JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2008

The regular meeting of the James Bowie PTSA was called to order on December 9, 2008 at 6:35 pm in the Bulldog Room by president, Becca Clark; the secretary being present. A quorum was established. The minutes of the November 11, 2008 Executive Board Meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report showed: beginning balance of $11,588.55, income of $19,789.74, expenses of $12,853.06, and an ending balance of $18,525.23. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Mr. Kane started the Principal's Report stating everyone was ready for the winter break. The Macy's parade trip by the band was a success and the IWS program had 70 fewer students involved during the second six week period. Interviews for Assistant Principal and Mr. Kane's secretary were being held. Bowie received five gold performance awards recently and the TAKS recognized flag will be flown from the flag pole when it is received. Mr. Kane will follow-up on reports of the Bowie website not being current and will verify that the student release policy has been advertised. Kristi Michener presented the Counselor's Report stating all the counselors have been busy working with 9th grade students setting up Family Connect and COIN and this work will continue with 10th grade in January. The college center has been meeting with third and fourth quartile Senior students who are interested in college. PSAT results for Sophomore and Junior students will be distributed on the first day back from Winter Break and parents will have three opportunities to meet to understand the results: January 13, 2009 at 8 am and noon, and January 14, 2009 at 8 am. A financial aid meeting will be held on January 27, 2009 at 6:30 pm, with a workshop on January 28,2009 and the career fair on January 29, 2009.

The search for chairpersons of Bulldogs and Hot Dogs continues. Pam Porter reported that Partners in Education were working with Ms. Bohanna to obtain paint for the cafeteria project, and coffee and refreshments will be provided to teachers on January 5, 2009. Susan Phillips was unable to attend but reported via e-mail that the Hospitality luncheon on December 5, 2008 was very successful and the next event will be a treat for the staff on Valentines Day. Carolyn Merritt stated the Scholarship committee continues to advertise deadlines and that applicants need to be a PTSA member before Spring Break. Darlene Crawford announced the Bowie Bulletin newsletter deadline to submit articles will be January 15, 2009 and that paper copies will be distributed in advisory in early February. Becca mentioned the Student Directory will be worked on over the Winter Break.

Becca had investigated the cost of benches and found some that were similar to the ones in the courtyard. Mr. Kane will determine how long the benches need to be and how many are needed. The survey regarding the 2004 bond school improvements was advertised and needs to continue to be advertised for maximum response from Bowie parents. Mr. Kane will be meeting with a group from the science program to add four new science labs at Bowie and this might require additions to the second floor.

The next Bowie PTSA Executive meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Kellye Graham, Secretary

Approved _____as written_____ _____January 13,_____, 20 09_____