

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – November 7, 2016 Board Meeting

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

Board Members present: Karyn Buchheit, Ryan Hari, Rhett Randall and Michael Slevcove.
Kathy Frank present as administrator. 11 visitors present.

Ryan Hari called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Remind everyone to vote.

Mathew Slevcove moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the minutes for the October 3, 2016 board meeting and approving the agenda for the November 7, 2016 board meeting. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – partial report as there are new state requirements for SFSD with new reports and district says 2-4 more weeks. Acknowledge check numbers 1545-1548 in the amount of \$357.43 and 1 debit transaction in the amount of \$99.00.

Audience with visitors

- Booster Club liaison – carnival was a success, decrease on raffle sales, people had fun; starting to work on Santa Mouse. Are asking for a board member to attend the Booster Club meetings. Request board to give auction coordination back to the Booster Club with a 80/20 split again – consistency of leadership with auction.
- Kim Merklin – numbers for class trip – costs are going up, there is a lot to raise money wise. Asking that items that the 7th/8th grade students/families donate to the auction that the money brought in by those items go to the 7th/8th class for trip. This is not to replace trip funds already being given.
- Auction committee – 3 of the 5 on the committee are no longer at Bethany
- Part of Booster intention is to have attention focused on 2 large events
- Water? – report covered in administrator’s report

Administrator’s Report

Enrollment

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| Kindergarten = 15 | First = 16 | Second = 14 | Third = 15 | Fourth = 15 |
| Sixth = 15 | Seventh = 15 | Eighth = 17 | Total = 137 | |

Bethany Charter School Improvement Plan

- *Increase use of Technology –*
 - *Ms. Turner is attending a master’s class on technology literacy in the classroom.*
 - *Star testing 3rd/4th graders are working on portions of proficiency skill 3-6 and 4-6; skills for composing reports*
 - *Utilizing GALE presented by a training sponsored by the District for research reports – a data base that levels research materials according to ability levels*
 - *Students developing strength and success utilizing chrome books by writing in Google Docs and research strategies*
- *Align curriculum to meet grade level expectations and core standards*

- *Four second graders completed all leveled reading books and are on an accelerated chapter book program*
- *Participated in all-school agriculture day utilizing science, technology, literacy, arts, etc in an integrated way*
- *We participated as a school in every kid votes – 7th and 8th grade visited Marion County Elections board for a tour of the process. They also attended an informational tour of the capitol building*
- *7th and 8th are reading monthly Scope Magazine by Scholastic. This supplements the regular curriculum but allows students to read updated non-fictional material*
- *All students have taken the STARR assessment monthly, so we can begin collecting good data for progress*
- *Increase science instruction*
 - *1st/2nd finished a unit on force and motion – made pumpkin paper copters and counted rotations*
 - *3rd/4th studying habitats, predators and prey chains and reading on decomposition, composing final reports on subject*
 - *5th-8th are all studying cells and microorganisms*
 - *5th/6th are looking into growing edible mushrooms in the greenhouse for study*
 - *7th/8th are field testing a new curriculum – Kesler Science. This curriculum uses the 5E model – Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate and Evaluate. We completed station work for Explore today with interactive lesson stations.*

Facility

- *Both issues concerning Bethany’s water system have been resolved. Waiting for final bills. Burst pipe has been repaired. Filter system has been replaced and the janitors will no longer be responsible for upkeep on the filter system. Shiloh company will come in and treat every 3 months. We have passed and water is drinkable.*
- *Lori Grimmer has been donating plants on a regular basis*

Calendar

8th-opening ladies basketball season under coaching staff Arnold Amsden; 8th-Kinder field trip to Orchard House to sing Veteran’s Day songs; 10th-picture retakes; 11th-Veteran’s Day; 14th-early release; 18th-Thanksgiving Feast; 21st-22nd-Parent/Teacher conferences; 23rd-25th-Thanksgiving break; 26th-Booster Club Christmas greens gathering

Voting closed – ballot box turned over to Kathy Frank for counting

Board Reports

Michael Slevcove talked with Andy Bellando about the possibility of a property swap. No feed back yet. This would be a long term project/process.

Discussion Items

- a. There are 3 board positions coming open in January. Information to be sent home in Wednesday Folders, emailed out and posted on school website. There are 2 3-year terms and a partial term.
- b. Receive voting results: Sally Gauvin = 14; Bryan Rose = 4 and 1 write in. Board will take the recommendation
- c. Auction committee has always been variable. Kathy Frank recommends that the Booster Club act as committee this year. Board needs to look at policy before any decisions are made about money split.
- d. 7th/8th grade trip has been done due to the feeling that it is “traditional”. Follow through from last month – for 5th/6th trip – every other year will do an outdoor education field trip that is more like a camp. Consider no trip for 7th/8th classroom. It has been a SFSD tradition to have a “glorified” outdoor ed trip. How important is the trip?

Correspondence – none

Audience with visitors

- Testing – can parents get a calendar on when standardized testing is scheduled. STARR testing is done in house. The standardized state testing is done once for reading and once for math in May. Note – OAKS tested used to be 3 times a year.

Action Items

- a. Rhett Randall moved to appoint Sally Gauvin to the open board position – Position Number 3. Michael Slevcove seconded. Passed unanimously. Sally signed Board Oath of Office and Conflict of Interest.
- b. Karyn Buchheit moved to authorize the Booster Club to act as auction committee for this year. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Next Board meeting – Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm