

# TOMCAT BRIDGEBUILDERS' MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2015

## Trimble High School

*Members present: Todd Grace, Ryan Nagucki, Rayma Sue Bishop, Reggie Robinson, Jay Barrett, Tracy Kelly, Tara Sayre, Justin Townley, Jeff Ross, Officer Jimmy Childs, Janice Wright, Sheriff Rodney Smith, Becky Petit, Kathy Trace, Svea Maxwell*

Ms. Trace called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

### 1. Athens Foundation Update

Ms. Pettit reported on the following:

- Students helped decorate and worked at the holiday celebration.
- Anti-Bullying assembly to be held.
- Caroling on December 17<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> with 40 total students attending the events.
- Continuing to work on the Facebook page.
- Teachers note change of atmosphere at the Junior High School.

### 2. United Appeal Update

Ms. Harvey reported via email to Ms. Maxwell:

- Funds being raised through worksite campaigns.
- Thanked Ms. Trace and Ms. Chalfant for supplying documents to receive gifts from the State of Ohio Employee's Campaign.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- A sample donation request letter was distributed and discussed.
- There are funds available for a school resource officer but the superintendent would like to wait until the next school year in order to train an officer.

### 4. Board of Director's Report

- Reviewed Conflict of Interest Policy.
- Reviewed Record Retention Policy.
- Mr. Ross and Ms. Richards are the nominating committee for change of officers at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 17, 2015.
- The mini-grant application is now available online at the TCBB website.

### 5. Big Brothers Big Sisters

Ms. Kelly said BBBS would like to have more mentors in Trimble Township. She said there are twenty-three children from Trimble on a waiting list. Ms. Kelly presented the criteria for becoming a mentor.

### 6. Backpack Program Update

Ms. Wright reported via email to Ms. Maxwell:

- A meeting is scheduled for this month with Alexander program leaders to review how they administer the program.
- Local storage and minor remodeling funds have been secured.
- 400 food boxes from the Logan Food Bank were distributed to students before winter break.

- Local collaboration provided gifts for 115 kids and holiday dinner boxes for 15 families.
- Ms. Wright distributed 175 sets of hats and gloves and 46 coats during the month of December.

**7. Other**

- Officer Childs reported 260 children were reached with the Joy for Toys program.
- Sheriff Smith reported more families were seeking help through the Sheriff's Office for family members with addiction.
- Mr. Barrett reported that Mr. Blackburn would like to hold another Community Justice meeting this spring.
- Mr. Grace is running for Municipal Court Judge and would like to learn more about available resources for offenders.
- Mr. Robinson said HRS would like to partner with all groups for prevention. He also said there is a billboard site available locally and will work with Vanguard and BBBS to recruit kids to Teen Institute Camp.
- Ms. Trace said there will be a Resource 411 meeting held in the high school cafeteria on February 5<sup>th</sup> and a PAC Operation Street Smart meeting will be on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Also discussed was a treatment facility proposal that did not get enough support to open locally.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.