

Members Present: Gaelan Adams, Francois Ager, Cathy Alper, Joy Blount, Colleen Brown, CeCe Cole, Gloria Esteban, RT Hillery, Kevin Jackson, Mickey Reynolds, John Tracy, Heather Veirs, Mercedes Whitaker, James Snyder, Chad Albritton, Lucindy Russell, Dori Sigurdson

Guests: Brent Subramanian, Kemmisha Troutman, Kayla Foster, Barbara Krna, Kimberly York

Item 1 Welcome and Introductions/ Minutes

RT Hillery welcomed everyone to the quarterly meeting. He asked each member present to introduce themselves. The minutes from the November 21, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

Item 2 Old Business RT Hillery

RT Hillery informed the group that the BAC purchased a Booster Century Club sponsorship. Cathy Alper has the tickets for the home games if anyone is interested in attending. RT also informed the group that Tarita Jones from M&I Bank has volunteered to take the treasurer position. Kevin Jackson (Joy Blount) motioned that Tarita Jones assumes the position of BAC treasurer. Agreement was unanimous.

Item 3 BAC Committee Reports

Student Update

Chad Albritton informed the group that Student Council sponsored a successful spirit week and Homecoming dance. He also informed the group about the Jefferson Award program that Student Council is starting. He asked the group for a possible sponsor for this program. The sponsor would need to provide some type of prize for the winning student each month (August – June). The sponsor will be named on the Jefferson Award.

Scholarship

Angela Salva was unable to attend. Francois Ager shared Angela's update. The scholarship committee will publicize the BAC scholarship by sending letters to the grade 12 parents and students. The scholarship committee

has set a goal of increasing the number of applications received by 5%. Last year they received 7 applications. Letters will be sent out in February and applications will be due in early April. The scholarship committee will review application in April. Contact Angela Salva if you would like to be part of this process. The Scholarship Committee is working with Kyle Hopkinson and Brad Barsalou the American government teachers.

Membership/ Marketing

CeCe Cole informed the group that the Membership/ Marketing committee has tours and presentations set up for January 13th, February 17th, and March 17th at 8:00 a.m. Each BAC member was asked to invite one potential new business partner to attend one of the scheduled tours to learn more about Crooms Academy. Please email your contacts to Cathy Alper, Cathy_Alper@scps.k12.fl.us so we can track our marketing progress.

Curriculum

Mickey Reynolds informed the group that Crooms held its first science fair. The Curriculum committee gave \$132.00 for prize awards.

Mickey also informed the group that we need volunteers for the JA Success Skills and JA Titans programs in April and May. Contact Cathy Alper if you are interested in either of these programs.

Mickey informed the group that our web design teacher is looking for a job shadowing opportunity to increase her knowledge of PHP. Kevin Jackson suggested that we get a panel of technical experts together for the teachers to ask their questions.

Mickey updated the group about the professional portfolio and exit interviews. The teachers have asked Mercedes Whitater to work with the students prior to the interviews. This year all seniors will be scheduled for an exit interview. Interviewers will be given sample questions and a rubric to use during the exit interview. Contact Mickey Reynolds if you are interested in participating in the exit interview process.

Mickey announced that we are adding a programming for gaming and simulation class to our master schedule next year. The programming teacher would like input on books she should purchase that will assist her

with this subject matter. Please contact either Mickey Reynolds or Donna Gattis (Donna_Gattis@cait.scps.k12.fl.us).

Mickey also announced that we have 21 BPA students that placed either first or second in the BPA Regional Competition. They will be participating in the BPA State Competition on February 28th. Contact Colleen Brown (cm_brown@scps.k12.fl.us) if you are interested in judging.

Job Shadowing/Internships

Joy Blount informed the group that the first two job shadowing field trips to AT&T were successful. We are still looking for two more job shadowing field trip opportunities. We would like to secure 20 internships for our students. At this point we have only secured 2 internships. Contact Joy Blount or Cathy Alper with any job shadowing or internship opportunities. Thanks to Junior Achievement, AT&T, Sanford Chamber of Commerce, and General Works for offering the field trips to date.

Fundraising

RT Hillery informed the group that Tech Fest III has been rescheduled. The group discussed the possibility of combining Tech Fest with the Student Council sponsored Field Day on Friday April 3rd. They are also sponsoring an overnight LAN party. There is a planning session scheduled on January 23, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at Crooms. Feel free to join in the planning.

Business Liaison

Cathy announced the NAF Dinner Auction (at Orlando Marriott) is scheduled for Feb. 21st at 6 p.m. Our partnership with this event helps us to secure additional scholarships for our students. BAC will sponsor a table \$500 for 8 BAC members. Please email Cathy Alper if you are interested in attending this event.

We are requesting silent auction items. Items can include dinner/hotel certificates, gift cards, or any item that would be attractive for folks to bid on. Please email Cathy Alper if you have such items to offer.

A reminder that you must complete your dividend's application in order to help Crooms earn their Five Star recognition.

Item 4 **New Business**

Gaelan Adams and Kevin Jackson presented the Clubexpress option for a BAC website. The cost for using Clubexpress is \$5.00 per member for a year membership. The group also discussed purchasing "croomsbac.org" as the domain name. Francois Ager (Mercedes Whitaker) motioned that the BAC purchase "croomsbac.org" as the domain name and use Clubexpress for the BAC website. Agreement was unanimous.

Announcements:

RT Hillery announced that we are still looking for someone to fill the Secretary/Fundraising Chair position. Interested persons should contact either RT Hillery or Cathy Alper.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled on the calendar for February 20, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. **BUT** (your subcommittee chair will contact you if a meeting is necessary.)

The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, March 20, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.