

BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
General/Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2007
JBHS Bulldog Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Pam Porter. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The minutes from the November 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as written and will be filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report

Tracy Palrang reviewed the treasurer's report. The cash balance as of December 11, 2007 was \$22,996.41. The report will be filed for audit.

Principal's Report

Mr. Kane reported the following.

- Thanked PTSA for the coffee and donuts and luncheon last Friday.
- Study Tips have been added on the Bowie website.
- Discussed the letter concerning Senate bill 1517. It affects advanced courses that are weighted. A student may make no lower than a 60 in order to follow the No Pass No Play rule. Only the AP and Pre-AP courses can be used in English, Math, Economics, Science, Soc. Studies, and Foreign Language. This starts this January.

Counselor's Report

Counselor Kristi Michener reported that:

- The counselors will meet with the at risk sophomores not Ms. Duffy.
- Kristi passed out a calendar of events for the spring semester

Ms. Duffy reported that

- College representatives are coming to speak with students.
- Trying to get all seniors to apply to ACC
- She has met with 82% of all seniors.
- Discussed family connection
- Discussed early college start. ACC dual credit courses aren't filling up for the spring semester.
- Working with Austin Partners in Education to get kids college ready.
- Free tutoring will be provided for those who haven't scored as well on TAKS and THEA.
- Brown Bag lunches provided.
- PSAT results will be distributed the first Wednesday after the break.
- There is a video which explains how to understand the results.
- There is a link on the counselor's corner which will help to improve an individual's score.
- Jan. 15th evening – how to understand PSAT test results
- Jan. 16th morning – how to understand PSAT test results

- February 14th – choice sheets distributed through advisory.
- February 19th – parent choice sheet night.
- February 22nd – choice sheets due in math classes
- March 4th – ASSET testing for those not exempt
- Bowie’s 20th year celebration – in the planning stage
- February 11th – 8th grade orientation
- Advance grant runs out this year. We can write letters in support of the advance program. Write to RLarson@austinisd.org

Old Business - none

Committee Reports

Reports were given by the following committees:

Newsletter –Deadline is January 11th.

Newsgroup – Lisa Carroll was not present.

Website – Deanna Custer mentioned that we can put a list of dates on the website.

Partners In Education – Working on leaf blowers for the custodians. (Would like more than a 10% discount) Operation Blue Santa – Gifts should be unwrapped and will be collected until Christmas day. River City donuts on Wm. Cannon gave us a discount on donuts for the faculty and staff. Ben White florist provided floral arrangements for the football banquet. Southpark Target is reading the wish list to see if they can help.

Hospitality – Susan Phillips reported that the holiday luncheon went well. The culinary department provided the food. Door prizes were given out. Next event is Valentine’s day goody bags.

CAC – No report

ACPTA – Michael Teter was present but had no report.

Booster Club/Volunteers – Darla was not present.

Kenel –Kim Perryman reported that she is working on the lock situation. One of the sliding windows does not open. It needs to be rekeyed. The cabinets need to be rekeyed also. Mr. Kane will check to see if they can be fixed at the same time.

Drug and Alcohol Programs – Joel Moreno reported that on Dec. 12th we will have a program concerning misuse of prescription drugs and steroids. It will be a program lasting one to one and a half hours. Students can get community service hours. March 4th – students from UTSA created a play “Every 31 minutes.” The will be a Q & A time during advisory.

Career Day – Jill Weir was not present. January 23rd and January 30th will be the days career day is held. One half will hear about careers and the other half will meet with non profit organizations and hopefully sign up to volunteer. Then they’ll switch.

Community Service Fair – Karla Cantu will head this up.

New Business

Request from the Ann Richards school for girls. Last year we approved a donation, but they never requested the money. *Cyndi Harrison made a motion to donate \$250 to Ann Richards school as seed money for their PTA. Lynn Moreno seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

Dates to Remember!!!

December 12th – Substance abuse program 7:00pm

December 13th – CAC meeting

January 8th – PTSA meeting

January 10th – CAC meeting

Jan. 23rd – Dual programming

Jan. 30th – Career Day and Community Service Fair

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by Pam Porter.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernestine Lopez