

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting September 9, 2019

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 7:01 pm.

Bryan Rose moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the September 9, 2019 board meeting, approving the minutes for the June 3, 2019 board meeting, approving the minutes for the June 18, 2019 board special session, approving the minutes for the July 23, 2019 board special session and approving the minutes for the August 16, 2019 board special session. Karyn Buchheit seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – some discussion on establishing a savings account. Look into possibilities. Acknowledge check number 1718 in the amount of \$93.00 and 8 debit transactions in the amount of \$3,770.23.

Audience with Visitors

- Booster Club liaison – they have not had a meeting yet this year.
- Bobcat House – not active yet this year
- Thank you to the board for being here

Administrator Report

<i>Enrollment:</i>	<i>K=15</i>	<i>1st=14</i>	<i>2nd=16</i>	<i>3rd=15</i>	<i>4th=17</i>	<i>5th=15</i>
	<i>6th=15</i>	<i>7th=17</i>	<i>9th=12</i>	<i>Total ADM=136</i>		

The first day of school brought with it a lot of emotions. For parents, students and staff it was a mixture of relief and sadness as we watch our bobcats walk into their classrooms. This year we have a focus on creating a school climate where students are working closely together. We have started a family style dining cafeteria and are seeing some positive shifts in our student body working together as a PRIDE and taking responsibility. With caring and meeting each other where we are at, at the center and our families, students and staff working together this is going to be a great year!

Bethany Charter School Improvement Plan

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

We are working hard as a staff to meet our students where they are. That being said, it means diagnosing their values, their style, their needs, and their emotions, and connecting with them in a way that is effective for them.

- *7th/8th graders are attending a Salmon watch field trip at the Packsaddle Park in Gates to study water quality, macro invertebrates, salmon biology and riparian habitat.*
- *5th/6th graders are learning about Native Cultures and Rood Production. The month will culminate with a project where students will go through a simulation of discovering new land and its resources and developing a garden plot based off that land. Students will also encounter a native culture and must develop a communication plan to interact with the culture. We are also planting real food in the greenhouse to care for and harvest throughout the year.*

- *3rd/4th graders are learning about the relationship between force and motion and the meaning of gravity, friction, magnetism, potential and kinetic energy while participating in activities. Studied artist, Jackson Pollock an abstract artist in motion.*
- *1st/2nd graders are doing an excellent job working on stamina for reading and writing! They will be starting their Super Improver Wall – students earn stickers for improving on something (it is different for each student) meeting students where they are at.*
- *Kinder is settling in to their classroom surroundings and schedule. District and state kindergarten readiness assessments are in progress. Mrs. Heneveld is doing a great job at fitting in to the teaching team and working with our cubs.*
- *Volleyball is being coached by Mrs. Wilson for 6th-8th; 5th graders are invited to skills camp on Fridays.*
- *Music department changes – Mr. Robinson general music and choir, Mr. Merklin band and strings.*

September Calendar: 10th open house; 14-15th O’Fest Booth; 24th-26th bring your parent to PE week; 25th 7th/8th grade field trip.

Board Reports

- Path – no report, Kathy Frank to get bids
- Ramp – no report
- O’Fest Booth – will be getting 6 dozen doughnuts from Roth’s on Saturday and 5 dozen from Safeway on Sunday. A schedule has been sent out on sign up genius for shift sign ups. Donation from Big Game Meat – 80 patties; 40 elk and 40 bison.
- Open House – during 20 minutes intro session in gym, have board be introduced and talk about vision, board meetings, invite to town hall meeting on September 26th.
- Town Hall meeting – September 26th 6:30pm-8:00 pm. Discussion items will be vision; gym project/facility. Childcare in library. Sarah will do a flyer to hand out at open house.
- Sarah White brought up that there have been racism incidents in the SFSD. How do we address the possibility at BCS? Some discussion. Does get touched upon under “Respect” in the PRIDE program. Kathy Frank will look at expanding curriculum.

Correspondence – none

Discussion Items

- a. String Grant – received \$2,500 to bring string instrument instruction in. Starts tomorrow.
- b. Survey – has not been worked on. Table for now.
- c. Policy review
 1. Policy for Meeting Guidelines policy 30d. Some discussion, recommend changing wording to make the day of board meetings flexible and have the board decide each year when board meetings will be. Karyn Buchheit to work on wording and bring back next meeting.

Audience with visitors – nothing

Action Items – none

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm

Next Board Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm