

**BFMS PTO Meeting**  
**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 6pm**

Attendance: Hope Brissette, Dale Chennette, Rick Kane, Cathy Morris, Misty, Suzanne Groenwold, Elena Luring

**I. Welcome**

**II. Approved Minutes from Dec. meeting**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Revised ending bank balance to \$4418.85

**IV. 6:15pm –Requests**

Add monthly PTO and PAC minutes to BFMS web site.

Update PTO site on BFMS web site via Emily Graves.

Advertise PTO and PAC meeting in Reformer.

**V. 6:20pm -Old Business**

**PAC (Parent Advisory Committee)/PIRC Meeting** – Mary Beth Pinard returns in February. We continue to follow through on meeting goals.

**Box Tops for Education** – ongoing

**Power School** – Dec. training postponed. Please notify Heidi Lucas Moccia [hlmoccia@wnesu.net](mailto:hlmoccia@wnesu.net) if you are experiencing delays with grade entries or other problems. Teachers are required to update Power School on a weekly basis. We are concerned that the abbreviations used to describe the entries are sometimes inadequate, and that the weighting of the various grades is not available on Power School. Unfortunately, First Class cannot communicate with Power School, making email notification of grades not possible at this time

**Recruiting students** – What can PTO do to help recruit students for BFMS?

Develop teacher biographies and class descriptions?

Contact incoming parents personally to see if they have any questions or concerns?

Attend outreach events or visits to other schools with Heidi Lucas Moccia?

Host an Open House event or 'Sampler' event to 'test drive' the school's opportunities?

Add articles to BFMS monthly newsletter?

Distribute BFMS monthly newsletters to elementary schools?

Provide articles re activities at BFMS to newspapers?

Fund BFMS branded items to give away at outreach events (pencils, water bottles, etc)?

**AIM afterschool committee** – would like parent involvement on the advisory board. Please contact Orianna Baez ([obaez@wnesu.net](mailto:obaez@wnesu.net)) if you are interested in joining the advisory board for AIM. The advisory board meets once every two months at Vermont Pretzel.

## **VI. 6:25pm -New Business**

**Class trips** - Are there other class trips or activities that are in need of funding? PTO is accepting requests for funding.

**Eyeglasses** - Consider sponsoring ophthalmology screening & eyeglasses for students in need. Will discuss with Laura Lober and local ophthalmologists.

**Grade Notification Letters** - Discussed weekly 'poor grade notification' letter sent by homeroom teacher. Complicated, as snail mail letter may not match grades on updated power school. Poor weekly grades do affect sport participation.

## **VII. 6:35pm -Principal's Report**

Nothing new at this time.

## **VIII. 6:45pm - Presentation by Cathy Morris**

Web site is being developed with Vicky Jones (HCRS) and Becky Spaulding through BFMS web site. Will provide links to topics of interest. If there are any other topics you wish to see linked, please email Cathy [cmorris@wnesu.net](mailto:cmorris@wnesu.net)

Handout provided summarizing Cathy's responsibilities in academic, career, and personal/social counseling services. She wishes to start more 'classroom guidance' (ie lectures on study skills, VSAC, social skills building, etc.) She is available to meet with students during 'open office' time during 4<sup>th</sup> period, or by appointment.

**IX. Adjourn – Next PTO and PAC meeting Tues, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in BFMS Library.**