

JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the James Bowie PTSA was called to order on March 10, 2009 at 6:35 pm in the Bulldog Room by vice-president - Membership, Carrie Turlington; the secretary being present. A quorum was established. The minutes of the February 10, 2009 Executive Board Meeting were approved as written. The treasurer's report showed: beginning balance of \$11,588.55, income of \$20,736.57, expenses of \$13,703.44, and an ending balance of \$18,621.68. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Mr. Kane was unable to attend for the Principal's Report; however, Carrie Turlington and Carolyn Merritt provided a brief update from the recent CAC meeting. The science task force is working on the building project which will add four new science rooms – two upstairs and two downstairs – to the end of the E hall. The current physics and computer rooms will be moved over the summer with new construction to start in the fall. Julie Ferrie is the new secretary for Mr. Kane. Kristi Michener provided the Counselor's Report stating the course choice sheet data entry is going very well. Shannon Duffy had a baby boy and a possible substitute will be interviewed this week. The Private versus Public College presentation on March 26, 2009 might be postponed and there will be a Rising Senior meeting for parents on March 31, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Four sections of the SAT preparatory class provided by More Than A Teacher have been filled. The College Center has been tutoring Seniors needing to pass the TAKS and meet HERC (Higher Education Readiness Component) requirements for graduation. There was a lot of dual credit interest expressed at the choice sheet fair and advising for the application process with ACC will be held during lunch on April 1, 2009, April 8, 2009 and April 15, 2009. A National College Fair will be held on April 7, 2009 at the Austin Convention Center, with colleges from all over the country setting up booths. A possible field trip may be planned for interested Juniors to attend from 9:30 am to noon and a special evening time is available for parents and students to attend from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The remaining TAKS tests will be administered on April 28, 2009 through May 1, 2009 and activities are planned for current Seniors during this time so school attendance can be accounted for.

Carolyn Windham reported for Susie Klein that Partners in Education will be working with Hospitality for the end of year breakfast which will include the Teacher of the Year recognition and asked that PTSA board members provide one gift card or gift for this. These items can be collected at the next PTSA meeting. Susan Phillips stated that Hospitality will provide breakfast baked goods one morning in early May for Teacher Appreciation Week and is preparing for the end of year breakfast. Michael Teter has been keeping the PTSA board updated with ACPTA e-mails and announced that ACPTA officer nominations are currently being solicited. One ACPTA scholarship is available for students that looking at a teaching career. For Membership, Carrie Turlington reported the Spring Membership Drive will end on March 13, 2009. Twenty-five new members have joined. Carolyn Merritt advised that Scholarship applications are due March 27, 2009 and the winners will be announced in the next Bowie Bulletin. The deadline to submit articles for the Bowie Bulletin newsletter May/June/July edition is April 15, 2009. Becca Clark has completed the Student Directory which will be mailed to those that pre-ordered. The remaining directories will be available in the School Store for purchase.

Dede Garrison would like to hold a Senior Breakfast on May 21, 2009, sponsored by Student Council, the Junior Class and PTSA. The board indicated support of this with the suggestion that the cost of this event be kept low for the first year. All current board members need to report to Becca if they will be continuing in their current PTSA position for next year or if they are interested in a new position. Susan Phillips reported the group that collected school supplies at the end of the year – Parker Lane United Methodist Church – was looking for people to bring the

items from Bowie to Parker Lane. The National Safety Council Alive at 25 course was presented to the CAC and there was great interest in this. A possible assembly might be presented to the student body during the afternoon of May 1, 2009. The next Bowie PTSA Executive meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Kellye Graham, Secretary

Approved as written

April 14, 2009