

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting October 2, 2017

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

Board Members present: Karyn Buchheit, Bryan Rose, Michael Slevcove and Sarah White. Sally Gauvin was absent. Kathy Frank present as administrator. 2 visitors present.

Michael Slevcove called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Sarah White moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the October 2, 2017 board meeting and approving the minutes for the September 11, 2017 board meeting. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – SFSD is still not inputting the numbers that we need. Nothing new. No checking account reconciliation given to board. Some checking account costs are up due to LEGO team needing to purchase a new robot. Received a \$498 donation from a company in Wisconsin.

Audience with visitors

- Booster Club Liaison – carnival this weekend; matching grant for 5th/6th grades up to \$1,000 for raffle sales; doing well with volunteers; problem with set up on Friday due to homecoming, plan to start set up at 1:00 pm. Board asked for clarification on 7th/8th grade if they also get a raffle sale match. Mother/son dance in early winter – February. Do not want to handle auction
- Kim Merklin – large kinder room with 27 chairs, ask if we can increase enrollment in kinder. SFSD licensed staff has a new salary schedule
- Original set up of school/charter was to not have kinder enrollment higher than the other grades due to not wanting to ever be put into the position of telling students that they can't come back as 1st graders because they didn't make the lottery.
- Consider increasing K enrollment by 10 and/or doing a K/1st and 1st/2nd classes and split 1st grade into 2 groups
- Some difficulty with space for pullouts and all that is needed to be held in the library
- Would have to check with SFSD as to contract and if they would even allow us to consider increasing enrollment
- K kids do seem to need more space for their learning environment
- Would find it hard to commit to a school if it couldn't guarantee getting in the next year
- Equity of jobs – everyone has split classes of 30 kids and K has only 15 and an aide
- Split work load between two qualified teachers
- Not saying inequity of teachers – being able to give more 1 on 1 time
- Student and family perception of which room a 1st grader is assigned to if the 1st grade is split

Administrator Report

Enrollment: K=17 First=15 Second=15 Third=15 Fourth=15
Fifth=16 Sixth=13 Seventh=15 Eighth=14 Total ADM=135 consisting of 82 families

September Star testing has been completed. We have targeted intervention groups and are providing instruction for readers in grades 1-4

1. reading intervention groups are getting started – providing targeted instruction for readers in grades 1-4
2. K-5 have been actively utilizing the Carolina Science curriculum and attended a webinar on utilizing the on-line resources
3. 1-4 attended high school FFA field trip and the kinders attended the Gardner family pig farm
4. 7th/8th attended the ROPES course for classroom bonding and trust
5. we are adjusting and changing our schedule regularly to utilize the campus space to the best
6. carnival excitement is abundant
7. student council representatives have applications due this Wednesday
8. first round of writing samples to be submitted to Principal for double scoring on 10/6

Staffing

- Susanna Botieff has accepted the band/general music position to replace Mr. Duffy
- Ms. Sinn and Mrs. Frank have agreed to co-teach agriculture and have already planned and ordered resources from agriculture in the classroom OSU extension

Proposed Bethany Charter School Improvement Goals

- Board requested reworking of goal #2: Integrate technology, where appropriate, to facilitate participation of information sharing, collaboration, and universal design for learning throughout the curriculum and content areas. Utilize technology both as a consumer and a producer to improve student achievement and understanding of the many uses of technology in every day practices and career necessity.

October Calendar:

Volleyball continues through the 19th; picture day 4th; Booster Club meeting 6th; Harvest Festival 7th; staff development 13th; early release 16th and 30th; first agriculture day 31st.

Board Reports

- Michael Slevcove talked with Jeff Herr. He is not willing to even consider any possibility of a land trade
- Need to discuss possibilities with property; look at doing a work session; recommend having daylight – either an afternoon or a weekend
- Library – space use – maybe let ride for another month and see what happens; keep trying – we haven't had this set up for very long and it may be a problem only because of the new configuration
- Schedule work session via email.

Discussion Items

- a. Remodel – still have soap dispensers and feminine waste containers, little bit of painting, mirrors. Library – shelves in, books up, choir risers up, still have some labeling of shelves to do and reset motion detector
- b. Auction Committee – Bryan Rose and Karyn Buchheit willing to co-chair

Correspondence – none

Audience with visitors - nothing

Action Items

- a. Sarah White moved to approve goals 1 and 3 from September meeting and goal 2 from today's administrator report as written. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

- b. Sarah White moved that Bryan Rose and Karyn Buchheit co-chair this year's auction. Michael Slevcove seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved into executive session at 8:45 pm in compliance with ORS 192.610(2)(f) as pertains to information exempt by law from public records.

Out of executive session at 9:38 pm

Action to be taken:

- a. A response letter is written and to be delivered.
- b. Recommend a review of the salary increase policy at the next board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Next Board Meeting is Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm