

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting October 5, 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 and Rhett Randall. Absent: Michael Slevcove. Kathy Frank present as administrator. 4 visitors present.

Ryan Hari called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Rhett Randall moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the October 5, 2015 board meeting and approving the minutes for the September 14, 2015 board meeting. Heidi Mudrick seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget report – system available with report however 24 pages is the smallest that seems to be available. Could the budget committee possibly come up with a smaller reporting form?

Audience with visitors

- a. Booster Club Liaison – no report
- b. Auction Committee – not present

Administrator Report

The first month of school has been filled with great excitement and a few surprises. Out enrollment figures are 138 students. All of our students are over the first-of-the-year transitional “jitters” and are engaged in their respective classrooms. The month of October is filled with field trips, harvest festival, Fire Prevention week, coed volleyball games, as well as working hard on our various curricula. Our formal open house was a success. We met in the gymnasium to “meet and greet” our staff and board members. The parent club had an information booth and then each family visited the classrooms to receive information on classroom procedures and expectations. Our Friday BBN Student Community Meetings have been filled with encouraging words from our leadership team on supplementing our PRIDE citizenship program with an extension known as the PRIDE house cup. What a quick month.

General Update:

- Kindergarten readiness assessments completed
- All school reading comprehension test complete – results to be reviewed on staff development day
- 5th-8th grades participating in a broad range of electives
- Monthly writing samples turned in to principal for double score
- All day Kindergarten is proving to be a wise decision for our cubs
- Co-ed volleyball is winning and losing gracefully

Facility:

- Trees are down
- Farmer was able to fertilize
- May have a volunteer willing to grind the stumps

Calendar

October: 5th-(K-4) Pumpkin Patch; 6th-(7-8) Ropes Course; 8th-picture day; 9th-staff development no school; 15th (3-4 & 7-8) Oregon Ballet; 16th-Booster Club meeting; 17th Harvest Festival; 26th-30th-Spirit Week; 30th-Harvest Day

Teacher Presentation by Tricia Bates, Kindergarten. Show and tell in the Kindergarten room. They are starting the day with PE/Fitness. Getting ready for Veteran’s Day and caroling at the

Benedictine. Goals at this time include: tying shoes, Pledge of Allegiance, counting to 100, letters and sounds – all. Have special shirts for field trips for all kids and chaperones – they work very well at helping keep track of the kids especially when there is more than one school present at a site. All day is giving plenty of time to get things accomplished. “Nap time” – first started in library but is now in the Kindergarten room; it started just after lunch but is now watching the kids and doing the nap time when they are ready. Thank you to Tricia for the presentation.

Board Reports

- Board went through a training session
- Ryan Hari has been invited to attend an Agriculture in the Classroom presentation

Discussion Items

- a. Facility Rental Policy – 2nd presentation of revision
- b. Auction Committee and Procedures Policy – new policy 2nd reading
- c. Policy for Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media – new policy 2nd reading. Do a change with texting during work is prohibited unless using 3rd party all-class contact. Tabled for now
- d. State test results presented by Kathy Frank. Discussion of results. Recommendation to start with standards and use resources to educate to the standards.
- e. Goal Setting work session – discussion. Would like to set goals in academic areas. Work on the teacher presentation format for board meetings. Power/essential skills in subjects – power standards. Have teachers set and identify. Would like to have all teacher presentations earlier in the year with a check in; addressing standards and what help they need. Do at a board meeting with the board moving from room to room – start earlier in the evening. What is important to learn and how do you know they are learning it, challenges and ideas. Kathy Frank to develop format for presentation. Do this at the January board meeting with a start time of 6:00 pm with a meal/social for board/staff. Set a formal board goal setting time after this.

Correspondence – none

Audience with visitors – nothing brought forward

Action Items

- a. Facility Rental Policy – Rhett Randall moved to approve the Facility Rental Policy. Heidi Mudrick seconded. Passed unanimously.
- b. Auction Committee and Procedures Policy – Rhett Randall moved to approve the Auction Committee and Procedures Policy. Heidi Mudrick seconded. Passed unanimously.
- c. Heidi Mudrick moved to move the January board meeting from January 4, 2016 to January 11, 2016. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next Board Meeting – Monday November 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm