

August 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by PTO President Janis Boulware. **President Boulware** asked all present to introduce themselves and their positions

***Officer Reports:***

**President Boulware** brought up the following items:

The BHS PTO contributed a donation to the Stripling Scholarship Fund in memory of Dr. Stripling's mother who passed away recently.

The PTO Newsletter is currently being printed and hopefully will be mailed out by the start of school.

***Committee Reports:***

Teacher Grants:

The committee has \$20,000 to apportion among teachers applying for grants.

Membership:

The cost of membership will remain at \$10.

Miscellaneous:

Open House is slated for August 28, 2003 and will start at 6:00 or 6:30 PM. Rose Hache suggested that the Platinum level of donation be raised from \$500 to \$1000 or higher. This will be given serious consideration.

VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools):

As always, volunteers are always needed in various capacities.

Food Sales:

One hundred pizzas **sold out** at Cardinal Camp. Food sales in the cafeteria will begin on Tuesday August 19, 2003.

***Old/New Business:***

Scheduled maintenance is needed for the piano on stage. Apparently, it is in dire need of attention. The piano in the choir room is in decent shape.

The decision needing to be made is whether to spend \$3000-\$4000 on repairs vs. selling the current piano as is for ~\$3000-\$4000 and then purchasing a new piano for ~\$10,000 with a lock-

away capability.

“Celebrities” post cards have been proposed but not approved: These would be an easy way to celebrate positive actions of teachers and students.

***Fund-raising Ideas:***

Possible fundraising ideas: Chick-fil-A, Spirit Night, Chick-Fil-A calendars with coupons on the bottom.

Book sales for required English reading.

Bumper stickers and decals will be ordered to have for Open House.

***Principal's Report:***

- 0. Thirteen teachers have been hired as well as one assistant principal, and one new counselor.
- 0. There has been an increase in personnel in the counseling area: Mrs. Raby is now the Head Counselor.
- 0. The registrar's office area has been expanded. Olivia Jones (retired math teacher) will be working 50% in the Registrar's Office.
- 0. Ms. Taylor-Lane is retiring at the end of August, 2003.
- 0. On August 8, 2003 there will be a retreat for Leadership in Schools personnel.
- 0. A new swimming coach will be starting. She will be coming to BHS from Hightower HS and Rice University.
- 0. A new wrestling coach will also be teaching social studies.
- 0. There are currently 3140-50 students enrolled, although this number always changes in the first few weeks of school.
- 0. There is a new position of “Literary Coach”: One of the English teachers will step into that role. This is directed mostly to the ninth graders.
- 0. One of the RN's has resigned leaving that position open.
- 0. There will be an in-service August 11 thru 15 on The Student Learner and How to Reach Them.
- 0. Eighteen teachers went to Round Rock for an in-service
- 0. **ALL** 10th graders will take the PSAT per District.
- 0. Mr. Ritchie retired (Biology).
- 0. **PARKING:** Ms. Streeter told Mr. Salem, “We need to talk.”
- 0. Annual Parking Lottery will be held the second or third week of school.
- 0. A new program called “Challenge: High School” whose entire curriculum is AP will combine a high school diploma and a two-year college degree.
- 0. The Honor Point is still undecided.

0. A Newsweek report based on the number of seniors and the number of AP exams taken ranked BHS #64 in the country.
0. IB program: Dianne Resnick has retired.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM by President Boulware.

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 2,2003

Respectfully submitted,

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