

## BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting December 2, 2020

*Please be aware that these minutes are not official until approved at the next board meeting.*

Board Members present: Karyn Buchheit, Jon Kampen, William Posegate and Michael Slevcove.  
Absent: Bryan Rose. Kathy Frank present as administrator. 1 visitor present.

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

Jon Kampen moved to accept the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the December 2, 2020 board meeting and approving the minutes for the November 4, 2020 board meeting. Karyn Buchheit seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – received via email. Looks good. Acknowledge checks and debit transactions in January for September 2020 through December 2020.

Audience with visitors – nothing

### Administrator Report

- *We decided as a school to participate in Fall parent/teacher/student conferences virtually. We had 95% attendance with many of our students and parents thankful we took the time to conference together. November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> were dedicated to group conferences while students were still required to accomplish academics that were review, enrichment, or practice. The 25<sup>th</sup> was an academic day created for Thanksgiving and to honor and celebrate the completion of our first virtual agriculture study. We are finding many unique ways to continue the culture and traditions of the Charter. We all mourned the school wide feast and hope to make it happen next year.*
- *Daily attendance and emotional/technical check-ins continue to provide our families a way to express that they need assistance and give us the ability to assist them in a timely manner. We continue to evaluate responses and connect with students who are not doing well. During an electrical outage, we were able to bounce back and keep the learning going on due to the comprehensive distance learning platform Bethany provides. Staff has been great having a “Plan B” ready for any glitches or hiccups.*
- *During the two-week Governor’s “freeze”, I encouraged staff to make healthy decisions to work on campus or at their home offices. It was completely up to the staff and their comfort zone. We made sure our staff was safe and practiced all required COVID guidance protocol. We were still able to communicate as a staff with daily check-ins via email and phone and are enjoying our weekly virtual staff meetings to brainstorm and plan for the bigger projects.*
- *Staff are receiving an abundance of positive feed back regarding the direction that the little red schoolhouse has taken during the pandemic. I have included a letter shared with me from a new family joining our Bobcat community.*
- *December is already upon us. We only have three short weeks together. Staff are busy keeping math and language arts moving forward but also taking time to do seasonal activities that make school exciting this time of year. A PRIDE of Santa Clauses just paraded me with a song and dance.*

### Facility

- *Library is being remodeled to host art materials and to offer Mrs. McDonnell a place to teach art.*
- *Gymnasium painting project is waiting on a couple finishing touches but we added a new gym clock, new trim on the back wall and a new metal bobcat and establishment sign.*
- *District cleaned our rain gutters.*

- *Hallways and doors are being repainted in lower halls with lower bathroom painting to follow.*
- *We are getting a chemical mixing station installed in the janitor's closet in the next few weeks. It has been backordered. This should provide a safe location to store these chemicals and make them easily available to the appropriate staff.*
- *We are excited to continue to clean and organize to be ready when our Bobcats get the okay to return to the Den!*

Watched “Fall in Review” video. Question about academics as a whole? Work is turned in and more is assigned. Upper grades are doing math tests online. Focus on math and reading every other day. Frustration/difficult – parent discipline vs. teacher discipline. Home rules vs. school rules. Some student meltdowns.

Board Reports – none

Correspondence – none

Discussion Items – none

Audience with visitors – nothing

Action Items – none

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Next Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Again this will be Board Members and Administrator in person and all visitors via Zoom.