Barstow Parents Association General Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2018

Latha Reiland called this meeting to order at 8:21 am.

In Attendance:

Latha Reiland, Amy Bauman, Susie Caisley, Joyce Dryden, Jennifer Beyer, Barb Onyszchuk, Nina Kim, Amber Ensminger, Wendee Elliott-Clement, Elaine Eurich, Caroline John, Christina Wu, Susan Dahlin, Sarah Kramer

Order of Business:

Motion to Approve November 9, 2017 Minutes – Amy Bauman approved
Second – Joyce Dryden
Motion Approved.

Latha Reiland Report about things happening in BPA:

Teacher Luncheons: Soups and Sandwiches from corner bakery and Teds Mexican in February. Planning for the teacher appreciation week in May has been started.

Math competions: In January, we had Bartow invitational. BPA sponsored the pizza and snacks for the Mathletes. Also provided snacks and drinks for Grading volunteers and monitors.

This week a little competition with a snack bag

December Upper School Finals: BPA sponsored the Smoothies.

Auction Baskets: We are currently working on auction baskets – 4 theme baskets

Room parents: Winter party was successful in the lower school and valentines party on 14th

Kindergarten Senior Program: It is on April 19th – Chairs Amy Graham, Reema Sebastian, Sonia Fulton are working on it.

Upper School Finals Week: BPA will provide Snacks.

Eight Grade Celebration: Coming up on May 16th.
Committee Reports:
Volunteer Service Days:
Wendee Elliott-Clement:
We are trying Volunteer Service day on Feb 19th – Presidents day, as most parents do not have the day off. Crosslines is a fantastic facility. It is one of the facilities supported by Harvesters. It is a 25 min drive from here. We are taking volunteers. It was sent out in “news you can use”. We will probably be packing boxes. It is a non-religious affiliated organization. We are trying to get 15 people for 1-4 pm on Monday.

Martin Luther King Day at Harvesters was a big success – 65 people showed up we did a lot of work and everyone enjoyed it.

Any questions do let me know?

Christina Wu – The volunteer link doesn't work.

Wendee – Will check the link to make sure it works?

Nina – Age requirement to volunteer at Crosslines?

Wendee - 8 and above

Treasurer report - Joyce Dryden:
We are trending better. We are break even and maybe we will have positive 500. We made about 5000 in the fall festival. We are going up in prizes. Overall the budget looks great.

Ways and means: We added a moms social(Ever eve and Kendra Scott) – we made 600 dollars that night. We might do one more before Prom.

Box tops – 486 budget was 500. Doing another spring one. Mcdonalds will be the prize. The Fall competition - Twister provided ice cream.

Shutterfly: Budget 250 we only made 66 dollars. We may have to advertise about it. That includes Tiny prints.

Amazon Smile – We have made 190 and our budget is 250 remember to use

DAV clothing box – $600 budget we made $875. They pay per bag. Get donation receipt at the front desk.

People need to know about all these different ways. If you have any suggestions let me know.
**Dan McNickle on Summer Program:**
We started enrollment on 1st at midnight. Summer Camps are filling up and big camps like Kristi Mitchell and Linda Collier has already been filling up. Golf only has one spot left, bbq etc

New camps slime-o-logy, ninja warrior (they go out for 3 days and build here for 2 days so they are creative). We are doing 1 – 10 students in these camps.

Wednesday night public can start enrolling.

**Summer TA jobs:** We have a lot of students who has their first job – 26 volunteers and 78 and 79 as assistants. We will pull those applications on march 1st. It’s the child’s job to fill up the application and they will have to be responsible as an employee. Students have racked up 200 volunteer hours. We have come down from 449 to 442 camps. It is a good place for kids to come and work.

Christina: What is the age requirement to apply for volunteering at Summer jobs?

Dan: Enter 9th grade. To be assistant – sophomore year. It is competitive. It is on first come and first serve basis.

Latha: Is there a counsel training camp?

Dan - June 4-8 we let them know how to handle a child. We do that one time during the summer. Going into the 8th grade year, if you are CIT then they can do this and learn to work with children. We do want the children who want to be here and have a good positive presence.

Joyce – is there a dress code?

Dan –T- shirt and shorts no spandex or tights I am very clear on the exceptions.

**Laura Siebers and Chris Mullis on Hybrid Learning Program:**

Great classes offered this summer – Geometry, food and human society -science class regarding culture, how people eat and why we eat and go through evolutionary psychology and teenagers cooking in the kitchen. High school class.

AP US Government – one semester

Accelerated math – with Approval from Joe Fox

AP Psych not easy class – content is taught in a semester

Graphic design, creating story

American sign language –Conversation clubs for kids who wants to keep up their Spanish
Holocaust studies, contemporary health

These are treated as real Barstow classes and end up on your child’s transcript they need to tell advisors and administrators.

Q&A:

How do they meet the teachers?

They meet on skype all online. If you are out of town and if you have WIFI, it works. Students can call in from anywhere. They do it on their own time, we keep it as an independent environment with a cap at 17. They will know the teacher as it is collaborative. Typing discussion threads, looking at each other’s experience. The conversation happens over a course of a week and everyone participates. A shy student also participates. The Courses are 11-12 weeks.

Chris English – HLC is a highly attractive course and I hope you won’t let your child graduate without taking one class. More and more universities are handling classes is in online environments. I highly recommend AP Psch for Professional MBA programs

Dan – When I took a class that was online and it was massive class and I was lost. This will help them for the future.

Christina – For a 7th grade student, do you offer any courses?

Ans: For middle school we are not offering since we need a structured presence. Algebra II and geometry will go on for a year.

Latha - Sunil did geometry over the summer and it was intense and it was good experience.

Auction – Megan

An Auction email about all the great places that are available for bidding have been sent. So plan your Getaway with these cool items.

Super Hero soiree coming along at Double tree, you can stay if you like. Feb 16th we have a special rate if you want to do the block rates.

The Auction Committee has been working hard. It is a great community builder and meet with parents across grades. It helps Annual fund. We start the Text to Bid at 5:30 pm. If you can’t be there you can bid from offsite as well. DJ music at 9:30 pm. Live items can be bid by proxy. We have another man cave – ring toss for alcohol, pop a shot contest, stuff the bucket raffle etc. It will be fun for the guys to spend time at the man cave. Please come and tickets are on sale.

Latha - We are excited about BPA baskets. We haves several alcohol baskets to stock the bar, Experience basket – ifly etc, 2 lego baskets, Best of kc. Look at all the items online.
Barb Onyszchuk - BPA By Laws update

We have been working on the By Laws for a few years. We have been thinking to update, I went to Judith and Shane and what are the items we wanted to keep and what needs to change and have a working community. We have already voted on the new structure – Care and Concern, VP’s of each grade, Officer can stay 2 yrs if they want and allow people to be included and let them move around.

We have past president and 2 past members of the exec committee like Shea Walsworth

There is the time frame and commitment for being an executive member. There will be voting online and now they are working on the link. We always get it approved by administration.

Call for approval of the BPA By Law updates:

Approve – Caroline John

Second – Amy Bauman

Updated.

Susie Caisely – Nominating Committee

We are working with nomination committee and we have the structure. There are 6 spots that the nomination committee puts forth for the parent committee. Barb is serving as the exec board. Please let us know, if you would like to be involved or if you know someone who may be interested.

Latha – we have streamlined a lot of things. Some of the things can be done from home.

Conclusion - Latha Reiland

This concludes our meeting. Next meeting on May 3rd at 8:15 am to introduce the new BPA Exec Board.

Thanks for coming by.