

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting November 2, 2015

Please be aware that these minutes are not official until approved at the next board meeting.

Board Members present: Karyn Buchheit, Ryan Hari, Heidi Mudrick, Rhett Randall and Michael Slevcove. Kathy Frank present as administrator. 1 visitor present.

Ryan Hari called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Michael moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the November 2, 2015 board meeting and approving the minutes for the October 5, 2015 board meeting. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – we can now get reports, everything looks typical for this time of year. There might be a decrease in insurance in January, dealing with a rebate check from insurance. Recommend give report to budget committee to review and see if they can further condense it. Acknowledge check numbers 1457-1468 in the amount of \$1,446.68 and 7 debit transactions in the amount of \$828.52.

Audience with Visitors

- a. Booster Club – not present; Kathy Frank reported that this was a very successful carnival with over \$5,000 worth of raffle tickets sold prior to carnival day.
- b. Auction Committee – not present
- c. Nothing else brought forward

Administrator Report

October was a hectic month at the bobcat den. Enrollment = 138

General Update:

- *The harvest carnival was a grand success. I heard nothing but positive comments all around.*
- *Great field trips this month....Pumpkin Patch, ropes course, ballet, harvest parties*
- *First Agriculture Day of 2015 was themed "Garden to Cafeteria". We used technology, the arts, drama, math, art and literature to celebrate farmers of America. The students all contributed to preparing a variety of vegetable recipes to enjoy for a hot lunch gathering.*
- *Girls' basketball season is off to a popular start. Mr. Bonham and Mrs. Merklin are co-coaching*
- *Kindergarten was the first class to earn the Bethany Charter School House Cup*
- *I attended a threat/sexual assessment training sponsored by the ESD and a District training on 504 plans*
- *Discussed at a teacher meeting the board desire to have January social and informational night.*
- *Christmas play tryouts completed*
- *High School drum line performed in their new uniforms. Lead drummer (Shyla Flory) was from Bethany. Our drum line performed a bucket tune that blew them away.*
- *We are trying to improve the quality of our website. Lining videos, sharing photos of the Life of a Bobcat*
- *Continued focus on non-fiction reading and responding to factual questions*
- *Mr. Cooper (intern counselor) has been meeting with students. He presented a character trait video to the school and materials on developing character strengths.*

Facility:

- *Roof in the staff lounge is leaking profusely*
- *Rest of tree stumps need grinding*

Calendar:

November 11th-Veteran's Day; 13th-Booster Club meeting; 20th-Thanksgiving Feast; 23rd-Parent/Teacher Conferences

Board response to report – Kathy is to contact SFSD to get permission for us to go ahead and do repair on leak. Have it looked at and get quotes. Kathy to put cones up across driveway for field.

Covered area – SFSD gave Michael Slevcove a contact that they would use – an architect/structural engineer. Have come out and look. Some discussion about not having any walls in it. Reminder that most of the weather comes from the south side and if there is no wall on that side, all bad weather recess for entire school would have to be in the gym.

Question on textbooks – how do we assess when new ones are needed? Science for 3rd/4th is outdated – copyright is 2001 or 2004. SFSD usually does an adoption rotation of 10-12 years for science. Science is not currently a common core standard, but is due to be added next year. Teachers are instructed to utilize internet as well as the textbooks in lessons. We may want to wait for something to be published that actually fits the common core standards and the next gen standards.

Teacher Presentation – none

Board Report

Ryan Hari – attended Ag for Ed and it seems like it would fit in well with what we do. Also attended a wedding reception at the facility that has been reserved for this year's auction – parking should be ok; facility is well kept and very nice.

Discussion Items

- a. New Policy – Policy for Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media – 2nd reading. Discussion on policy.
- b. Policy Revision – Admission and Enrollment Policy – 1st reading. Discussion on policy and some further changes suggested.
- c. Open board position – there is one open board position coming up. Karyn Buchheit. This is a 3-year position. Discussion and questions for Karyn.
- d. Board Nomination Forms are normally due in December for a January vote. Discussion – as we are changing the January meeting format, the nomination forms need to be due by or at the January meeting with a vote at the February meeting. Ryan Hari to speak at the Christmas Program – have some forms available there too.
- e. January board meeting – need to vote on having the start time changed from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- f. Kathy Frank presented a draft outline of the schedule for the January board meeting. The teachers are excited about this. Social time to start at 6:00 pm. Start with the 7th/8th grade room at 6:30 pm and work downwards by rooms. Approximately 15-20 minutes per room. Short regular board meeting to follow last classroom presentation.
- g. Karyn Buchheit reported back that one BCS student at SHS is in the calculus class (there is only 1 calculus class offered and about 14 students in the class). There are 3 pre-calculus/trig classes at SHS with maybe 2 BCS alumni in them.

Correspondence – none

Audience with visitors – nothing brought forward

Action Items

- a. Michael Slevcove moved to approve the Policy for Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.
- b. Rhett Randall moved to move the start time for the January 11, 2016 board meeting to 6:00 pm from 7:00 pm. Heidi Mudrick seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c. Heidi Mudrick moved to move the board elections to the February 1, 2016 board meeting. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

Next board meeting – Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm