

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting December 3, 2018

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. 3 visitors present.

Michael Slevcove called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Sally Gauvin moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the December 3, 2018 board meeting and approving the minutes for the November 5, 2018 board meeting. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – looks good. Need to double check on the check to the Justin Little Memorial Fund, may have been lost and may need to reissue. Acknowledge check numbers 1668-1670 in the amount of \$352.00 and 16 debit transactions in the amount of \$1,163.28.

Audience with visitors

- Booster Club Liaison – bake sale coming up during the Christmas program; planning mother/son fun night for February 9th – theme will be cowboy; just finished wreath sales – went well.
- Bobcat House of Reps (student council) – Makayla Rose and Alice West presenting
 - *Leadership Activities – we would first like to share the purpose of our Bobcat House of Representatives. It is our goal to transform our school culture in to a kind and caring environment. We want to encourage and influence our peers to think of others and to do acts of caring without expecting a party in return.*
 - *Drops in the bucket for school wide acts of kindness*
 - *Turkey Teacher to raise money for our leadership budget. We raised \$379.00 dollars. The leadership committee voted to help support the first annual Children’s Lantern Parade. The council went with Mrs. Campbell to purchase decorating items for the lanterns. The money raised during the lantern parade will help with the warming shelters in Silverton.*
 - *December school wide spirit activity – we are all unique and beautiful just like a snowflake.*
 - *School Wide Activities*
 - *7th/8th grade attended an exciting field trip to Fort Vancouver*
 - *Kindergarten sang Veteran’s Day songs at the Orchard House*
 - *We had a delicious Thanksgiving Feast where community, friends and students gathered to share in a meal together. Mr. Robinson honored all the Veterans by performing each of the branches of service song and having the members who served in our audience stand for recognition. The students also performed.*
 - *We managed to host a Scholastic book fair in the red hut. The money from the sales translates into book points for the school. Each year we are able to choose books from these points.*
 - *Our Christmas Program is coming along excitedly. It is a musical called “Santa is Stuck in the 50’s”. I hope you can all make it.*

Board thanked the girls for their presentation. Also requested that they double check the numbers on the Turkey Teacher as over \$400 came in on just Friday during the feast.

Administrator Report

Enrollment: Total ADM 137

Bethany Charter School Improvement Plan

- 1st/2nd graders have been working to find common ground with others and celebrate diversity. They accomplished this by creating Venn Diagrams with buddies to note similarities and difference. Student conversations went beyond the classroom as they discussed further at lunch. Students were able to determine the importance of finding communities and diversity (it helps us learn new things, we get ideas from others, we can do things together, etc). The next step is to teach buddies something new.
- 5th/6th grade experienced a lifelong learning moment when they were reading a short story with characters that had an entitled wealthy person berating a lower class worker. An in-depth conversation about why is it that most people have a tendency to look down on our service workers (store employees, fast food workers, etc) and berate them when they get an order wrong in which makes the worker feel bad for having that particular job. Our discussion led to the class understanding that we are all important and service workers are working hard to help us. We practiced ways to make a person's day better and the teacher challenged his class to go out and try these strategies. The class offered to share their experiences. I wrapped up with the best way to make the world a better place is to help people feel good about what they do and who they are.
- 7th/8th grade has been studying physical and chemical changes. They read about them and took notes, the hands on learning is what will make the concepts stick. They explored the concepts with a hands-on mini lab and then a full lab. They created a chemical reaction that was pretty spectacular (elephant toothpaste) in small lab groups. As part of their assessment, students did a choice project to extend their learning. Some made a poster, others a coloring book or pamphlet, and a few did an additional experiment at home.
- Kindergarten has been talking about food waste and compost with their worm bin. The kids have been so excited about adding apple cores and banana peels and lately, looking for worms at recess to add. They are muddy and hooting, stuffing worms in their pockets, showing huge nightcrawlers to the other aides. We have also been saving seeds from gourds, pumpkins and sunflowers to plant in the spring. The kids have enjoyed dissecting the fruits and pulling out the seeds and then putting the rest in the worm bin to feed the worms.
- 5th/6th graders have traveled across the globe and back in time to Ancient Egypt. They have learned about every life and roles of Ancient Egyptians, how to read and write hieroglyphics, studied Egyptian Mythology, and even sampled an Egyptian cake called Basbousa. Students then visited OMSA to see exactly how British Egyptologist Howard Carter witnessed the tomb of Tutankhamun and how modern scientists are trying to extract the DNA from mummies in order to understand diseases like Malaria and how that may lead to a modern day cure. Students were excited to find out that the day they visited OMSI, news reports of a newly discovered Egyptian burial tomb surfaced for the first time since the 18th Dynasty. Thirty mummies in all were discovered, prompting us to wonder if one of them holds the key to unlocking the cure for Malaria.
- In other news, Bethany Charter School was awarded the \$1,000 grant from SEDCO in order to buy a rolling science demonstration cart. Brilliant! The video grant has also been submitted to MAPS Credit Union and voting is now open, so please share with your friends and family and ask them to vote for Bethany Charter School Grant. You can access the voting through this link: https://mapscu.com/teacher-grant.vote?fbclid=IwARIFCYcNC3ilbFjvRHx2KhCZvjgIVlkuzAwoVyOsaVyliu9Q_hARpuDxPKCeo

December Calendar:

Regular girls' basketball games are going on throughout the month; 7th Booster Club meeting; 13th Christmas Program and bake sale; 21st Agriculture Day; 12/21-17/2019 Vacation

Board Reports

- Received quotes on fence from Jimco, Dave's and Outdoor Fence. Discussion about the quotes and when each would be available to do the work. Moved to an action item.

Discussion Items

a. Amend Policies

1. Work Responsibilities – tabled
2. Board Meeting Calendar – tabled

b. Board Nominations – received only one nomination form for the open board position. That form was from Karyn Buchheit.

Correspondence – none

Audience with Visitors – nothing

Action Items

- a. Sarah White moved to authorize Michael Slevcove to accept quote on the fence from the lowest bidder who can do the work over break with input from Bryan Rose. Sally Gauvin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved into executive session at 7:44 pm in compliance with ORS 192.660(2)(a) as pertains to personnel.

Out of executive session at 8:06 pm

Karyn Buchheit moved that the following Christmas bonuses be given: Kathy Frank \$800.00; Tricia King \$600.00; Erin Turner \$600.00; Corey Bianchini \$600.00; Alex Castro \$600.00; Kim Merklin \$600.00; Adrienne Campbell \$375.00; Melissa Brister \$375.00; Megan McDonnell \$375.00; Christina Keonig \$375.00; Michelle Finicle \$475.00; Adam Robinson \$375.00 and to authorize Kathy Frank to get appropriate gifts for Mallory Wilson and Sasonna Botieff. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next board meeting on Monday, January 7, 2018