

Bonny Slope Community Organization
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2009

Board Member Attendees:

Candy Thompson	Kara Anderson
Danette Scales	Scott Whipple
Karla Bright	Mary Minor

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Deb Williams	Cindy Thompson
Melissa Hathaway	Julia Fulmer
Bill Hagerup	Jen Epstein
Jennifer Raber	Pam Grater
Meagan Ghorashian	Asmita Patwardhan
Dawn Eddens	Amber Conner
Karen Porter	Laura ?
Barbara Gubler?	Carol Loescher

BSCO Agenda:

7:00pm ~ Welcome! Board & Committee Openings update.

7:05pm ~ 5th Grade Ambassador

7:07pm ~ Principal's & Teacher's Update

7:15pm ~ Committee Presentation; Danette Scales

7:30pm ~ LSC Presentation; Special guest Mr. Bill Hagerup

7:50pm ~ Treasurer's Report; Scott Whipple

7:53pm ~ BoSCO Budget for 2009 ~ 2010

8:45pm ~ Water Cooler

9:00pm ~ Go Home!

7:02 Start

Welcome! Board & Committee Openings update

- BSCO has advertised for new members on the web site & in Paw Prints
- There are at least 2 board members not returning
- By-laws state 6-9 members, with some positions shared

- New members and fresh ideas

5th Grade Ambassador

Principal & Teacher Update

None present.

Committee Presentation, Danette:

- **Carnival**
 - Friday, May 29th 5:30 – 8:30
 - Planning 2 inflatable's, about 20 games, community performance, possibly dance team and/or choir, clown, fire truck
 - Low key
 - Guessing ~ 700 people
 - Flier out this week, looking for volunteers to help build games, and list of items to build games
 - May 8 sign up for volunteers
- **Jog-a-thon**
 - Fri, May 8
 - Tightening process/documenting/solicit volunteers
 - 10-15 volunteers needed at any given time during the day
 - 1:10 minute time slots – still need a couple of slots filled
- **Earth Day/Week**
 - No idling campaign in parking lot – 10 sec rule – district took pictures
 - 0 waste day packing lunches/snacks
 - Electronic recycling, cell phone, lap tops
 - Sky Orbison Comedy Sportz on Friday
 - Songs by music teacher, Mrs. Bourquein
 - Committees need leads/help too.

LSC Presentation; Special guest Mr. Bill Hagerup:

Thanks for being voice of Bonny Slope Elementary

- LSC meets every month
 - Acting as a team – reaching out to Legislature on Budget Crisis
 - April 6 – letter to parents
 - April 13 – letter to Jerry Colona & Mary VanderWeele
 - Elaine Underwood testimony to School Board 4/6 – good job
 - Hosting Sarah Smith 4/21, Mitch Greenlick meeting by phone, Suzanne Bonamici meeting @ Moonstruck
 - 4/16 Superintendent Listening Session
- April 16th Superintendent Listening Session

- Tricia Murphy, teacher from Bonny Slope Testified
- Message
 - Leave no stone unturned
 - Consider pay freeze/even cuts
 - Early retirement fiscally responsible – but costs \$, having to pay extra for health costs
 - Large disruption to BSE staffing if significant layoff, 10 of 17 teachers Probationary 1
 - BSE already has high class size
- Bonny Slope has been heard
- 2 parts to the budget problems
 - Immediate crisis
 - Shortfall bet \$26 & \$50 mil of > \$300 mil
 - Guessing will be \$38mil
 - Reduction State General fund
 - District & BEA in negotiations
 - May be reduction in school days
 - May 15th next forecast
 - Longer term – better funding model needed
 - Way school's funded shift local prop taxes – Salem exacerbates
 - Merit pay
 - Performance base vs. seniority
 - National issue – inner city vs. wealthier area – how measure?
 - Work @ collective bargaining agreement – some way to not look solely at seniority
- Word today – unofficial – Kim optimistic if budget predictions hold won't be a RIF
 - Will be unconventional budget maneuvers.
 - Kim has scheduled 8:30 coffee chat tomorrow morning
- Near Future
 - 4/22 Listening Session on Budget 7 – 8:30pm
 - Keep optimistic & updated
 - More meetings upcoming
 - Salem budget meeting Thursday – decide where put federal \$ education/ public safety/health
- What do people want?
 - Larger class size? Lay-offs? Less school days?
 - Costs ~\$1 million a day to run Beaverton schools – less school days, teachers get pay cut
 - Still have to teach curriculum

- Status of Springville school – Jerry Colona wants to open on time – not a done deal. Want's to keep Cedar Mill & West TV open, too. Teacher union pushing to close & not cut pay. Close Cedar Mill and have to redistrict.
- Some schools/districts have more control over monies, Lake Oswego can fund staff, BEF does other things
 - PDX 30% money raised a to central fund

Treasurer's Report: Scott Whipple:

- Currently there is ~\$28k in bank
- 4th grade fund raised ~\$130 from cookies @ Art Fair – for next year.

BoSCO Budget for 2009~2010:

Preliminary Budget, Board will meet w/Kim after tonight & will meet on May 5

- Keep in mind that Kim has supplemented this year's programs from Bonny Slope budget – 1st year expenditures may be skewed
- Will be finalized/voted on at May 19th Community Meeting

- **5th Grade Activities:**

- Pancake breakfast – board starting this year – 4th graders helping - Directly funds Outdoor School
- Question, what if it doesn't raise \$1500, is \$1500 guaranteed from board?
 - Wait until see what's raised – will know @ May Community meeting

- **Art Lit:**

Funding as stated, good time/well attended

- **Art Literacy:**

- District wide
- Question – is there a breakdown of costs?
 - To some degree; have cost/student – don't have artist breakdown
- Why the income slot?
 - There has been talk about selling projects; don't have to use

- **Communications:**

- Pre-order directory & t-shirts & yearbook
- Aren't necessarily going to give to all 5th graders yearbooks next year
- \$100 is supplement for those who can't afford directories, etc.

- **Community Outreach:**

- Kids Care Club – asked for \$500/session – 3 sessions

- Suggest charging supply fee - Worried about potential abuse as free after school program
 - Closely managing. Will come up with wording to ensure not a drop-off
 - Project examples: Meals on Wheels Easter Placemats, blanket for Sparrow Club Child, backpack supplies for kids @ Bonny Slope
- Can take 25 kids/session, never had > 25 kids apply
- Kim and others not sure about charging supply fee
- Add \$1500 to budget for Kids Care Club
- **Earth Sustainability:**
 - Will meet early May & discuss their budget
 - Some would like to see Community Garden – if do would start small w/seeds & some veggies
- **Educational Support:**
 - After school enrichments – supplements for students who can't afford class
 - Science classes expenses up due to increase in number of students
 - Science classes – grades get to choose
 - Artist in Residence requested > \$5000, \$1000 grant/\$6000 expenses
 - Comments leaning towards no Artist in Residence – hard to get volunteers – not a priority – takes away from classroom time – have other arts related events - too large a % of budget – could spend on Teacher's fund
 - Remove funds.
- **Family Events:**
Effectively made self-funding – not a money making event
- **Fund Raising:**
Focus likely write-a-check
- **Operating Expenses:**
 - Reserve fund – savings acct – This was seed money from Cedar Mill, Findlay and Terra Linda PTC's
 - No rules on when to use
- **Passport Club:**
 - Selling 100 maps – make ~\$20
 - Had seed money this year from the school
 - Requesting ~\$200 more than currently budgeted
 - Ideally want \$1050

- Cutting size of certificates – will cut back # copies – won't send maps to kids who don't participate
- Will use web site more
- 22 page packet will not be 22 pages

- **School-wide Support:**
 - Student body fund
 - 5th graders get time planners
 - Battle of the books – awards/support

- **Science Fair:**
Funding as stated

- **Staff Support:**
 - Teacher fund
 - School won't have money to distribute to teachers for supplies
 - Right now budget has \$150/teacher – including specialists – 24 total
 - How many teachers next year?
 - Kim would like to see the \$150 doubled
 - Agree to raise to \$200

Water Cooler:

Do we need to send seed money to Springville?

No, none of our kids will be in that district

Adjourn 8:55pm.