill, G. Moran, D. Patterson, S. Schmidt, J. Peterson, J. Weingarten, S. Wright, & C. Balicki

Approval of Minutes: Motion - S. Wright, 2nd - G. Moran

Community Connections – C. Balicki

- **NEW FAMILY BREAKFAST AND ALUMNI BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
The Community Connections Committee will be hosting the New Family Breakfast on Tuesday, May 16, 7:45-8:30am for our new 3/4 students and their parents. They will also be hosting the Alumni Breakfast on Thursday, May 18, 7:15-8:15am for our graduating seniors. We need volunteers for both events. If you are available for one or both of the events, please sign up at [Breakfast Volunteer](#). Thank you, in advance, for your help!
- Our annual ***Parent Appreciation Breakfast is Friday, 5/19!*** *You are invited to a special breakfast in your honor on Friday, May 19 from 8-9:30 a.m. in the BCS Media Center.* The BCS staff is excited to have this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for the incredible support provided to BCS all year long.

Principal's Report – M. Morawski & J. Hill

- BCS Featured by Edutopia
A team from Edutopia's Schools that Work visited BCS in October 2016 for a case study spotlighting the innovative teaching and learning at BCS. The case study, along with the five accompanying videos, was released on April 6, 2017 and can be found through a link to the article [Birmingham Covington: Building a Student-Centered School](#). Also, the case study was featured in the [ASCD SmartBrief](#) on April 7, 2017.
- Makerspace Update: making progress with work tables, 3D printer, laser cutter, router
- M-STEP (5/8 is finishing up; 3,4,6 & 8 will be 5/1-mid May)
- Parent Forum: FINISHING STRONG

Treasurer's Report – S. Shenefelt & S. Adams

- Budget on track; submit check requests before or by last day of school
- 2017-2018 Budget Proposed

Co-Chair's Report – A. Acey, A. Vohra, S. Byrne

- Volunteer of the Year Nominations & Vote – Diana Patterson
Over the past 6 years Diana has volunteered in seemingly EVERY area at BCS, including being a Room Parent, Room Parent Coordinator, BEF Representative, and chairing the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony Committee. Diana has volunteered every year in the BCS Office, Media Center, Book Fairs, BLAST (and ran the BLAST Boutique), Move Up Day, Open House, and Wacky Recess. She has been a Battle of the Books team coach and table captain, Science Olympiad Coach, and helped at our 20 Year Celebration. In addition, Diana is singlehandedly credited for bringing "Reflections" back to BCS, and spends countless hours promoting and organizing the program. Diana brings a notable level of class and sophistication to all of her endeavors. We are

fortunate that this woman has chosen to focus so much of her time and energy contributing to our BCS/BPS community.

- Open Positions for 2017-2018
 - 1st year Co-Chair
 - Wellness
 - Bagels for 8th grade graduation
- Council Updates – See attachments.
- PTA Council Meeting is May 8, 2017
 - Volunteer of the Year will be recognized
 - Reflections Winners will be recognized
 - District PTAs are looking to BCS in terms of success with contributions and volunteers.
- Staff Appreciation Week
 - Monday:** Staff Lounge will be stocked with your favorite snack foods and drinks
 - Tuesday:** Students dress in **RED** to show they love the BCS Staff
 - Wednesday:** Staff Luncheon – today or any day this week, consider sending an email or even a handwritten note to your child's teacher(s) from you and/or your child
 - Thursday:** Bagel and Coffee Cart delivered to your door
 - Friday:** Students "Dress like a Teacher or Staff Member Day"

Committee Reports

- **3/4 Room Parents – A. Vohra & S. Wright**
 - Planning End of the Year Party
- **5/6 Room Parents – L. Duzan & M. Carrel**
- **7/8 Room Parents – N. Corum & J. Enwright**
- **8th Grade Celebration – N. Corum**
 - THE 8TH GRADE GRADUATION CELEBRATION IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!**
 - Please note the following key dates and times:
 - 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony (family reception to follow): Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm
 - 8th Grade Celebration Dance: Tuesday, June 13th at 8:00-10:00 pm
 - 7/8 Cedar Point Field Trip: Thursday, June 15th
 - 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast: Friday, June 16th
 - Graduation Information and updates can be found on the BCS web site:** <http://www.bcsonline.info/Parents/8thGradeCelebration.html>
- **Curriculum Enrichment – N. Corum**
 - **HELP OUR DESTINATION TEAM IN THEIR TRIP TO THE GLOBAL FINALS**
PLEASE START SAVING ALL OF YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES AND BRING THEM TO BCS THIS WEEK. The BCS Destination Imagination elementary improv team took first place at the recent statewide competition at CMU. They are going on to compete at Global Finals in Tennessee at the end of May. In order to help raise funds for their trip, please save your empty cans and bottles over the next few weeks and **bring them to morning drop off at BCS (7:30-8:15AM) this week, May 8-12**. Collection bins will be placed outside the circle drives and some volunteers will be there to assist as well. ***If you would like for someone to pick up your cans/bottles from your residence***, please contact Alifya at alifya@gmail.com to schedule a pick up. Thank you for your help with this effort!
- **Reflections – D. Patterson**
 - 4/25 – Lunch in 3/4 Science Lab (103 Participants)
 - Artwork returned in May
 - State winners are recognized at District PTA Reception
- **Birmingham Education Foundation**

The Birmingham Education Foundation invites you to join us at the BEF BBQ, presented with support from DFCU Financial. The BBQ will be Friday, May 19th from 6-10 PM in downtown Franklin on the lawn of the Kreger House. This new event supporting our schools will feature beverage tastings provided by Griffin Claw and a delicious, smoky BBQ dinner from Woodpile BBQ Shack. Entertainment, raffles and more will round out this fun evening. The BBQ is for those 21+ up only. Tickets available for purchase now at <https://supportbef.ejoinme.org/BEFBBQ2017>

- **Wellness – D. Davis**

- Bullying-Proof Your Kids -25-30 in attendance
- Looking to hold an off-site yoga night

- **Community Connections**

- Move-Up Day is 6/12 from 9-10:30 (Volunteers are needed.)
- Move-Up Night for 5/6 is at 6PM and 7/8 is 6:30PM.

New Business

- Discussed adding new Choice Hour options.

Old Business

- Gardner Sign will be doing the new BCS sign.

Meeting was adjourned at 3/14. Motion by D. Patterson; 2nd by S. Byrne.

Handouts: BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Agenda for April 20, 2017, Unapproved BCS PTSA Clearinghouse Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2017, BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE Budget VS Actuals for 2016-2017, Weekly Legislative Update – 3/31/17, 2017-2018 BCS PTSA CLEARINGHOUSE Proposed Budget

Submitted by: L. Duzan