February 5, 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Chris Nesmith.

Present: Mrs. Jackson, Dr. Garner, Chris Nesmith, Akia Harper, Amber Friar, Dorrie Lounsbury, Corey Graham, Andrea Vaughn, Miguel Medina, Curtis Davis, Jill Carpenter, Ericka Phillips, & Marcus Brown

The minutes were read by Akia & approved.

Old Business

Business Partnerships: LuLaRoe & 1st Citizens are donating $400 each to us. The paperwork needed by IGA was submitted. A week of summer camp has been donated by the YMCA & Massage Envy donated a gift certificate. Both for LabFest. Groucho’s wants to host a spirit night. 10% of the proceeds goes to Langford. SPAWS pet grooming declined to donate. The owner stated that she put all of her local charitable donation into Blythewood High’s pot. She asked that we seek out her donation at the beginning of the school year. Food Lion needs our tax ID form so they can donate a $25 gift card.

Amber spoke with BMW off of Killian. She found them to be unreceptive to our plea. She has also contacted Jim Hudson. Her point of contact has to move the request up the chain. Dick Dyer Mercedes/Volvo was receptive. Amber will follow up.

Teacher of the Year: We had looked at doing something for the selected teacher. Amber & Chris both were looking at getting Ms. Tyler access to a nice rental car for the weekend/week. Chris contacted Enterprise Car rental & was directed to their corporate office. Corporate told him that this type of request could be handled at the local level. Rashad Williams is the contact. Chris asked that we look at options for Mrs. Barthel who is the staff person of the year.

Amber stated that she is willing to donated her own money to make this work. A question of what is the dollar cut off was asked. Mrs. Jackson suggested that we take a good look at what we are going to do for the teacher of the year. Whatever is decided has to be something that can be maintained year to year. She went on to suggest that we look at something like providing duty free lunch & recess. Akia & Jill both echoed how much teachers love duty free time. The presentation of a gift card was also a suggested. We were again reminded to think of something that is free & doable. Duty free lunch or recess & lunch from their favorite spot for a week was placed on the table. Since Mrs. Barthel doesn’t have duty, it was decided to give her a gift basket full of her favorite things. Mrs. Jackson has a staff list of favorite things. Chris suggested that we give these things before spring break. Looking at the calendar, the ½ day before spring break. As for duty free lunch…the week of Apr 8th.

It was decided that we set a dollar of amount to donate. $50 is allotted to each. A vote was taken on gift card with basket or just a gift card. Gift card with basket won 4-3.

Power Hour: Monday, March 18th is the SIC sponsored day. Initially, we agreed to cook breakfast. Plan for 70-80 people. The menu is as follows: yogurt, granola, fruit trays, protein bars, bagels, crème cheese, juice, & coffee. We need to check if Sam’s Club will donate. Also ask Panera Bread if they will donate. Admin will provide the K cups. Use the $25 gift cards from Food Lion towards a fruit tray. Expect an email update in two weeks.

Parent Advisory: The 2019-20 calendar has been approved. The plan is to have calendars approved two years out. Next year’s calendar had a snafu because of the staff/teacher survey data. In the future the district will separate the teacher/staff category into two. Check the district website for updated Bond Referendum projects. The 2nd board meeting of every month will provide bond project updates. Langford’s design begins in November 2019- 2020. The work will begin in May of 2020 & will be finalized in August of 2020. Busses are a work in progress. (School/District Report Card) Dr. Davis stated that he has issues with the reporting system. He wishes the reporting was more individualized to the specific schools. There was a lockdown at Ridgeview. A parent was concerned about the length of time that it took to notify parents. The main objective is to make sure that students & staff are safe. Once that is done notification take place. Dr. Davis was asked about the school board drama. He stated that his job is to manage teachers & students. He moved on to the next item. The next meeting in March 4th.

PTO Report: Drafting thank you letters for our business partners was discussed. Great American/Marble Slab fundraiser begins on February 22nd. Discount cards are $20, a baker’s dozen of cookies is $15, and 2 quart of ice cream is $15. Samples will be passed out at dismissal in the car rider line. Chick Fil-A night is scheduled for May 22nd. The SIC was encouraged to come out to help by manning the doors in 30 minute shifts. There will be an open meeting at 5:15 on the 21st. LabFest is March 29th (5-8PM). Guidance Appreciation is this week. The SIC should look at doing something for Mrs. Davis in the coming years. Everyone is going to donate $5 towards a gift card. Chick Fil-A biscuits to be sold in the car rider line.

Principal Report: The music department from Muller Rd came in and performed for our 5th graders. We had our bus evacuation today. The 100th day of school celebration will be tomorrow that includes the Kinder parade. It will stream live on Facebook. This month we celebrate black history month. You will see student work in the cafeteria. This will be based on STEM. The A honor roll 83 students, A/B 94 students, 185 students received perfect attendance. Grades 2-5

Fine dining is moving forward this Friday from 11-1. 2 students from each class in grades 3, 4, 5. Bus appreciation week is coming up. Family game night is February 21st 6-8PM. This will be very similar to night at the museum so that you will have the opportunity to participate in the games of your choosing

Kinder- Card games, 1st-bingo, 2nd- Pictionary & charades, 3rd- escape room, 4th-Kahoot, 5th- Are you smarter than a 5th grader, Related arts- Monster Ball.

Our Real Men Read event is on March 1st.

Dr. Seuss week- Monday: drop everything and read, Tuesday: dress as your favorite book character, Wednesday: Literacy day parade, Thursday: Crazy hair & sock day, Friday: spirit day.

Testing season is coming:

Feb 11th-March 29th- SPED students

Feb 11th-15th Ravens testing-1st grade only

Feb 19- March 7th SC Performance test-gifted & talented

Feb 19th – 4th grade will take NAEP- letters were sent home

April 3rd -12th- Spring Map testing (Grades K-5) reading & math

ELA May 14th (writing)

May 15th-Comprehension

May 21st- Math

May 22 Science & Social Studies

Hall monitors are needed. A male & female parent in each quad

We are working towards a mentoring program. Mrs. Jackson & Chris met with Col. White from Blythewood High ROTC who heads the mentoring program Drive. He is going to help get our program off the ground. He will send in some of his soldiers/cadets to mentor our students. It will be fully implemented next year under a new Langford name.

Marcus is bringing a $250-500 donation to the table. Find out if there is a specific area the donor wants the money to go to. Brain storm ideas & bring them to the next meeting.

The next meeting is March 5th. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.