

Bonny Slope Community Organization
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008

Board Member Attendees:

Candy Thompson	Gloria Zabel
Karla Bright	Kara Anderson
Mary Minor	Sherry Cadsawan
Danette Scales	Scott Whipple

Attendees:

Kim Haskins	Jennifer Raber
Samantha Vargas	Julia Fulmer
Bell Hagerup	Laura Morrison
Wanda Werstlein	Maggie Warnken
Wendy Kicluran	Carol Loescher
Amanda Lloyd	Karen Murphy
Jennifer Fullman	Jen Epstein

BSCO Agenda:

7:00pm – Welcome!

7:03pm – Approve minutes from September 16th

7:05pm – Principal/Teacher Update

7:15pm – Board Updates

- Danette Scales, *Director of Committee's*
 - Jen Epstein, *Fundraising*
- Gloria Zabel, *Director of Volunteer Support*
- Scott Whipple, *Treasurer's Report*

7:45pm - Old Business

- *Int. Walk & Bike to School Day*
- *Author Visit with J. Patrick Lewis*
- *Vision Screening/Picture Day*
- *Book Fair*

7:55pm – New Business

- *No December meeting*
- *Harvest Festival ~ 10.24.08*
- *Bonny Slope's Dedication Ceremony ~10.29.08*
- *Papa's Pizza Restaurant Night ~ 10.29.08*
- *Project Warm Up ~ 11.01.08*

8:00pm – Water Cooler

8:10pm – Go Home!!

Welcome: 7:00 p.m.

Approve minutes from Sept. 16:

September 2008 BSCO Community Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.

Principal/Teacher Update:

- Teacher representative, Carol Sauer, the Librarian, will be out for 5 – 10 days on leave of absence.
- **Bonny Slope Elementary Dedication Ceremony, Oct. 29:**
 - Kids will open up the dedication ceremony and close with a ceremony with songs written by the music teacher. They will also dance.
 - Wear Bonny Slope colors.
 - 5th grade ambassadors will be giving a school tour.
 - Parents are encouraged to attend if possible.
 - Will thank the architects and contractors. They are still here on a daily basis.
 - Will thank the district staff that has worked for over 2 years on this project, the school board, and the original Bonny Slope custodian.
 - Will have an iMovie on Bonny Slope Opening.
 - There will be a ribbon cutting and a dedication plaque
- Thanks for the salads given to staff during conferences. Parents and teachers liked the evening sessions
- We are in hard economic times and in a district wide hiring freeze except for high need roles like bus drivers. District enrollment has declined
- Bonny Slope 2nd grade enrollment has gone down. Still high in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade.
- Bonny Slope will get a new part time (.5 APU) teacher. Will provide reading support and literacy support in 1st grade. Then will address 3rd grade needs next.
- DRA's and assessments have been done on every student.
- Kids won't be moving out of their classrooms, this year. However, in the future, kids may need to move classes within the 1st month of the year.
- Thank You: The parents have done such a great job...Passport club has been great. Art literacy training, walk and ride to school day, assemblies of sustainability, fundraising, and after school activities are going well. Science fair first meeting is coming. The logo is great. Bobcat trail club has been very popular with the kids. Everything is very high quality.
- The first PYP unit kick off in November through X-mas. The planners will be posted in the hallways. We are doing 2 units in PYP this year, 4 units next year, 6 units the next.
- Trying to get Site Council up and running. Would like more applications.
- Important Note to Parents: Each teacher has list of children in the after-school classes but it would be helpful for the teacher if parents sent in a note with

program dates their child(ren) will be attending. Also, the program leads are sending the teachers the lists as well.

Board Updates:

Art Literacy:

- Nothing new to report. They have done 1 lesson in 1st grade this week.

Communications:

- Goal is to be as paperless as possible.
- There were 53 out of 400+ students (less than 12% of school) that requested paper copies of the newsletters. Down to 26 newsletters after eliminating family duplicates.
- The increased number of visits to BSCO website has been great. The traffic dropped off in October probably due to the lack of “fresh” information. Plan to update content more frequently. Trying to have a three day turnaround time on posting articles.
- Send articles to BSCOcontact@gmail.com
- For more information refer to the PowerPoint presentation by Melissa Hathaway on the BSCO website.

Harvest Festival:

- 260 pre-orders in today. There is a DJ for the gym, cookie decorating, other events. Need more volunteers to help keep things flowing. Will be decorating tomorrow night and Friday afternoon if anyone can come. It starts at 6 p.m. -- Thursday, you can bring your kids.

5th Grade Activities:

- Outdoor school – trying to piggyback on scrip sales as well as sell snacks on movie night. Parents are willing to support it financially in some capacity for those that are able. The idea is to raise enough money so that funds will roll over to the next class. The outdoor program has been very well supported by parents.
- There are also plans for a 5th grade send off at the school, to cut costs. Hope to also have funds for a 5th grade gift to the school.

Fundraising:

- Going well. On target for this year. Write-a-check campaign will close by Thanksgiving, currently about \$1500 short of goal.
- Box tops – we had a great 1st month. The kids are excited.
- Scrip – on target to meet the \$2,500 goal. There will be more of a push on scrip to raise extra money for Outdoor School. Need people for Thursday morning to process orders. Need 2 people present when handling cash. Will have scrip on hand Monday after school and Friday before school.

- Jog-a-thon - May 1st or May 8th. May tie in with teacher appreciation day. May tie in with “reuse a shoe” NIKE program. Will be a “during the school day” fundraiser with a flat fee or per lap format.

Earth Sustainability:

- Walk to school day was great. There has been lots of great feedback. Over ½ of the school and faculty participated. This was a BIG HIT! The kids loved it! The community spirit was the best part.
- Will look at the safety points better since it was a little crazy. May consider changing gather locations and auxiliary points.
- Issue with stragglers and people flowing into drop-off area at walk completion.
- Now working on Green School certification and unique recycling ideas.
- Earth day is next big focus.

Passport Club:

- This month will be hectic because check day is B.S. dedication day. May need to reschedule some 5th grade classes.

Science Fair:

- Kick off meeting on the first week of November.

Treasurer:

- Current balance in approx \$32K. All of the money is out of WAMU.
- Income and expenses:
 - Scrip (~\$700) and Write-a-Check (~\$27K) are the biggest income producers to date.
 - T-shirts were a big success, and are now in the black, with some inventory left for purchase.
 - Total expenses to date: ~\$5100.

School Directories:

- Being finalized. A form will be sent out next week for approval to list child’s name in a class list in the directory and to allow photos to be placed on the web-site.

Old Business:

- Author visit was fantastic. It was age group tailored, worked well.
- Vision screening and picture day went flawless.

New Business:

- No December meeting since it is a short month.
- October 29 – Papa Pizza night. We get ½ of the total spent.
 - You must have a flyer and get it off of the web site. Gift certificates return a partial credit. Can’t pay for the evening with scrip.

- Project Warm-up ends Nov. 1. Lots of people are donating. Need Volunteers for Nov. 1 to help distribute items.

Water Cooler:

- October 26 – Japanese foreign exchange students in 4th and 5th grade arrive. Five families at BSCO will be sponsoring students for 1 week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.