

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Minutes November 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, Bryan Rose, Michael Slevcove, and Sarah White. Kathy Frank present as administrator. 1 visitor present.

Michael Slevcove called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Sarah White moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the November 6, 2017 board meeting, approving the minutes for the October 2, 2017 board meeting and approving the minutes for the October 5, 2017 board work session. Sally Gauvin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Presentation from Dr. David Ortega. He experiences the most room/space “crunch” at BCS. At times, there are up to 4 special needs personnel trying to handle one-on-one at the same time. Build something similar to greenhouse in the courtyard. Would be unattached, electrical outlet possible. 10’ x 6’ shed at a cost of \$800 - \$1,500. Can be done with all volunteer work. Place by stairs by K room with door facing restrooms. Insulated for sound. Board thanked Dr. Ortega for his contribution. Kathy Frank could authorize this project without need for board approval as the projected cost falls below the threshold amount. Would like to have as soon as possible.

Budget Report – Sally Gauvin met with Mr. Nielsen at SFSD. Mr. Nielsen and Adrienne Campbell are working out how numbers correspond between BCS and SFSD. We have received a grant for the 5th/6th outdoor school. There was an anonymous donation to SFSD that we have been included in. BCS share is about \$12,000 to be spent by June 18th, 2018. There are some stipulations on how to spend this money. Applied for a \$1,000 grant through MAPS credit union. Acknowledge check numbers 1608-1612 in the amount of \$937.87 and 13 debit transactions in the amount of \$1,501.30.

Audience with visitors – nothing

Administrator Report

Enrollment:

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| <i>Kindergarten = 17</i> | <i>First = 15</i> | <i>Second = 15</i> | <i>Third = 15</i> | <i>Fourth = 16</i> | <i>Fifth = 16</i> |
| <i>Sixth = 14</i> | <i>Seventh = 15</i> | <i>Eighth = 15</i> | <i>Total ADM = 138 consisting of 83 families</i> | | |

Bethany Charter School Improvement Goals

- *Goal Statement 1: Increase student level of mastery of reading, writing, and math:*
 - *Students are showing great improvement in writing as we do shared writing and practice together and independently. We are working hard on having interesting beginnings and strong endings in each story.*
 - *Second grade students worked on redoing and correcting math work and proved that they are masters at subtraction.*
 - *We re-evaluated reading intervention groups and moved a few students to new groups.*
- *Goal Statement 2: Integrate technology where appropriate:*
 - *Students are taking turns using a tape player to listen to books. They are enjoying the “vintage technology”*

- *Using Chromebook to enhance conventions in writing and Khan Academy to introduce the alternative ways of dividing in hopes to allow students to fully understand long division*
- *Intervention groups check for comprehension using Accelerated Reader*
- *Smart board activities for 1st and 2nd grade brain breaks*
- *Mrs. Merklin's LEGO team has been busy programming the new robot*
- *Goal Statement 3: The community beyond the classroom walls:*
 - *Parents assisted with harvest parties, agriculture day and yard clean up*
 - *Mr. White is teaching coding with our 5th and 6th graders*
 - *LEGO team visited the Silverton Waste Water treatment plant*
 - *Parents donated the majority of our necessary resources for our agriculture day*
 - *Mrs. Buchheit shared her goats for agriculture day with the school*
 - *3rd and 4th graders attending agriculture day at McKay*

November Calendar:

Girls Basketball games 4:00 pm, LEGO practices, Battle of the Books practices, Kindergarten field trip to Orchard House 8th; Picture retakes 9th; Veterans Day 10th; Thanksgiving Feast 17th; Parent Teacher Conferences 27th; Thanksgiving break 22nd-24th

Board Reports

- Auction Committee – Bryan Rose and Karyn Buchheit are meeting tomorrow for initial planning.
- Michael Slevcove talked to Andy Bellando regarding facilities consultant. They have a meeting on the 21st.
- Marion Public Works – we would need to talk to them to see what they would be agreeable with for any changes with parking

Discussion Items

- a. Open Board positions – Position number 3 currently held by Michael Slevcove and Position number 4 currently held by Bryan Rose. Some discussion on policy.
- b. Review Salary Increase Policy. Discussion/comparison of our current salary chart versus SFSD new salary chart.
- c. Board/Staff social – hold at the February board meeting. Do a modified agenda for that meeting where it is only the teacher presentations to the board at the meeting. Ask the teachers for their suggestions for the board/staff dinner.

Audience with visitors – nothing

Action Items – none

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Next Board Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 pm