

January 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by PTO President Janis Boulware.

Bellaire HS PTO President Janis Boulware called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She welcomed Norma Eiman as the new Secretary. She explained this would not be a formal meeting, and there was no agenda.

The Minutes of the December 2 meeting were reviewed by those in attendance. The minutes were approved without change.

The budget report was reviewed by President Boulware. The General Fundraiser has already exceeded the budgeted level of \$15,000 and was reported as \$16,415 as of December 31. Additional receipts since that date bring the total received in the general fundraiser to over \$19,000, with more contributions coming in.

The volunteer who had been selling pizzas on Tuesdays has begun a new job and is no longer selling pizzas. Volunteers from other sales days are taking turns covering the Tuesday sales.

Principal's Report

Principal Tim Salem reported that about 70 students had withdrawn before the holidays, but that an additional 40 students had been enrolled for mid semester. He indicated BHS has maintained a high enrollment through the semester. Principal Salem announced that IB diplomas would be awarded during lunch on Thursday, January 8, to the graduates of the class of 2003 who had qualified for this recognition. Students and their parents were invited to attend the presentation of the diplomas.

PSAT test results would be provided to students at lunch on Thursday in the multipurpose room. A meeting explaining the purpose of the PSAT and how results might be used would be held for parents on Wednesday evening at 7:00. This was the first year that HISD had all sophomores take the exam.

The Bellaire Girls Basketball team is ranked 5th in the area and Boy's basketball team is ranked 15th.

Three test dates for incoming 8th graders are scheduled for January. The first magnet test date is Wednesday, Jan 7 at 4:00 pm. An 8th grade parent meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 29th.

January has many athletic events scheduled. Soccer will begin. Students will compete against Teachers on January 28 and January 29 in a basketball challenge.

Report cards will be distributed on January 13.

More TAKS field testing may be scheduled. But dates were announced for the real TAKS test: February 24 (English), April 27, April 28, and April 29. A student holiday would occur from Feb 13 (Fri) to February 16 (Mon) while teachers would be involved in Professional Development.

Stanford Testing is scheduled for March 9-10.

A recent issue of Sports Illustrated featured an interview with UConn Coach who complimented freshman BB player Amika Okifor from Bellaire HS on his fine personality and upbringing and credited his family and high school.

Graduation for BHS class of 2004 will take place at 1:00 on May 30th at Hofheinz Pavilion at University of Houston.

Linda Rosen noted a change in an amount of pizza sales from what was reported last meeting. The amount should be \$11,560.

By-Laws Discussion *Cathleen Trechter* and *Carol Brush* had taken on the task of rewriting the old by-laws for the PTO. They provided drafts of the proposed by-laws as well as the current outdated bylaws for review by those present. Each by-law was discussed and additional amendments were proposed. Cathleen and Carol will incorporate the changes and redraft the bylaws for a vote at a later meeting. Some areas of discussion involved the makeup of the PTO Board, inclusion of teachers on the PTO Board, the maintenance of the standing committee roles (to be written) which will be kept by the Secretary. The size of the board may be altered to accommodate cases when two individuals held an office or committee role as co-officers or co-chairs, as is currently the case with co-chairs of the Membership Committee. After discussing whether a family would be limited to one vote at a meeting even if more than one parent was present, the decision was made that if both parents attended, both

could vote. The time period and method of keeping minutes and financial reports was also discussed. Permanent records of minutes are to be maintained for 7 years. Additional discussion concerned the committee role on the Teacher Grant Committee and how its role needs to be clarified. The Teacher Grant Committee considers and approves/recommends grants to the general PTO rather than the Grant Committee being the final authority in making the grant decision.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm. The next meeting will be February 3 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Submitted by Norma Eiman, PTO Secretary