

## November 2009 PTSA Meeting

The November meeting was called to order at 9:35. In attendance were: Jean M. Tompkins, Lauri Harder, Kim Breda, Diane Corcoran, Julie Gorman, Lisa Devoto, Candy Wood, Anne Andrews, Margot Abrams, Lisa Weggeman, Carol Dreznick, Darlene Jacobs, Pamela Raskin, Slavica Prevelige, Elizabeth Melville, Mary Jane Guffey, Alissa Dolcimascolo, Jen Wastrom, Nell Hooker, Heidi Armster, Carrie Kulawitz, Phyllis Rhodes, Susan Ehrens and Arlene Darrow. From the Administration and Staff: Mr. Tom McMorran, Mr. Henry DelAngelo, Ms. Paula Panos, Ms. Anne Kipp, Mr. Scott Reimold and Ms. Margaret Solirno.

### PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Reimold from the guidance office did a spectacular presentation on Naviance which is a comprehensive website that parents and students can use to help in making decisions about colleges and careers. He gave the group a handout "Signing into Family Connection" with information on Naviance, as well as email addresses for all the guidance counselors at Barlow. After the presentation everyone was given their own laptop to test the system. Guidance counselors were there to be sure everyone got onto the site and was able to search Naviance and ask questions.

Kim Breda started the business portion of the meeting at 10:55 with introductions. Minutes of the October meeting were approved. (Gorman/Corcoran)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership/Buzz Book: 52% of parents are members. The membership form is back on our website.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Pat said we have Caraluzzi cards available for purchase. We looked at the budget and went over recent expenses and she suggested we combine a few categories. Motion was made and passed to put the Mini Grants-Student Recognition into Mini Grants-Teachers (Cieri/Abrams). Thus, there will be a total of \$1500 each year available for mini-grants. Motion was made and passed to put the following categories (Donations, Postage and Delivery, and Supplies, Paper and Printing) into Discretionary Expenses. (Cieri/Wasko).

Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Weggeman gave us the new version of her form "2009-2010 Volunteer Opportunities" as well as the old version and showed us the

changes she has made. We discussed a few more possible changes that Lisa will follow up on.

FOCUS: Diane is open to any ideas for the Focus. A "Graduate Corner", featuring profiles of recent Barlow grads, was suggested as a possible way to get additional interest from readers.

Staff Luncheons: Wednesday, January 20th is the staff luncheon. Candy welcomes volunteers. That date has been chosen because there is early dismissal that day/week due to mid-terms.

Reflections: Although we haven't heard from Claire-Anne definitively, it seems like it would be too late now to have a December deadline. The usual deadline is in late January.

Mini Grants: Still waiting until the deadline of Dec 4<sup>th</sup> to see what other requests may come in.

## NEW BUSINESS

Kim talked about the evening meeting that was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9pm . The topic for presentation was the same as our last morning meeting, "College Preparation through the 4 Years". Fifty people showed up for the presentation. Big success! 10 people stayed for the short business meeting that followed. We may do another PTSA evening meeting in Jan. or Feb., with Naviance being the topic, and perhaps another evening meeting in March with budget issues (and preceding the May vote) as the topic.

The group talked about the possibility of putting a photo cube on the JBHS website. Mary Pat will follow up on that.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45. The next regular daytime meeting will take place December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Harder  
Recording Secretary