

Bonny Slope Community Organization
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2009

Meeting Started: 7:00 p.m.

Board Member Attendees:

Candy Thompson	Gloria Zabel
Sherry Cadsawan	Danette Scales
Scott Whipple	Karla Bright
Mary Minor	Kara Anderson

Attendees:

Kim Haskins	Mike Reese
Wendy Kielman	Elaine Underwood
Km Kennedy	Wanda Werstlein
Jennifer Reber	Julia Fulmer
Meagan Ghorashian	Cynthia Thompson
Pamela E.	Melissa Hathaway
Beth Zappitello	Jen Epstein
Carol Loescher	Pam Winkleman

BSCO Agenda:

7:00pm - Approve minutes from February 17th

BSCO Meeting

7:05pm - Principal & Teacher Update

7:15pm - Special guests from Beaverton School District;

Mary VanderWeele & Christy Clasey to discuss district budget

7:40pm - Committee Update; *Danette Scales 15 min.*

Earth Sustainability; *Julia Fulmer 6 min.*

Fundraising; *Jen Epstein 6 min.*

Science Fair; *Carol Loescher 5 min.*

BSMArt; *Pam Winklesky 5 min.*

Communictaions; *Cynthia Thompson 8 min.*

Sparrow Club; *Beth Zappitello 5 min.*

Carnival; *Jennifer Raber 5 min.*

8:35pm - Treasurer's Update; *Scott Whipple 5 min.*

8:40pm - Water Cooler

8:45pm - Go home!

February Minutes are approved.

Minutes of the Meeting are as follows:

Principal & Teacher Update:

- Leah: Made announcements from 5th grade class. 5th graders have been working on the new shows. They have been great.
- Parent reps on site council: Establishing a site council. Working on enhancing the school.
- Started state testing (Oaks). Got a peak tonight and it seems very strong.
- 1st school improvement plan is on its way. Should be ready by May.
- PYP program is getting stronger within the school. Will bring parents in to educate them more on PYP. BS may go into the PYP program as early as May, 2010. There are 17 standards that we must meet. After authorization visit, won't hear back for 3 to 6 months. Evaluation visit in 3 – 5 years is the “Big visit”. May 14 and 15 is when the consultant will come to Bonny Slope.

Special guests from Beaverton School District

Board Rep: Mary VanderWeele – Christie Clasey

- Budget process for 2009 – 2010 –On 5th budget cut for school year. Cut over \$20 mil without cutting the staff or school year. This has taken a lot of effort and input. Stimulus dollars helped. There will be a forecast in May. Income revenue is continuing to plummet.
- Mary and Christie have been going out to schools to get community input. They are seeking feedback: We feel that it will end up in the \$17mil range. CFO feels that it could be \$18 to \$43mil. We should prepare for a shortfall of \$35mm. The cuts are from the \$310mil approved by the legislature in 2008.
- Instructional time is the last thing that they are going to cut. We have one of the shortest school years in the country already. One of the first cuts was 5% per school. Small things make a difference. There is a lot of pressure to reduce electricity use (heater), paper etc. The last thing that the school district wants to cut is school days and staff. However, 85% of expenses are benefits and staff. Therefore, it is impossible not to look at staff and school days. We are very dependent on income taxes. Options are to take from the sustainability fund balance for cushion, budget reductions across all departments and schools, supplies, hiring freeze, instructional days, reduction in staff, reduction in salary,

forego step increase, discussions around fundraising. Getting rid of all bells and whistles. Stimulus funding is a potential resource.

- In the next few months things will be decided. Therefore, it is important for communities to get involved to share their opinions. Communities can, for example, attend budget meetings. Reduction in force is going to be avoided at all measures. Leaves are being granted another year for teachers to help with the budget cuts. Temporaries are the first to be cut. Typically, there is natural attrition and the district has up to 200 positions open a year. There is discussion about encouraging early retirement.
- What can we do? Talk to legislatures, state concerns and issues.
- The sustainability fund is the “rainy day” funds. The school district has a part time lobbyist.
- Kim: Try and be optimistic. The staff is working hard to “save” on everything. Need to stay super positive for morale on the staff and so that the kids don’t hear negativity or worries.
- Email Mary w/ any questions: Mary.vanderweele@nike.com
- Kim will continue to give updates.

Committee Update, Danette:

- March 30 – Committee Meeting to go over fundraising and planning for next year.
 - Needs RSVP’s
 - Budget Proposal are being requested
- **Pancake Breakfast:**
 - May 16th is the breakfast
 - Invite the community. This is a community event as much as it is a fundraiser.
- **Earth Day:**
 - Good news: Bonny Slope is an official green school. Kids aren’t being told yet.
 - April 17 is the Earth day kick off- kids will sign a song. Lunchtime garbage collection will be done for a “before” green effort look at waste.
 - April 20, Reduce waste talk in the classroom. Set up a “no idling” zone for parent pick-up/drop-off?
 - April 22 looking at having people drop off electronics on Earth day. For example: Free Geek can’t come that day, but maybe another. Lunchtime garbage collection for the “after” green effort look.
 - April 24 will be the district presentation and assembly. Comedy Sportz recycling skit; Sky Orbison All School Assembly, ~35 minutes/free.
- **Fundraising**
 - Jog-a-thon – May 8. A team is working on the details. Kids will run during their rhythms time. Will be done in conjunction with Teacher appreciation week.

Looking for donations of water, snacks and prizes. Each classroom will need 3 volunteers.

- Si Senior: Earned ~\$305. 00.
- Script: beat fundraising goal for this year if don't count the 5th grade give-away. Still need to make up ~\$1,500 that went to 5th grade outdoor school.
- Looking at a list of fundraising options for next year. If you have any ideas, please let Jen Epstein know so that she can add it to the list. This will be compiled for the BSCO.
- **Science Fair:**
 - Had 23 Sunset high school students, ISB students providing service hours, had a lot of positive feedback. Nike crew had a great time.
 - The projects were viewed as very high quality.
 - Pulled in ~\$2,550, spent ~\$1,650. Net ~\$900. This does not include raffle which made \$700 and sold ~\$600 worth of script. The Old Spaghetti Factory gave us a really good deal on food – don't expect the same deal next year. They only charged \$2.00 per meal! A huge thanks you to The Old Spaghetti Factory.
 - Lots of left over food was donated to the Sunshine Pantry.
- **Art Fair**
 - Kiln trained volunteers needed to help fire up the pots for ceramics.
 - Not doing a raffle or carnival.
 - Still considering doing a class project so that every kid has a piece of art in the show. Future consideration, make the classroom projects auctionable.
 - If there are Art ideas, please email Pam.
 - Classrooms have the option to do a class project. It must be simple or something that has already been done so that it doesn't take up too much instructional time.
- **Communications:**
 - Will need \$800 for the directory next year.
 - Asking for \$330 for a yearbook. \$5.75 per book if there are 100 orders. Want to give every 5th grader a free yearbook. Charge K – 4 \$5.75/book. Pre-order.
 - Trying to include all classes/all events. Certain # pages per classroom.
 - Keep in mind privacy issues with photos.
 - Shuffle budget from newsletter to yearbook this year.
 - **VOTE: All was in favor to give \$330.**
- **Sparrow Club:**
 - Kicking off on April 17 at Friday assembly. Scott Duffens is lead. We have a 5 year old Sparrow child in Beaverton School District. Focusing on involvement through community service hours not fundraising. Hours logged earn dollars back. Goal for every child is 2 hours. Families can pair up with other families.
 - Skansa is the corporate sponsor.
- **Kids Care Club:**

- Kicking off - there will be 6 weeks of hands on project. Will bring in someone from a charity org attend and create a charity project.
- Are looking at a book drive to support kids in Thailand.
- **Carnival:**
 - May 29 from 5:30 to 8:30
 - Trying to keep carnival lean. Won't have a raffle. Will have wrist band sales, games etc.
 - Goal is to break even.
 - Will have inflatables, Fire truck, games, dance/singing performance.
 - Will send out a request to get game donations. Might have a 5th grade project to have them build a game that they leave with the school.
 - Inviting new kindergarten parents.
 - Need Volunteers!

Treasurer Update:

- Approved as a non-profit!
- ~\$28,000 in the bank right now.
- New item to budget – 5th grade fundraising
- Hope to carry-over at least \$8000 to next year, hoping for more. Will need to fund teacher support and principal fund.

Water Cooler:

- Board positions will be open for next year. Please email Karla Bright if you are interested in a board position. There are chair positions open for different committee positions.
- Script: it can be really successful
- March 31 - This is the Budget Committee – ALL PARENTS SHOULD ATTEND!

Adjourned: 9:05 pm