

**Batavia Interschool Council Meeting
Rosalie Jones Administration Center
November 14, 2009, 8:30am – 10:30am**

Action Items

- Provide ideas and recipients for AGS community projects taking place during holiday parties of each grade. Please contact Lori Kessler at kessler345@comcast.net
- Please invite Jan Wright to your PTO meeting or other venue to draw people so she can share RTI/Problem Solving information and the program's success. Reach her directly at Jan.Wright@bps101.net
- If you would like an agenda item included in a future BIC meeting, please contact Jack Barshinger, Jack Hinterlong, Debra Prebys, Ellen Slome or Lauren Marder. Contact information will soon be available at <http://www.bps101.net/community/batavia-interschool-council>
- Provide input to school board members on:
 - High school AP
 - Calendar changes

Important Dates

Please see district calendar for additional dates: <http://www.bps101.net/event>

Current**Music Buffs** coffee pickup

CurrentLWS Book fair

November 19.....Backpack Mail submission deadline

November 15.....LWS Literacy night

December 5HCS Vendor Fair

December 10Backpack Mail submission deadline

December 15School Board Meeting

December 17Backpack Mail submission deadline

January 9Batavia Interschool Council meeting hosted by HC Storm

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Approval of minutes from the Sept Meeting

Jennifer Karkowski makes motion to accept.
Kathy Dremmel seconds the motion.
9/12/09 meeting minutes approved.

Board Topic

Interested parties would like contact information of PTOs, PACs and committee chairs. Conclusion to post PTO Boards, PAC members and BIC reps on the district website. If people want more information they can contact those listed.

PAC = Parent Advisory Council, administration asks for parent support. No funding. Run magazine drive, but money goes straight to school. Teacher appreciation lunches – all volunteer and donated goods. ISAT snacks.

Organization Reports

AGS

No fundraisers coming up.
All activities have been family activities with a lot of participation and great feedback. On schedule with revenue.
Every grade level will be having holiday parties and each will be involved in a community project. Still looking for ideas for projects and recipients.

BHS

Online conference scheduling has been successful.
Upcoming open houses.
PLC: great success for teachers and students. See *addendum*
Using Google website for minutes, etc for PTOs which is working well.

GMS

Focused on family events: Focus group meeting last year and feedback came back that families didn't like the food nights and wanted one big event instead of so many little things. First year did walkathon and raised over \$25,000. Book fair down a little but not that much. Next is Winter Wonderland – Holiday Express. Movie night coming up and then funfair in the spring.

HWS

Just completed gift wrap sale and book sale. Profits only slightly lower than previous years.
Dec 5, 10am, Holiday shopping
Feb 8 – 13, Clothing sale
Feb 26, Funfair

LWS

Book fair vendor night and teachers putting together literacy night that will take place during book fair: activities for kids and also presentation for parents
Christmas concerts coming up in December. K, 1, 2 grades present at RMS and also band concerts
Movie night scheduled in December – whole families and also 4-5 graders.
Unfundraiser: about 1/3 of families have participated. Some sent notes that couldn't afford but would like to do it again next year. Received donations both above and below suggested amount. All completely 100% tax deductible.

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Communication issues: People not receiving messages for one reason or another and have identified plans for next year for increased success regarding starting earlier and communicating. A lot of restaurant nights and running way ahead of last year. Repeated and same nights every month. Schedule out in advance so people can put it on their calendar and receiving about 4x more than anticipated.

RMS

Book sale ended

Veteran's Day presentation by music groups. Parents enjoyed it and speakers were excellent.

Sports Boosters Club

Winter open house for winter sports at high school

Membership committee is having "Winter Blitz" push to get additional members. Membership slipping past year or two. Not sure why.

4/16 annual coach appreciation/dinner dance fundraiser

Spirit gear doing well, all year around

CANDO

Inactive – lost our steam. Interest from 2nd – 3rd grade parents. Expecting some rallying due to program budget cuts and discussion of AP at the high school.

Music Buffs

Coffee fundraiser pickup today. Last night went smoothly. Fundraiser for elementary school band, orchestra, choirs and middle school. In 10 days, sold over \$42,000 of product. This translates to about \$20K in revenue. High school sold entertainment books and beat previous highs by about 200 books. Very happy because get about 50% of sales. Marching band is beginning to sell spirit wear. Other schools have a lot of gear, so looking into doing that.

Presentations:

RTI/Problem Solving, Jan Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum

Problem solving initiative been going on for a long time. Purpose is to improve student learning. *See presentation in addendum.*

Teams of teachers look for children who are in need of extra support. Data driven and hypothesis driven. Research-based interventions to meet needs. Monitor progress and determine whether to continue or discontinue. Shared responsibility of everyone in the building (eg, specials teachers, LRC directors) and parent involvement.

Have gradually trained teams over three years. Currently every elementary and middle school team has been trained. Results reported based on approx. 2/3 of staff trained. Greater percent of remediation and enrichment has taken place at elementary schools, as it is intended to provide early intervention, and within the classroom setting as much as possible.

Construction Update, Kris Monn

Elementary schools: LWS paving complete. AGS field will be ready for Spring baseball.

RMS: new gym finished. Board approved change order to replace tile floor with wood floor. Only 14K with help of athletic boosters and local sports organization. Now working on improving parking to access new gym.

High school. New classrooms fully occupied. Music wing expected completion by Feb

Phase 2: Auditorium and PE center. Footings complete. Next couple weeks will see quick progress: steel going up where auditorium will be. Concrete going up for new PE center.

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Discussion topic

Purpose and power of BIC: Making our investment meaningful

What is the best way to get information to school volunteers and administrators? Send link to BIC minutes via messenger.

Contact Lauren at LSMarder@sbcglobal.net for ideas/changes to BIC page on bps101.net

School Board Update – Jack Hinterlong

Adopted curriculum. Appreciate feedback from community.

Adopted budget – balanced. If revenue exceeds budget in six places, will take 50% and put it towards fund balance of next school year. Then, will go to

- LRCs
- network capability and infrastructure
- capital improvement projects

Now working on new budget.

Jon Heath received 2009 Mr. Holland Opus Award for passion for music and instilling love for music in high school and across district.

Batavia Educational Program Review (BEPR). 29 committees composed of teachers and administrators looking at outcomes and cost so board will have data on which to base budget decisions.

Approved tentatively, based on cost, special PE program which would provide adaptive PE for students with special needs and injuries.

Ongoing discussion about AP courses and increasing AP courses and timeline presentation.

Talking about school calendar (2011-2012) at board meeting on Dec 15. Looking at school holidays like Columbus Day, MLK, etc.

Coop for career center and special needs kids

Principals should have school improvement plans

ISAT and PSAT scores

Illinois interactive report card site. You can look at report card for school and district. Go to

<http://iirc.niu.edu/>

Satisfaction survey. Teachers, support staff, parents, etc. Jan is compiling results.

Didn't make AYP (annual yearly progress) Need to meet/exceed standards by 2014 as part of NCLB (no child left behind). Illinois has stair step approach.

Kris will look in to traffic pattern at RMS pickup.

District Update – Dr. Jack Barshinger

Installation of projectors

Thank you for the projectors. Will soon have equity across elementary schools. Middle school is coming from magazine drive sales and BHS part of construction. Huge dent in providing that technology in our classrooms.

All AGS projectors installed. 10-15 at storm; GMS will be installed by end of winter break.

Then installing new screens

JBN using carts

After 1/1/10, HWS will get scheduled to have theirs installed.

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Balanced budget and BPR

Extension of budget process. Has been administrative function. Been moving in this direction. Need to be based on people who know programs best.

Processing included in programmatic review process. We won't have comprehensive data - it will take about 5 years.

100 faculty volunteered

Reports will be public when get them to board level – end Jan/early Feb. Right now in draft form and taking them through series of writes/re-writes. Bd of Ed is audience so will be public docs. Can we deliver programs in a different way.

School dist revenue

Between 2-2.5 million dollars less in revenue than this year: lower property evaluations, tax cap rounded to 0. No inflation allowed due to tax cap.

Gap between revenue and expenses is 6 million on 60 m budget

Student information system

January –parent portal available so parents at middle school and high school can check grades, attendance, etc. real-time data

Adjournment

Thank you to LWS for breakfast. Next meeting Saturday, Jan 9, 2010, hosted by HC Storm. Same time and location.