

## BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting May 4, 2015

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

Board Members present: Karyn Buchheit, Ryan Hari, Melanie Huebsch and Rhett Randall. Board appointee Michael Slevcove present. Kathy Frank present as school administrator. 10 visitors present.

Ryan Hari called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Rhett Randall moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the May 4, 2015 board meeting and approving the minutes for the April 6, 2015 board meeting. Melanie Huebsch seconded. Passed unanimously.

Michael Slevcove signed Board Oath of Office and Conflict of Interest Policy

### Exit Interview with Melanie Huebsch

- *Why did you originally agree to serve on the board? To be part of kids' school and to have input.*
- *Was your understanding about the requirements of serving on the board consistent with your actual experience? I think so.*
- *What suggestions do you have for improving board performance? Be thorough and double check.*
- *What are your feelings about leaving the board? I'm ready to move on.*
- *What did you like best and least about serving on the board? Best – being part of the kids' school; least – conflict*
- *What advice would you offer incoming board members? Be thorough, don't be afraid to question*
- *What would you do differently? Speak up more*

Budget Report – asked for “to date” report for next board meeting. Acknowledge check numbers 1401-1404 in the amount of \$2,002.31 and 8 debit transactions in the amount of \$2,159.49

### Audience with visitors

- Booster Club – presented proposed budget for next year. Request to be given \$4,000 of next year's auction funds.
- Auction Committee – net income this year of \$7,185. Recommendations are to redo the covered area, electronic reader board and technology. Tracey and Shelley are willing to co-chair next year. Would like to do March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Festhalle – need \$1,000 to reserve.
- Kathy Frank is asked to get bids for the covered area

### Administrator's Report

**Enrollment Numbers** – total of 136 Bobcats

### Student Happenings

- *Pentagames for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders. 7<sup>th</sup> graders tied for first place and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders took third place*
- *Katrianne Sinn won first place at the District Elks Lodge writing competition and Ethan Hartman won third place*
- *3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders have all participated in one form of the testing phase. Staff reports students like the SBAC testing better. Comments were around the style of questioning and the test was more interacting. Results will not be available until August.*

- *Bethany School auction was a wonderful evening enjoyed by many*
- *Grandparents' lunch was highly attended. Students' performance was darling. The Punzel's Grandpa, a published author and actor returned to guest speak to the students about his accomplishments and inspire them to go after their dreams*
- *PGE sponsored safety aware assemblies with our very own "Larry the Light Bulb"*
- *Parent club hosted an elegant staff appreciation luncheon in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Day*

### **Facility Happenings**

- *Insurance renewal meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> to renew and update school insurance policy*

### **Staffing**

- *Adrienne Campbell has been hired as our new Administrative Assistant. She is fitting nicely. Adrienne joins BCS at a hectic time of the year. She is learning many of the students' names and has mastered many of the monthly routines.*

### **The month of May happenings**

*5<sup>th</sup> – National Teacher Day; 6<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade to the zoo; 8<sup>th</sup> parent club meeting; 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> - Science Day; 13<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten to visit Silverton Hospital; 29<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream and the Arts; 21<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten round-up; 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> outdoor education field trips.*

Voting closed – Kathy Frank to count ballots

Teacher Presentation – Kim Merklin presented a little on Pentagames. There were 10 schools present at this year's games – all smaller schools. Teams from each school can be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade team of 3; an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team of 3 and an algebra open team of 3. They compete in 5 games in math. Each participant received a "hand held wooden calculator" (pencil). Each game has its own awards – team and individual. There are overall winners. Everyone came home with something.

### **Board Report**

Looking/working at putting together a permit package – this has to be ready and presented before county would come look and consider modular.

Voting Results – 8 for Heidi Mudrick and 4 for Tim Rodman

Heidi Mudrick appointed to open board position – signed Board Oath of Office and Conflict of Interest Policy

### **Discussion Items**

- a. Base amount to keep in reserve. Current amount is \$150,000 which is about 3 months operating with a ½ day Kindergarten class. Recommend to change amount to \$200,000. It will take a few years to reach that number. Board asked that Kyle Walter and Marvin Kuenzi be asked for input.
- b. Board training – board members consulted personal calendars/schedules – we are looking at October 2<sup>nd</sup> to have board training. Karyn to schedule with OSBA.

### **Action Items**

- a. Base amount to keep in reserve – tabled for more input

- b. Auction Committee request to reserve hall – board asked to have the committee research other venues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Board Meeting on Monday June 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Please note that the BCS Board will not have a regularly scheduled meeting July or August. Should it be necessary, there can/may be a special session scheduled.