

BSCO Community Meeting

March 16, 2010

Attendees:

Tanya Shrum
Scott Whipple
Mary Minor
Vicky Li
Michelle McHugh
Pam Winklesky
Jennifer Raber

Kara Anderson
Jill Bukres
Paul Earhart
Kimberly Haskins
Jen Epstien
Meagan Ghorashian

Old Business:

2/16/10 BSCO Community Minutes approved.

New Business:

Principal/Teacher Update

- Thank you Science Fair Committee, Paul and Carol
 - Beg-End great job
 - Kids liked looking at each other's projects
 - Need replacement for Carol – science background not a necessity – detail oriented
 - There is a good core committee
- Battle of the Books – B.S. team made it to the final round, lost to Bethany
- Garden – Thank you for your help – didn't finish but close – will be a small work party Sat. – Kids helped out – got tractor help from a community member
 - Irrigation is being set up. Will be a locked hose sprocket
 - "low maintenance" weed block and bark chips
 - Will be a sign up at the end of the year for summer care
 - Fenced for deer – by the company that supplied the school fence
 - Bark chips donated
 - Many in-kind donations
 - Classes claiming beds
 - Oregon green summit – 4 kids from Earth sustainability team – worm bins – compost

Committee Updates

Science Fair report

- 227 Scientists – That's nearly 50% participation
- 197 Projects

- includes 22 class projects
 - and that's 100% participation and includes Homework Club
- 157 Volunteers with 3 large Community groups (non Bonny Slope families) participating – Sunset Key Club (30 high school kids), Intel (12 employees), Nike (6 employees)
- Fed over 400 people
 - All flatware and plates were compostable
 - All leftovers were donated to the “Fork it Over!” program
 - 2 cases of soda went to the Carnival
 - Made about \$400, though this is not run as a fundraiser
- 10 Hands-on stations
 - 3 Experiments
 - Reaction Time vs. Age
 - Light
 - Color Blindness
 - 7 Demonstrations including corporate and community sponsors
 - * PCC Rock Creek - Jane Goodall – tools and non-verbal communication
 - Boo Bubbles
 - * OMSI - activity center & truth detector
 - * Police department – night vision gear and finger printing
 - * US Department of Agriculture - SNOTEL
 - * Earth Sustainability Team - composting
 - * Intel – making chips
- Feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive
- Budget
 - Came in under budget not including the \$400 made on food.
 - Don't have final numbers.
- The committee would like to thank...
 - Kim and her staff for their support
 - special thank you to Steve, Marvin and Eufemio and our guest kitchen supervisor for their hard work behind the scenes
 - thank you to our army of volunteers including Intel, Nike and the Sunset Key Club
- Finally, we should all extend a BIG THANK YOU to Carol Loescher who will be greatly missed.
 - Carol did the in-class demos – harder to fill that piece
- Kim requested 2nd grade participation numbers to see if 2nd grade science inquiry unit increased science fair participation.
- Feedback
 - Man exhibits – how to make time to see them all
 - How do you get kids from one grade to go see the other grades projects?
 - Kids do go through during Rhythms.

Earth Sustainability - Julia Fulmer – via email –

- Garden - Still work to do – under budget so far
- Reducing waste – tissue, napkin, etc use was audited, need to improve amount
- Trying to arrange for electronics recycling during earth week
- Planning bike or walk to school month – May – announcement coming up
- Earth Sustain logo contest – will be announced April 9 - template will be sent home in Friday folder, winner will be announced at Earth Week assembly
- Fri Assembly Earth wk – Recycle Man & Dumpster Divers
- Earth Summit pizza garden
- Looking for someone with an interest in component gardening to lead an after school club

Committee Budget Requests

2010/2011 budgets due a couple days before the end of March. BSCO Board would like to have them prior to the weekend before the April board meeting.

Fund Raising Update

Write-a-check: Neither lead will be back next year. Perhaps a couple with complimentary skills could lead?

Jog-a-thon

Friday May 14

- Stay active theme
- April 23, take home sponsor packets, April 30 assembly, May 27 closing assembly
- Hype more & market more – prizes for kids – most laps – most donations – most sponsors – etc
- Display prizes
- Incentives for the school – teacher/principal do something – spike hair?
- What about kids who don't want to do it at all? – can't put a caveat on it – it's during rhythms – should walk at least
- What about some sort of prize for kids who can't do the "most" but participate? Could have raffle for "smaller" prizes. Tried good sportsmanship last year, but didn't work well.
- Budget \$600 – advertisement & prizes
 - Want \$200 more for canopy's – 2 for \$240 – will be made available to the school for other events
 - **VOTE** – approved increase budget to \$800
- Looking for a bike donation – may need to buy – may change to rip stick

Treasurer Update

- Thank you to Science Fair – Easy from treasurer perspective

- “True” Kids’ projects best
- Educational Support changes voted in last month are now in the budget
- Movie Night ~\$75, Pizza Schmizza ~ \$125, ~\$518 in PACE – may not continue
- Community Garden Budget item added
- Write-a-Check – not as much \$ as anticipated in matching funds
- Found checks totaling \$1052 from last year’s jog-a-thon – all people were contacted and the \$ was put in this year’s income
- Scrip ~\$675 for Outdoor School so far, trying for \$1000
- 5th grade parent night meeting – upcoming – will sell scrip there

Proposal – Silent ballot voting

Issue was raised after last months meeting that not all attendees are comfortable publicly voting on some of the items presented. Silent ballot forms were suggested. Simple forms, title or number of proposal and yes or no, suggested. These would be tallied at the meeting.

Other

Elaine Underwood & Chris Seal 5th grade leads next year

Suggestion: Donate all scrip \$ to outdoor school – eliminate other things, like pancake breakfast? – Kids like doing pancake breakfast, parents like seeing kids doing it.

Adjourn 8:10pm