

Bergen County Academies PPO General Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2013

Meeting called to order by President, Christine Ogden

Principal, Russ Davis

- ◆ Introduced new theme
 - “It’s a Great Day to be a Knight”
- ◆ International trips for 2013-2014
 - Beijing, China
 - New Delhi, India
- ◆ Introduced new teachers
 - Christine Wallace, Joe Marmora, Ozgur Dogru
- ◆ New BCA Leadership Team
 - Principal, Russ Davis
 - Vice Principal, Dr. Raymond Bath
 - Supervisor, Victor Lynch
 - Lead Counselor, Alyce Cusano
 - Lead Teacher, Dr. Todd Crane
 - Lead Teacher, Michelle Pinke
 - Lead Teacher, Giulia Zanoni-Mendelsohn
 - Lead Teacher, Dr. Rebecca Strum
 - Senior Experience Coordinator, Heather Lawler
- ◆ What’s New at BCA
 - Commons Area – new seating, dual boot computers
 - Upgraded wireless network
 - Electrical Engineering Lab – renovation underway
 - Intro to Surgical Techniques Class – expanded to accommodate more students
 - BCA Fitness Center – available to students and faculty throughout the day
 - Eagle Scout Community Service project – created outdoor seating and chess/check board
 - Water bottle refill stations – coming soon...
- ◆ Future Plans
 - 2nd floor for Commons and addition of atrium
 - New front entrance more befitting of a school of our caliber
- ◆ Announced Charlie Gleason – First place in International Biology Olympiad
- ◆ Environmental Science Center – adding greenhouse

President, Christine Ogden

- ◆ Introduced new 2013-2014 PPO Board
 - President, Christine Ogden
 - First Vice President, Ruth Walsh
 - Second Vice President, Cathy Hornyak
 - Corresponding Secretary, Sasha Conte
 - Recording Secretary, Susan Serrao
 - Treasurer, May Ragukonis

- ◆ Encouraged people to pay PPO dues, Early Bird Special ends 9/21/13

- ◆ Announced future events
 - 9/25 – District Meeting, freshmen
 - 10/3 – Back to School night
 - 10/10 – Admissions Sibling Hour
 - 10/10 – PPO Meeting, *Complete College Planning Solutions* with Ian Welham
 - 10/19 – International Dinner, almost sold out

Treasurer, May Ragukonis

- ◆ Presented 2013-2014 PPO Budget
 - Motion for Approval
 - 1st – Cathy Hornyak
 - 2nd – Sasha Conte

Parent Organizations

PAPA, Karen Sacks

- ◆ Will have their first meeting on 9/23 – meet the arts faculty, all invited

TechPA, Brett Kuehner

- ◆ TechPA helps to support career day and discusses curriculum with faculty

ACAHAPA, Dawn Williams, Barbara Farrell

- ◆ Supports SKILLS club and SKILLS competition through fundraising
- ◆ Still selling aprons and lanyards
- ◆ New fundraiser, iGive, to help support SKILLS
- ◆ register online, over 1000 retailers participate

BIZPA, Jennifer Scherer

- ◆ BIZPA supports the ABF academy with IB Breakfast, Career Day, DECA trip
- ◆ Works closely with faculty

- ◆ First Annual Cocktail party Sunday, 9/22 at The Rock Kitchen, Glen Rock

MedSci, Vasantha Ambat

- ◆ Healthcare professionals and students attend meetings
- ◆ Help with career day

ASAP, Gayle Alweiss, Stacy Stier

- ◆ Kickoff meeting, 10/16
- ◆ Help with career day
- ◆ Will send email blasts
- ◆ Return membership form

Open House, Carol Monahan

- ◆ Dates for Open Houses – 10/27, 11/2, 11/17
- ◆ Looking for parent volunteers – 9:45 – 12 or 12:45 – 3:00

Class of 2014, Nieves Martino, Dawn Williams, Pat Zuber

- ◆ Class Dues by 9/30 (paypal or check)
- ◆ Bake sale 10/27 – will send out sign up sheet
- ◆ Fashion Show
 - biggest fundraiser for seniors
 - will send out emails soliciting help
- ◆ Senior Breakfast was on 9/11
 - big success, thank you to all parents who helped or made donations

Class of 2015, Lisa Caron, Donna Tittensor, Lizzie Trimm

- ◆ Welcome parents
- ◆ 1st Event will be Junior Class Coffee – 10/18 at 8:00 am at Panera Bread on Route 4 West
- ◆ Cabaret Fundraiser on 4/9/14 – will be looking for donations
- ◆ Bake Sale 11/2 from 11:00 – 2:00
- ◆ Fundraisers – BCA Magnets, College maps, Got Sleep tshirts

Class of 2016, Maria Jasionowski, Laina DeRose

- ◆ Planning March fundraiser
- ◆ Will send out monthly emails to update everyone
- ◆ Bake Sale 11/17

Class of 2017, D'Arcy Natale, Allison Orecchio

- ◆ bcaclassof2017@gmail.com
- ◆ Class Dues – have already collected 65% of dues
- ◆ Freshman Potluck Dinner 9/27

Breakout Sessions, Guidance

- ◆ Seniors – 1st Floor Cafeteria
- ◆ Juniors – Commons
- ◆ Sophomores – 2nd Floor Cafeteria
- ◆ Freshmen - Auditorium