

January 6, 2010

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1. *Old Business* **Big Y points:** With the 734,000 points accumulated from registered Big Y shopping cards, Bement was able to purchase pencils, 2 projector screens, 2 globes, a skeleton, portable easel and rechargeable battery packs. Items should arrive in mid-February, and approximately 52,000 points remain (plus continuing accumulation).
2. *School Store Update:* Sales total from opening December 4th was \$1,516.50, which included Dean's Beans sales for December. Several new apparel items sold out, and new exterior car stickers, coffee mugs and winter tea flavors from Tea Guys sold well.
We were pleased to be able to assist a Bement alum's daughter who contacted the PA via the website/PA email, and she purchased several items as a gift for her father. Next store opening will be Monday, 2/15 following the Open PA meeting.
3. *Treasurer's Report:* Beginning balance of PA account was \$10,697.27. After paying invoices for new merchandise and apparel, store netted a \$31.15 profit. Another Genevieve's order was received for \$90.00, as well as income from Sterling Name Tape (\$1.80) and World Eye Book Fair (\$375.00). Payment of \$500 was made to the Dartmouth Aires. Balance of PA account currently is \$10,695.09.
4. *New Business:* **Suppers for Six/Food Drive:** Suppers for Six is sponsored by Womens' Way, a part of the Franklin County United Way which focuses on assisting with children in need within the county. The PA-sponsored Food Drive will support this event this year. Families will be offered a reusable shopping bag, which they will then fill with enough non-perishable items to create a supper meal for a family of six. Flyers and Look Ahead info will offer multiple suggestions for items to put in the bags. Bags have been donated by Foster's already. Big Y and Stop & Shop have been requested, and Whole Foods will also be contacted. Womens' Way may also have extra bags, if needed.
This event will kickoff on Friday, January 29th and end Tuesday, February 9th. Amy Clark will come speak at morning meeting about the need in Franklin county, and opportunities to help. This event is strictly voluntary, and bags will be handed out one per family, not per student. Jeannette will also solicit volunteers to represent Bement at the dropoff event February 11th at Stoneleigh-Burnham School. Possibility for Upper School community service project involvement.
PA will stuff bags & organize for distribution on 1/28 in the library. Carole will do Look Ahead, Jeannette will do flyers.

Duncan Laird event: This event will be "Transitions at Bement" and cover common issues faced with the transitions of Bement students (and their families) from Keith to Drake, Drake to Kittredge, and beyond (most likely depending on the audience). We will look for a date in May to hold this. Best time to accommodate most parents would probably be 3:30-4:30pm, to allow Lower School students to go to afterschool, and Upper School

students to still be at sports. Evening events have often proved difficult for many to make return trip to campus. Suggestion was made to hold this event at the Jacksons' house, for comfort & afternoon traffic accommodations. Will check with Alex Bartlett for sports schedule conflicts when dates are available. Stipend paid by the PA for this event would be approximately \$250.

Internet Safety Event: Group hasn't yet responded to Jane's request for an April date. This will be full student/faculty/parent meeting option.

Spring Fling: First solicitation committee meeting was held yesterday. Letters have gone out to past donors. Kathy has asked that Class Representatives be contacted to ask each grade to either start thinking about class projects, or contact their teacher/advisor(s) to see if they are in need of any parental support for their project. In addition, question was raised to poll parents as to what kinds of items do they like to see for these projects. In the past, Lower School projects that combine kids' artwork/creativity go well, such as trays, mirrors, etc. in the past. How items go is so dependent on who is actually at the auction to bid. Feeling of those present is that Upper School should definitely consider service projects as their donation, i.e. yardwork, etc.

Also discussed possibility of having class projects done at least 1 week prior to Auction, so that they could be displayed with pre-bid/absentee bid information and more parents could have the opportunity to see/bid on these items. Spring Fling is possible topic for Open PA meeting.

Donation in memory of Jamie Mullins: General consensus to make a \$300 donation of books to the Bement Library in memory of parent Jamie Mullins, who passed away unexpectedly in December. This follows past precedent in similar situations.

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser: This will take place the weekend prior to March break, Friday February 19 & Saturday February 20 at B&N in Hadley. There are two choices for fundraising: cash profit or BN giftcard. Cash profit is 10% (sales<\$2000) or 15% (sales>\$2000). Giftcard profit is 15% (sales<\$2000) or 20% (sales>\$2000). Consensus is to go with cash profit, to put money where it can best be utilized. Previous BNBookfair was in February '08, and profit raised was taken as giftcard. Hut has contacted BN corporate offices to make inquiry about usage of that giftcard, as its usage is unclear in our records.

5. *Upcoming Events:* **Skating & Basketball Party:** Tricia has this all under control. Still looking to find someone new to Chair next year's event.

New Dorms: Shelley was at building meeting this a.m., but will keep us posted as to any assistance faculty will need to move into new dorms.

Open PA Meeting, Monday February 15th: PA is yet to decide any specific topics for conversation. Meeting will be held at 8:15 in the library and PA will serve tea, coffee, etc. Gretchen and Meg will set up School Store on Sunday, and open store immediately following this meeting. Possibly this meeting will serve as our February meeting, and we will not hold meeting on 2/3; to be determined.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 3 in the Middle Dining Room, 8:10am (TBD)
Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day) in the Library, 8:10am