

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting February 6, 2017

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

Board Members present: Karyn Buchheit, Sally Gauvin, Ryan Hari, Rhett Randall and Michael Slevcove. Kathy Frank present as administrator. 8 visitors present.

Ryan Hari called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and reminded everyone to vote.

Michael Slevcove moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the February 6, 2017 board meeting and approving the minutes for the December 5, 2016 board meeting. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.

Exit interview with Ryan Hari

Budget Report – received report for both November and December. SFSD still doesn't have the numbers inputted. Auditor has advised us to apply for a charge card. Kathy Frank asked for guidance for working on proposed budgets for 2017/2018 – board asked for a 3% and 6% increase in budgeting figures. Question on substitutes – the figures balance out with salaries in the case of classified staff and their subs. Acknowledge check numbers 1559-1563 in November in the amount of \$880.61 and 13 debit transactions in November in the amount of \$961.58. Acknowledge check numbers 1564-1565 in December in the amount of \$560.35 and 4 debit transactions in November in the amount of \$130.12.

Audience with visitors

- Booster Club liaison – next Booster Club meeting is Friday at 2:45 pm. Not much has changed. Paid for the 7th/8th grade class to go to ballet.
- Auction Committee – sent out over 600 letters by USPS and 100 via on-line and have received several donations. Teachers have given information on kids' art. Mr. Castro is working on a slide show. Will decide food on Friday.

Administrator's Report

Enrollment: Total ADM is 137

Bethany Charter School Improvement Plan

- *Increase use of Technology*
 - *Kindergarten is almost to the point where kids can take STAR tests without help from an adult. We still log them in, but they are able to move the cursor and select answers by themselves.*
 - *7th/8th is continuing their work on Google classroom and deepening understanding of its workings;*
 - *Completing worksheets online – working toward a paperless classroom*
 - *Creating a social studies portfolio on Google classroom*
 - *Learning to insert documents created on paper into portfolios*
 - *Working with Newsela classroom and Khan Academy for language arts and math*
 - *We are also exploring augmented reality (AR) with an app and coloring pages (see quivervision.com) this week to connect with our language arts articles*
 - *5th/6th ends their week with an online trivia game called Kahoots, it's a fun way to review and recall things that we covered earlier in the year. All the students try to get the highest score in order to be the Kahoots champ for the week.*

- *Align curriculum to meet grade level expectations and core standards*
 - *Since all kinder have earned ABC Club badges (know all the letters and sounds) swapped out the LEAP PAD in the tech closet for a new piece of tech we have never used before. It is a robotic mouse. The kids build mazes on a plane, then they have to program the mouse to go forward, backward, or turn in order to get to the block of cheese.*
 - *We have a new student teacher from Corban who is beginning her observation hours. It will end with her teaching a unit later in the spring.*
 - *Four students have mastered the entire kindergarten sight word list. They are starting to read Dr. Seuss books*
 - *All but two can count to 100*
 - *In math we are covering addition and subtraction of fractions for 5th graders and moving into order of operations in 6th grade*
 - *5th/6th finished content study about South American and Mayans, Incas and Aztecs and are now learning about Asia*
- *Increase science instruction*
 - *K is continuing their force and motion unit. Last week we worked with toy cars and built ramps to see if the position of the ramp had an effect on the distance the car traveled. We also worked with a rubber duck in a stopping. It is a very hands-on unit and the kids are enjoying it and thinking hard.*
 - *5th/6th is working on their earth science unit and recently did an inquiry activity in which they speculated if and which continents started out as one land mass and split apart due to the continental drift*
 - *7th/8th completed an egg osmosis lab investigation. Wrote a formal lab report. Completed a lab and kinesthetic activities on mitosis and are currently studying cell reproduction*
 - *1st/2nd piloted Building Block of Science-ODE adopted science curriculum that meets the new science standards*
- *Highlights*
 - *After 3 postponements due to inclement weather we were able to host our mint agriculture day. K shared medicinal; 1st/2nd farming of mint; 3rd/4th recipes using mint; 5th/6th cultivating and shipping with 7th/8th concluding with the compete production of mint oil. The students made mint ice cream, air freshener, homemade toothpaste, tea and candies with mint leaves and oil.*
 - *Sewing club finished up this month. Mrs. McDonnell helped out with the class. We had 10 kids and they all successfully completed 2 projects using sewing machines.*
 - *We have 2 Battle of the Books teams (3rd-5th grades and 6th-8th grades) that are meeting weekly. Coaches are Mrs. King and a parent Mrs. Smith.*
 - *We have two alumni from our robotics team at Bethany (Steven and Cooper) who have gone on to the robotics team at the high school. They just recently also qualified for the state tournament.*
 - *We also have 3 alumni on the advanced (audition only) high school band*
 - *LEGO Robotics state tournament still waiting to be rescheduled*
 - *K is learning the 2017 National School of Choice Dance complete with yellow fleece scarves*
 - *4th graders are part of the National School Report card and were tested by the NAEP*
 - *Basketball jamboree – Bethany’s “B” team took 1st place and the “A” team took 4th place*
- *Facility*
 - *District working carefully to monitor water system. Cost is approximately \$1,800/year to monitor.*
 - *Staff lounge roof is leaking*
- *February calendar – 7th wards assembly and boys basketball game; 9th home game; 10th Booster Club meeting; 14th agriculture day, Valentine’s Day and away game; 15th Kinder to Dr. Kim’s Dental office; 16th home game; 20th President’s Day; 22nd away game; 23rd home game and 7th/8th to Portland Art Museum*

Voting closed. Votes turned over to Kathy Frank to count.

Board Reports – none

Discussion Items

- a. Possible dates for board training. Prefer weeknight. Hold off until March.
- b. Board/staff social – recommend to have this in conjunction with the March meeting. This will start at 6:00 pm
- c. Voting results: Sally Gauvin recommended for appointment to Position Number 2. Bryan Rose recommended for appointment to Position Number 4. Received 9 write in votes for position number 1.
- d. Received a nomination form from Christian Kelly. Asked Tim Rodman to get information to Karyn to send out. Voting to recommend for Position Number 4 to take place at March meeting.
- e. Some discussion of board officers – table until March

Correspondence – letter received to be reviewed in executive session

Audience with visitors

- One of the staff members might have difficulty with the board/staff social as that is when baby is due

Action Items

- a. Michael Slevcove moved to appoint Sally Gauvin to Position Number 2 and Bryan Rose to Position Number 4. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.
- b. Board officers – hold off for now.

Moved into executive session at 8:18 pm in compliance with ORS 192.660(2)(f) as pertains to information exempt by law from public inspection.

Out of executive session at 9:04 pm

No action taken.

Board to do a special session for an executive session on February 12, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Next Board Meeting Monday, March 6, 2017