

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – December 2, 2019 Board Meeting

*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. 2 visitors present.

Michael Slevcove called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Sarah White moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the December 2, 2019 board meeting and approving the minutes for the November 4, 2019 board meeting. Sally Gauvin seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget report – looks good. Acknowledge check numbers 1725-1729 in the amount of \$382.94 and 23 debit transactions in the amount of \$1,635.77.

Audience with visitors

- Booster Club liaison – not present
- Bobcat House – not present
- Kim Merklin – presented report on staff thoughts on proposed project. Asks that board think in terms of security and future growth in regards to renewing charter contract with district
- Work session – collaboration board and staff – scheduled for January 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm

Administrator Report

**Enrollment:**      K=15                      1<sup>st</sup>=14                      2<sup>nd</sup>=16                      3<sup>rd</sup>=15                      4<sup>th</sup>=16  
                                 5<sup>th</sup>=15                      6<sup>th</sup>=15                      7<sup>th</sup>=15                      8<sup>th</sup>=12                      Total ADM=133

**Bethany Charter School Improvement Plan:**

***Vision: Student, Teacher, School Culture, Rigor and Relevance***

1. *7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade choir students are working on Genius Hour during band time on Wed and Fri. They are encouraged to select a topic that they feel passionate about and then create a product using that information (this is the same model that Google uses for their employees). The projects that the students are working on are rigorous and they feel passionate about them! All students evaluated their progress toward the goals they set last week and created a blog post about it. They will present their projects before the end of the semester. Students are studying things such as airplanes, poetry, Greek Mythology, and desalinization of sea water.*
2. *The LEGO robotics team is made up of 6 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students, all of which are new to the program. In addition to building and programming a robot to complete autonomous missions on the game board, they need to solve a real-world issue in an innovative way. The challenge this year is “City Shaper” and students were tasked with finding an issue within the public spaces or buildings in their community. Our team - the Botcats – chose to explore creating a device-free Youth Center for Silverton that encourages youth to “;unplug” from their devices and interact with others on a social level, thereby increasing their social awareness and decreasing levels of depression and anxiety. The students emailed the Silverton City Council to tell them about their idea and received very positive feedback. The competition is December 7th at Adam Stephens in Salem.*
3. *Opera – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade After viewing the Portland Opera, we were inspired to sing, write and perform our own opera during literacy time. We did Little Red Riding Hood with a few twists. We added more characters so more kids could have singing parts. They did a great job! The finished project is a 20-minute*

*production that is a little raw, but the kids are proud. We were able to work in plot, conflict, rising action, resolution, etc. which are topics we have been discussing in literacy.*

4. *Magnets – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade have been talking about magnetic forces. The students were excited to use balloons to study static electricity and even did some investigating at home. Many of them successfully designed a lab that showed how to find the north and south poles on ring magnets.*
5. *Graphing – 3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grade have been using the Chrome books for extension activities. In math, the third graders did a chapter on graphing, so we learned how to make a graph using google sheets. I had some kids so excited that they chose another subject, conducted a poll, and made another graph. For example, students made graphs about the best hot lunch this year,
  1. *favorite brand of tractor, favorite animal, etc. Some of them went further and figured out how to change to 3-d, how to add color and titles, how to move between different styles of graphs.**
6. *1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade science lessons fit right in with the Opera. They experimented with sound in November and learned about vibration – connecting it to singing, sound effects, and vibration. A couple of rulers sacrificed their lives in the name of science. They also spent time learning about stars and constellations – Several students brought observations back to share with
  2. *the class. They have become stargazers.**
7. *Math- both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades are now working on multiplication facts. They have flash cards, they practice skip counting, and they quiz each other. Several times a week we are doing timed tests on the facts. Parents are telling me that the kids are practicing at home. Math time is less painful when we aren't counting on our fingers.*
8. *Kindergarten loved the opera! We loved learning about kids back then, about inventions in the 1830s, and how to make our own voices sound like opera singers!*
9. *Kindergarten is making strong observations of weather with our science lessons and had a lot of fun learning about Native American children and Pilgrim children this past week.*
10. *5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade concluded their Colonial theme with a community colonial festival.*

*Please enjoy the video link Provided.*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11FwnrA8Sq3OO4OMSjOYOp2RiGksZ5vhM/view?usp=sharing>

*December Calendar:*

*Girl's basketball season continues to rally. Christmas Program and bake sale the 18<sup>th</sup>; Christmas break 23-January 6*

## Board Reports

- Michael Slevcove and Karyn Buchheit did a walk through North Howell School
- Some of the BCS board attended a “meet and greet” with SFSD. Discussion went well and the interim superintendent and the assistant superintendent both seem to be supportive of charter schools and have past experience with charter schools.
- Pathway – Evans Valley Exposed has given a verbal quote for concrete under \$15,000.00. This would be with Bryan Rose doing the excavation work for them. Asked for a written quote to be turned in. Question asked about what our policies say about threshold of when quotes are needed – Karyn Buchheit to check and let board and Kathy Frank know. Request that Bryan Rose get information on amount of concrete needed to Kathy Frank for possibly asking for requotes from other bidders on concrete work. Discussion on procedure. Bryan Rose will excuse himself from further discussion/vote due to possible conflict of interest.

Correspondence – none

## Discussion Items

- a. Board nomination forms turned in. There has been one form turned in – from Jon Kampen. Sarah White stated that she has been considering not running again.

Several board members stated that they did not receive the information notice about the open board positions in the Wednesday folders. Discussion about extending due date for forms and moving voting. Moved to action items.

- b. Remote door lock/monitor – board feels ok on it. This falls below threshold and Kathy Frank can authorize.

#### Audience with visitors

- Look at dealing with what we have and make sure that student needs in the classroom are being met.

#### Action Items

- a. Karyn Buchheit moved that the date requirements in the nomination procedure be suspended to make the January 6, 2020 board meeting the due date for the nomination forms and the February 3, 2020 board meeting the date for voting. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved into executive session at 9:20 pm in compliance with ORS 192.600(a) as pertains to personnel.

Out of executive session at 9:34 pm

Sarah White moved to authorize Kathy Frank to advertise for and hire another aide for 3 hours per day at \$15.00 per hour. Sally Gauvin amended motion that the position be 3-5 hours per day. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved into executive session at 9:36 pm in compliance with ORS 192.600(a) as pertains to personnel.

Out of executive session at 10:00 pm

Sally Gauvin moved that a Christmas bonus of \$400.00 be given to each of the following: Kathy Frank, Lynette Heneveld, Erin Turner, Tricia King, Michele Finicle, Kim Merklin, Adrienne Campbell, Megan McDonnell, Lindsey Boatner, Mallory Wilson, Evan Merklin and Adam Robinson. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

Moved into executive session at 10:01 pm in compliance with ORS 192.600(f) as pertains to information exempt from public inspection.

Out of executive session at 10:55 pm

No action taken

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm

Next Board Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm