BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting April 6, 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. Absent: Dustin Humbert. Board appointee, Michael Slevecove present. Kathy Frank present as school administrator. 1 visitor present.

Ryan Hari called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Rhett Randall moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the April 6, 2015 board meeting, approving the minutes of the March 2, 2015 board meeting and approving the minutes of the March 30, 2015 board meeting. Melanie Huebsch seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – no full report – Kathy Frank reports that this is a 20+ page report and asks for a simplified reporting form that she can present to the board. Checking account – there is a discrepancy in the amount shown for the House of Representatives (student council) – will check on this. Acknowledge check numbers 1396-1400 in the amount of $338.39. No debit transactions.

Audience with visitors – nothing brought forward

Administrator’s Report

Enrollment Numbers: total of 136 Bobcats

Student Happenings:
- Staff has verified the standardized test schedule for 2014-2015
- Jump for heart service learning project – raised $605.00
- 5th, 8th graders bowling field trip
- 5th, 6th graders went to Oregon Children’s Theatre to see School Rock
- 98% student return for 2015/2016 school year – phase 2, District level is in progress
- Parent club family fun night of disco, glow light necklaces, root beer floats and popcorn dance evening was a huge hit!
- Battle of the Books teams did not move on to the state level, but both performed respectfully

Facility Happenings:
- Grass is growing rapidly
- Horticulture club is turning the soils in the green house
- Evan Gardner and a group of peers worked the grounds around the green house for volunteer spring clean-up
- Mr. Fisher developed the path way in the court yard

Staffing:
- Mrs. Hettwer resigned – filling the position ASAP

Calendar:
6th-auction meeting; 10th parent club meeting; 11th Annual School Auction; 24th Pentagames; 27th early release; 30th Grandparents Day Luncheon

Note – Ice Cream and the arts evening has been re-scheduled for the month of May to include spring band and choir concert
Teacher Presentation – none

Board Report
- Michael Slevcove – has been talking to Andy Bellando and Joel about the possibility of a modular. This might be doable. District is willing to let us have a single for $1.00. Next step is to contact county about feasibility, use restrictions, permits, etc.
- Karyn Buchheit talked to Andy Bellando – district is willing to give us one of the old greenhouses at Schlador campus – we would have to take down, move and put up.

Discussion Items
a. Proposed charter contract – looked over and discussed proposed charter contract. Question about IEP funding – Kathy Frank was able to answer. Most of the changes proposed are in the 504 and IEP to bring into line with current laws. Some things were removed as they were no longer relevant or applicable or were redundant.
b. Board training – Karyn Buchheit has contacted OSBA and is waiting to hear back. Looking for training to include board procedures, board ethics. Ryan Hari asked that board liability be included.
c. Received resignation from board from Dustin Humbert. Recommendation is that due to there being 2 years left in the term that we open up the position for nominations and do a special election. Karyn Buchheit will get a notice to Kathy Frank for the newsletter and a notice to go home in the Friday folders.

Audience with visitors – nothing brought forward

Action Items

Moved into executive session at 7:54 pm in compliance with ORS 192.610(2)(a) as pertains to personnel

Out of executive session at 8:52 pm

Action Items
1. Karyn Buchheit moved that the starting salary of a teacher at Bethany Charter School be increased from $29,000 to $31,900. Rhett Randall seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. Karyn Buchheit moved that Kim Merklin’s offered salary be adjusted to reflect the starting salary change with the offer of $36,002.34 and a returning bonus of $4,000.00 for the 2015/2016 school year. Melanie Huebsch seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Next board meeting on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm