

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Meeting February 3, 2020

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. 10 visitors present.

Michael Slevcove called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

Remind everyone to vote.

Sally Gauvin moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of approving the agenda for the February 3, 2020 board meeting, approving the minutes for the January 6, 2020 board meeting and approving the minutes for the January 16, 2020 board emergency session. Sarah White seconded. Passed unanimously.

Budget Report – percentages are right on; everything looks ok. Acknowledge check numbers 1740-1742 in the amount of \$511.95 and 11 debit transactions in the amount of \$563.03.

Audience with visitors

- Booster Club liaison – nothing
- Bobcat House of Representatives – nothing
- Thank you for all the time the board spends serving the students
- Thank you to the board for the aide in the 7th/8th grade classroom
- Would like to have more information on board nominees in the future
- Another way to vote? Especially for single parent families
- Sarah White announced that she is withdrawing her name from running for the board.

Teacher Presentation – Kim Merklin – 7th/8th grades. Currently have or have had students from each of the current board members. Try to teach the students for the future – to try to make sure they have information that they will need for high school, including what they need to learn, what skills they have, responsibility and how to organize themselves, expose them to as much as possible as early as possible.

Administrator Report

Enrollment:	K-15	1st -14	2nd -16	3rd-15	4th-15	5th-15
	6th-15	7th-16	8th -12	Total ADM	133	

Bethany Charter School Improvement Plan:

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

- *The entire student body celebrated a different culture with their Chinese New Year lessons last week. We watched informative videos on the traditions and history of the event, made art to hang in the gym, learned how to write and speak a few words in Chinese, read books written by Chinese authors, and had a feast in celebration complete with tea, fortune cookies, and chopsticks. The students and staff were very engaged and excited for the week.*
- *Kindergarten had two students who couldn't write their name when they entered Kindergarten are now 70% proficient in letter recognition and sounds! So exciting to see such substantial progress!*

- *The Kindergarten class has taken a dive into using their iPads more independently which has been successful and more enjoyable.*
- *First and Second: To enhance our learning about Chinese New Year and the Chinese culture our class wrote questions to my grandma (who is half Chinese and grew up in China & Hong Kong). We received a few answers back including where my grandma grew up, what she did to celebrate Chinese New Year, and what her schooling was like. Many students in our class went home and asked about where people in their families come from. They were so excited to share what they learned with the class and we had a great discussion.*
- *Third and Fourth: All students enjoyed Chinese New Year activities and practice with pencil chopsticks regularly now. - We also had a lot of fun leaning about Chinese New Year with folding red envelopes, learning to write "Courage" in Chinese and hearing about Chinese New Year Traditions and how to say Chinese phrases from Samuel "Jackie" Chan from China.*
- *5th and 6th grade happenings:*
 - *In History we are continuing our simulation on the Road to Independence. Students have conducted congresses, read and interpreted primary sources and will see a play on the Declaration of Independence next month.*
 - *In Science, students have researched and written a rough draft informative paper on their Mars projects. This month, we are working prototypes. Today, they built rubber band powered rovers and will tweak their designs for optimum erformance over the next few days. Later this month, we are visiting the Chemeketa Community College Planetarium. I am also working with a parent who is offering to teach computer coding to students in the spring.*
 - *In math, 5th graders are rocking addition and subtraction of decimals and 6th grades are working with rates and ratios. Three students (Elise Gardner, Izzy Gauvin, and Brooke Boatner) presented the idea of the Farmbot to Marion County Farm Bureau in front of a crowd of 17 people. They were hoping to secure a grant request to help fund this multi-phase project. As a result, we were awarded our first funding of \$500. I am so proud of their hard work and professionalism.*
- *7th and 8th Grade took a field trip to OSU on the 22nd where we took a tour and did a class on Mechanical Engineering. Students were well behaved and enjoyed being on a college campus.*
- *7th and 8th grade students took part in a Socratic Seminar which is a student-led discussion around their novel, The Outsiders. They did a really great job with that, and gained experience participating in discussions in a respectful and intelligent way.*
- *In science, we studied Electromagnetism, and in Social Science we are starting a unit on the Italian Renaissance.*

LEGO Robotics team went to state on the 18th and placed very high for a first year team! They tied for 17th out of 60 teams. They did a great job presenting their project for an unplugged youth center to the Silverton City Council and even heard back from the mayor (not sure if I shared that part in December).

February Calendar:

Boy's basketball season continues to play out, 5th is first semester award assembly, 10th and 24th early release, 14th Valentine's Day/agriculture day, 17th President's Day, 7th and 8th grade to Keller Auditorium, 7th Booster Club Meeting, 29th Battle of the Books Tournament.

Voting closed. Ballots turned over to Kathy Frank for counting.

Board Reports

- All metal is off the gym roof – new is coming on Friday.
- Sheet rock is up in kitchen/teacher lounge.

Correspondence – none

Discussion Items

- a. Receive voting results: Jon Kampen 8 votes; William Posegate 27 votes; Sarah White 18 votes. Sarah White reminded board that she pulled her name from running.
- b. Reports back from PACE and OSBA on parents dropping off students before school doors are unlocked. PACE said that as long as we don't have a policy, we are ok as far as liability goes. OSBA says that they don't really have a recommendation – just to keep reminding parents of what time the doors are unlocked.

Audience with visitors

- Question regarding SEL – as to what it is? Social Emotional Learning – gave a quick overview.

Action Items

- a. Karyn Buchheit moved to accept the recommendation from the voting results and appoint Jon Kampen and William Posegate to the open board positions. Bryan Rose seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Board Meeting is Monday, March 2, 2020