

BSPTO Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/6/18

Kimberly Hawk called the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The February 2018 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve: Christina Griffith

Seconded by Devon Ervin. Minutes approved.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Kimberly Hawk, Christina Griffith, Dana Strand, Randell Pelak, Jen Larsen, Becca Crossman

Parents/Community: Devon Ervin, Dysis Munasinghe, Randy Hamilton, Angie Hamilton, Danielle Alexander, Anjana Nair, Soniya Gandhi

Principal/Teachers: Casey Lange

Principal's Report: Casey Lange

1. Parents have brought up concerns to Mr. Lange about the parking lot. On the north end of the parking lot, there were previously cones blocking some of the parking spaces, but these have been removed and parking is permitted. The concern is that parents and kids are often at risk of getting hit by cars in the parking lot. Mr. Lange has emailed staff asking them to park in those spots in order to cut down on traffic in that area (from cars backing into pickup line) and to save spots closer to the school. Dysis Munasinghe suggested that perhaps certain spots could be painted and reserved for staff and/or volunteers. Mr. Lange will look into this further.
2. Mr. Lange mentioned that in the past there was a proposition to exchange Scholastic dollars from the book fair in exchange for funds from the PTO. These funds would be allocated towards the library (furniture, updating items, etc.). Jen Larsen mentioned that the discussion was from earlier in the year due to needing prizes for the Read-A-Thon, where a book was given to each student that participated in the fundraiser. Jen believed committee and budget must be appointed prior to agreeing to the exchange. She offered to chair the committee, and the matter will be discussed at next month's meeting. She also requested that the school provide space to store the books for the Read-A-Thon prizes.
3. Angie Hamilton requested an update on Math Days, as discussed last month. Mr. Lange has received packets for the Math Days program, but the paperwork is not organized, and Mr. Lange

is awaiting further information from a teacher at the other school that currently has the Math Days program in place. He hopes to have more information by next month's meeting.

4. Angie also asked about a music concert that was scheduled for the end of March. Mr. Lange confirmed that a music concert is not scheduled.
5. Mr. Lange received an email recently from the Beaverton School District that the district has no interest of a steel cow at this time. Angie Hamilton and Dana Strand will continue to be in contact with Mike Vetter at the district to push this agenda.
6. Devon Ervin asked what Beaverton School District is doing to identify students that may be potential risks for other students. Mr. Lange replied that safeoregon.org is a resource where parents and/or students can anonymously report any concerns. The tip is then sent to the principal and counselor of the school in question. Jen Larsen mentioned that BSD Briefs also sent an email re-iterating their safety policy. Mr. Lange asked that if there are any concerns at all, he would like to be notified and will work with public safety to identify the validity of the threat and any action necessary.

President's Report: Kimberly Hawk

1. School Levy Information – Kimberly introduced Danielle Alexander. Danielle was hired by the district to work on the Levy renewal, to be voted on in May of this year. The Levy was introduced in 2013, and created 300 teaching positions, two of which were at Bethany. If the levy is not passed, class sizes will increase by an average of 5-6 kids per class. Passing the levy will not raise current taxes, and provides funding for school operations through 2023. Angie Hamilton mentioned that as the PTO, we cannot publish or formally endorse any motion.
2. Variety Show Summary – The variety show was a success. There were 42 acts, and the show went very well. Mr. Lange mentioned that in the future, his daughter will help run sound. Another idea for next year's show will be a designated adult clean-up crew. Devon requested that there be a keyboard on the stage for piano acts due to not being able to see or hear the piano performances. Kim suggested that maybe microphones be rented in the future in order to make sure the piano acts are audible. Dysis mentioned that Ms. Safranski may write a grant for future ready cameras to record future variety shows.
3. Jog-A-Thon Planning – Now that the variety show is over, it is time to start planning for the Jog-A-Thon. Dana Strand reached out to Christina Oakleaf for names of businesses that have donated in the past and is waiting to hear back. Kimberly will be overseeing toy prizes. She is still looking for someone to be responsible for bagging toys, which will need to take place the last week of May or the first week in June. Christina Griffith offered to oversee the toy bagging. Jen Larsen suggested asking Mrs. Twellman to ask the PAWS Pack to help out with some of the smaller tasks. Angie Hamilton mentioned that perhaps the Student Green Team could team with the PAWS Pack to help. Important dates for the Jog-A-Thon: Stapling of pledge envelopes – April 20; Kickoff assembly for kids – April 24; Jog-A-Thon – May 4; all envelopes due – May 22; Toy/prize bagging – completed by May 31; Award assembly – June 1.
4. March Movie Night – Jen Larsen suggested Coco, which is on the menu. It was unanimously decided that the movie Coco be shown. If Hot Dog Guy is not available, the PTO will front funds

for snacks, and sell them at the Movie Night. Movie night will be on March 23rd at 6:30PM (doors will open at 6PM).

Vice President's Report: Dana Strand

1. Biscuits with Beauties Summary – The Biscuits with Beauties event went very well. There were about 60 biscuits left over that were donated to the fire department off of 185th and Meals on Wheels. The total cost of the event was \$235.06, which was spent on creamer, milk, and biscuits (there were several items that were left over from the Donuts with Dudes event that were re-used for Biscuits with Beauties).
2. Dinner Night Out Fundraiser – March's Dinner Night Out will be at Bethany Pub House on Sunday 3/18 from 9AM to noon. A flyer must be presented, and will be available in the Bobcat Blast. The April Dinner Night Out will be at Monkey Subs on April 19th. May has not yet been confirmed, but Dana has put in a request for May 21st or May 22nd at Pastini Pasteria. June will be the Friday before last day of school at Menchie's.
3. Dana and Angie have been working on a family dance in lieu of May's Movie Night. She is reaching out to a parent from Orenco Elementary School to get information on costs, setup, decorations, etc., as they have held a family dance night in the past. Dana will be approaching Mr. Stoller to DJ the event.

Communication Coordinator's Report – Jen Larsen

1. Parent Enrichment Class – A parent enrichment class has been added, taking place on March 21st from 6:30 to 8:30. The parent enrichment class will be presented by the Washington County Sheriff's office. The class, titled "Protecting Your Children", will discuss the prevalence of child sexual abuse and cover common characteristics of adult offenders and child victims. The class focuses on preventing child sexual abuse, as well as how to respond if a child discloses they have been victimized. Detectives also share case studies and what community resources are available when an individual or family experiences child sexual abuse. Students are not allowed, due to the content of the conversation.
2. A Walking School Bus is scheduled for March 22nd. There was declining interest during the winter months, but now that weather is getting better, we are looking forward to a larger response.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Haugan, presented by Jen Larsen

Total funds in cash: \$94,329

Operating budget: \$24,252

Allocated funds (promised, not yet paid): \$15,799

\$14,200 is held in reserve

General fund: \$38,004

In February there was income of \$675.83 from Benevity, Standard Insurance, and the Dinner Night Out Fundraiser.

The IRS fee that was reported on last month was a miscommunication, and there is no longer a fee outstanding.

The 2018-2019 budget meeting will be at the end of April, date TBD.

There were 3 Requests for Funds, totaling \$3,620.

1. Mr. Lange presented a request for \$468 from the 2nd grade teachers for their annual butterfly project. Dysis made motion to approve up to \$470. Jen Larsen seconded. Motion passed.
2. The second request for funds was presented by Mr. Lange, on behalf of Mrs. Javens. The Maker Fair committee has been working very hard to set up the event. They have requested \$600 from the PTO to cover the replacement of consumable items used in the different Maker Fair stations (restocking supplies used from last year). Mr. Lange also asked that the Maker Fair be considered to become a line item to the budget. Jen Larsen responded that we can add that to the budget meeting. Jen Larsen made a motion to fund \$600 from the Community Events fund rather than the RFF Fund, as the Maker Fair is considered a community event. Angie Hamilton mentioned that in the past there has been a request for donations for supplies, and perhaps this year, a similar request can be made. Christina Griffith made a motion to approve \$600. Kimberly Hawk seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Lange presented the third request for funds on behalf of Mrs. Welch. She has requested funds for new drum sets. The key-tuned Tubano drum sets are sturdy and durable. Every student at Bethany will be able to play with the drums. Although Bethany has xylophones and metallophones, there is not a large collection of world drums. The drums will contribute to building a sophisticated drum circle. The drums will be used in lessons pertaining to beat, rhythm, timbre, time signature and world music, and are expected to last for many years. Kimberly Hawk made motion to approve up to \$2550. Devon Ervin seconded. Motion passed.

Green Team: Dana Strand & Angie Hamilton

1. Eyeglass recycling – A total of 30 glasses donated; combination of prescription and reading glasses, and went to Lions Club. The book swap had good participation among students. The remainder of the books was donated to the school's IA room and Northwest Children's Outreach.
2. Student Green Team meeting was canceled due to snow. The Parent Green Team planned ahead for Earth Week in April. There is a tentative plan set for Earth Week, but they will be meeting with Mr. Lange to go over their ideas.

3. Adopt-A-Road cleanup will be on March 14th after drop off (8:15-8:30). Volunteers are requested, and must be over 14. It is suggested that jeans and long sleeves be worn, as there are blackberry bushes and thorns in the ditches.
4. The week of March 19th -23rd, there will be a car seat and pack n play recycling event. The car seats and pack n plays will be deconstructed and the parts will be recycled. Donations will be received during curbside drop off in the morning. They can also be dropped off in the lobby.
5. There will be a puppet show for grades K-2 on 4/12. The name of the show is "Compost City", and it is being performed by the Tears of Joy Theater Company.

Open Forum

1. Kimberly Hawk wanted to announce a conference, Alzando La Voz, that is being held by Beaverton Activists for Education. The bilingual conference will focus on social change, and will have workshops, guest speakers, and will organize for change in school communities. The conference will take place on Saturday March 17, from 10AM to 2PM at Merlo Station High School. A donation of \$2-\$10 is suggested.
2. Dysis Munasinghe mentioned that 2 or 3 portables at Westview High School were vandalized/burglarized . Ipads and two projectors were stolen. Dysis asked Mr. Lange if there was any concern of vandalism or burglary at Bethany. Mr. Lange noted her concerns, but mentioned that the back windows of the portables have bars. He will discuss her concerns with the safety officer.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Kimberly Hawk at 8:39 PM.

Minutes were taken and submitted by Becca Crossman.