



John D. O'Bryant/BTHS Alumni Association Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Location: 3/08/2005 5:30:00 PM - 6:30:00 PM

John D. O'Bryant School teacher's lounge.

Attendees: Cynthia Fernandes, Greg Gamble, Charles Titus, Joel Stembridge, and Howard Leibowitz

Absent: Elizabeth Miranda

- **Discussion items: #1. State PC Form (Right to Solicit)**
 1. Greg is still waiting for a response from the State Attorney General's office with regards to a status on the PC Form that was filed a few weeks ago.

- **Discussion items: #2. Alumni Association Website**
 1. Cynthia informed the group that an RFP with NetCasters (web hosting vendor) was returned with a \$9700 price tag. Cynthia is soliciting requests from other vendors and will update the group at the next meeting.
 2. Joel indicated that Tom Rose, a resource at his old high school in Scituate may also be able to provide some assistance with the website.

Action Items:

 - a. Cynthia will ask David Marcillo (parent of current JDO student) for an RFP as well.

- **Discussion items: #3. Disbursing funds to JDO**
 1. Greg spoke to a Boston Latin alumnus (Jim Guard) with regards to the process for disbursing funds to a public school and was informed that the association can not take the place of the BPS Department with regards to financial responsibilities. The association can only supplement school programs/activities.
 2. Howard has also asked Charlotte Scott at the Boston Education Foundation for information on the fund disbursement process as well.

Action Items:

 - a. Joel will investigate the disbursement of funds process from the association to the school and report any updates at the next meeting.
 - b. Howard will provide an update on the BEF request as well.

- **Discussion items: #5. NEASC**
 1. Joel expressed some concern with the association's involvement with the NEASC rebuttal process and thought it would be best if the alumni focused more on the day to day activities at JDO since the vast majority of the recommendations must be upheld by the BPS Department and the City of Boston. The group agreed that it may not be necessary to assist with every detail of the report but felt that there were a few items that

the association could provide some assistance with (i.e. advocating for a new physical site for the JDO School and providing items to support the technological advancements).

Action Items:

- a. Joel will provide a copy of the NEASC report at the next meeting.

- **Discussion items: #6. JDO Strategic Planning Committee**

1. Joel informed the group that the JDO strategic planning committee will begin meeting bi-weekly on March 16th and is looking for alumnae representation for the steering committee.

Action Items:

- a. Joel will forward along the program design document outlining the roles and responsibilities of the steering committee members.

- **Discussion items: #7. Compiling alumnae contact information and rallying support**

1. Charlie indicated that the association may want to contact an editor at the Boston Globe and Boston Herald to do a story about the JDO School and the alumnae association as a means to rally support.
2. Howard mentioned that he is in contact with Robert Gittens, Rick Domino, Ed Doherty and Joe Murphy, former Boston Technical High School graduates who are prominent in the community. These individuals are also in touch with a large number of alumnae which could further assist the association with gathering pertinent alumnae contact information.
3. The group discussed the need to gather alumnae records to begin building a database that would contain relevant contact information. Joel indicated that the only records that he has access to are transcripts which contain names of students that attended the school.

Action Items:

- a. Joel will ask his administrative assistant to begin going through old transcripts to extract names of graduates. These names will be added to an Excel spreadsheet that will be used to compile a comprehensive database of alumnae contact information.
- b. Joel will ask JDO teachers for alumnae contacts as well.