

JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the James Bowie PTSA was called to order on January 13, 2009 at 6:37 pm in the Bulldog Room by president, Becca Clark; the secretary being present. A quorum was established. The minutes of the December 9, 2008 Executive Board Meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report showed: beginning balance of \$11,588.55, income of \$20,289.98, expenses of \$13,051.64, and an ending balance of \$18,826.89. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. Vanessa noted the escrow report and payment are due January 20, 2009.

Mr. Kane presented the Principal's Report and reported the staff was working on a program for students that failed the first semester, to complete studies and earn credit for the class failed. A fire in the girl's locker room on January 13, 2009 was caused by a light fixture. It was quickly put out and deemed to not be electrical. Interviews continue for Assistant Principal and decisions are being made to possibly keep the position open for interviews later this spring. There has been good feedback on ParentConnection being released to parents. Meetings have been held to begin the process of adding six science labs as a second floor to the E Hall. The Counselor's Report by Kristi Michener stated that choice sheets will be handed out on February 19, 2009 with a question and answer session set up for parents on February 24, 2009 from 4-6 pm. The orientation for incoming 9th grade students and parents will be held on February 9, 2009 starting at 6 pm. Choice sheets will be due on February 28, 2009. TAKS English/Language Arts testing will be on March 3, 2009 with the remaining tests in late April. Several brown bag presentations are scheduled for February and March, 2009. Shannon Duffy will be working from home for the remainder of her pregnancy and has been very diligent with e-mail. More Than A Teacher will provide Bowie students a SAT preparatory course for a cost of \$279.00 and will begin this in February. Bowie is funding a portion of this event to allow for a reasonable price. The registrars are very excited that transcripts can now be sent to most Texas colleges electronically using TREX. A rising Senior meeting will be held on March 31, 2009.

Cyndi Harrison reported the search for chairpersons of Bulldogs and Hot Dogs continues. Pam Porter has resigned her position with Partners in Education. Susan Phillips stated the Hospitality breakfast on January 5, 2009 was well received and the next events will be a homemade cookie for the staff on Valentines Day and bagels in March for Teacher Appreciation Week. For Membership, Carrie Turlington said there were sixteen new members and the spring drive will begin soon with an ending date of March 15, 2009. Carolyn Merritt stated the Scholarship committee continues to advertise the four \$500.00 PTSA scholarships. The Bowie Bulletin newsletter deadline to submit articles is January 15, 2009 and Darlene Crawford reported six articles have been submitted. The Student Directory will be published as soon as business ads are complete.

Carolyn Merritt reminded everyone the survey regarding the 2004 and 2008 school improvement bonds needs to be completed by Bowie parents. Karla Cantu brought forward a presentation on Sex and the Law. The board decided it would be a good idea and agreed to fund it. Mr. Kane will investigate scheduling.

The next Bowie PTSA Executive meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2009. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Kellye Graham, Secretary

Approved _____ as written _____

February 10 _____, 2009 _____