

Bonny Slope Community Organization
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2009

Board Member Attendees:

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

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Kim Haskins, Melissa Hathaway, Wendy Kielman, Beth Zappitello, Jen Epstein, Elaine Underwood, Jennifer Fullman, Carol Loescher, Julia Fulmer, Bill Hagerup, Michelle McHugh, Pam Winklesky, Sandra Miller

Agenda

7:00pm - WELCOME!

7:03pm - Approve

[] Minutes from November & January

[] Amended Articles of Incorporations

7:05pm - Teacher/Principal Update

7:15pm - Board Updates

[] Danette Scales, Director of Committees

[] Scott Whipple, Treasurer's Report

[] Gloria Zabel, Volunteer Support

7:35pm – Old Business

[] Movie Night; January 28th

[] Si Senor Family Night; February 11th

7:45pm – New Business

[] Art Fair

[] Pancake Breakfast; May 16th

[] Mr. Darrin Marks, PACE Program

8:00pm - Water Cooler

8:15pm - Go Home!

Meeting Started: 7:00 p.m.

Approve

November and January BSCO Community Minutes are approved.

Amended Article of Incorporation

U.S. Government response to BSCO non-profit incorporation status.

- The IRS suggested that BSCO amend Form 1023 and classify itself as an entity primarily supported by gifts from the public.
- Articles of Incorporation
 - Article 8 – Dissolution, objection to “a person”

- Under OR law, “person” is an entity or individual
- Propose: Modify – Use sentence IRS sent in letter
- 19 people present at BSCO Community Meeting – All entitled to cast a vote
- Proposed changes: Amendment to Form 1023 and Amendment to Articles of Incorporation were each approved 19 For 0 Against

Teacher/Principal Update:

- PYP Update: 16 staff members Level 1 trained last summer, including train the trainer. Teachers participated in 24 hours of development in the summer.
- With Title III grant money, 4 more teachers just completed Level 2 training (included Level 1 and Level 2).
- Planning parent outreach to educate community on the PYP program. Details will go in the newsletters. Day and evening sessions.
- Public schools have to form PYP units within District bounds, Private schools can more easily alter curriculum towards PYP.
 - 3 years of professional development
 - Inquiry based instruction
 - Global unit incorporation
- Question: If Literacy coaches are being placed back in the classroom, will they be PYP trained? Yes, at Bonny Slope.
- Getting new kids everyday. Might be due to the economy. Some private school kids coming on board and 2 international families with Nike are interested in Bonny Slope, because of PYP.
- Next year adding a 1st (4 total) and 5th (3 total) grade class. May need a 1st/2nd grade blend.
- Open enrollment. 60 applicants and B.S. took 35. No wait list; remaining 25 can't fill in if someone doesn't accept a slot.
- Beaverton School District budget issues
- The Beaverton School District has eliminated the maximum # students per classroom target.
- Current temporary teachers will not get renewed contracts.
 - Bonny Slope only had 1 temporary teacher.
- B.S. has 11 Probationary 1 teachers (brand new teacher or new to district).
- No enhancement dollars for early retirement
- Granting leaves this year
- Mary VanderWeele (Beaverton School District board member) has volunteered come to the March BSCO meeting to share budget information.
- All budget cuts to come should be announced prior to the March BSCO meeting.
- Kerry Moore, Artist in Residence, is doing great and has been a big hit!

Board Updates

Staff Appreciation:

- Elaine Underwood: Friday Feb 13, Amore luncheon for the teachers. Parent volunteers brought fabulous food.
- Community Volunteer - Katie donated 40 Columbia Employee Store passes. To be passed out to Teachers for St. Patrick's Day.

- Teacher appreciation week: 1st week in May – looking for ideas, not too labor intensive. Please email ideas to Elaine Underwood.
- Starting a Welcoming Committee for new families coming into the school. Could welcome the new family by contacting them; give a plate of cookies, inform about volunteering opportunities, give a school directory etc.
- New student tours/open enrollment tours? Kim: inviting all open enrollment families to pancake breakfast and carnival.
- Will do “meet the staff/bring class supplies” before the first day of school for the year.

Communications:

- Melissa: Collecting photos for yearbook. All photos go to Karen Murphy by May 1st.

Science Fair:

- Needs volunteers, especially reviewers, talk to students about their projects and jot some notes in the students note book as feedback. Approx. 30 minutes volunteer time.
- 160 projects submitted and 18 class projects! Almost 300 meals pre-ordered.
- Multiple community stations; Nike demos, Pacific Corp wind energy display, PCC taste tester station...
- Raffle: radio Disney fun pack, bread board, coat rack, Zoo & OMSI, Peets Coffee and Tea, Mad Science, baseball cards etc!

Community Outreach

Beth Zappitello

NEED VOLUNTEERS

- Clothes Closet: 76 kids came through. Donations taken on Wednesdays. Need size 6 to 10 in clothing, especially pants.
- Kids Care reduced from 3 to 2 times this school year.
- Global Outreach is on the back burner for now
- Sparrow Club – need a very committed volunteer to take on the program and run it. Have a donor.
- Ideas to solicit volunteers:
 - Put task in a framework that describes exactly what is needed.
 - Ask people face to face.
 - Delegate simple tasks verses a big project
 - Cold call random people to volunteer. Give specific jobs and specific time slots
 - Sales pitch to children and get them excited

5th Grade

- Goal to raise \$ to cover bulk of Outdoor School expenses
 - May 11 – 13, Neskowin – newest Outdoor School
 - 5th Grade - ~\$1750 total raised.
 - Metro grant bringing cost down to \$54/child
 - Hope cost down to \$50/child after ice cream sales at Science Fair.
- Give gift back to school?
- Give \$ back for next year?

Sustainability:

- Green Badge at Science Fair for Green projects
 - Get Lunch w/Principal and District Green Team
- Working on Green School Status
- Earth week – April 22
- Green Theme/Green Pledge for next year

Fundraising

- Jog-a-thon – plans to hit all their goals.
- Script – 5th grade outdoor school total ~ \$1600. December was good and January was slow, as expected. May not reach budgeted goal if sales don't increase. Will advertise in Paw Prints.
- PACE presentation – good idea to consider for next year. BSCO Board will discuss fundraising for next year.
- Seeking a volunteer and ideas for next year.

Carnival

- First volunteer meeting is planned.

Treasurer

- Numbers presented.

President of 5th Grade Class – Announcement:

Leah Miller

- Preparing for Science Fair
- Read Across America, book parade/dress up as the character in your favorite book. Mon. March 2nd. Will be an assembly following the parade.
- Dakota Alton will show off Rubik's Cube solving skills
- Bobcat Trail Club, 145 students have reach the ½ marathon

Old Business:

Skipped in the interest of time.

New Business:**Darren Marks – Fundraising prospect, PACE:**

- Started in Seattle, as a non-profit. Like scrip, but use a registered credit or debit card at participating businesses to get return percentage (5%).
- 100 schools in WA are participating,
- Expanding by targeting schools and business in OR – kicking off in Fall of 2009.
- Working on identifying interested schools so can target local businesses.
- www.4pace.com – parent/community member signs up for a \$30 yearly fee and school gets \$10 per sign up. A debit card or visa is tied to the vendor. 5% of each purchase goes back to the school. There are some incentives back to registered user.
- They will run a 2 week sign-week campaign.

Pancake Breakfast:

May 16th. Include/Invite the community. Give school tours.

Art Fair

- April 15th.
 - Hands on art projects, display your own art, teachers display art
 - Highlight the work of our visiting artist “Carrie Moore”. May work with Carrie for student pieces that could be auctioned.
 - Bring in community members, Young Rembrandts representative, Kids Zone owner interested in helping.
 - Low volunteer event
- Asking for \$600 budget, hoping to borrow many materials and not use that much.
- Motion to approve Art Fair – including \$600. Vote: Passed.

Water Cooler:

- Volunteers – we need more volunteers.
- Future: March – What are the events and where do we need volunteers
- Bring committee chairs together and PTO to create the schedule for the following year.
- Next meeting we need to have proposals on what projects/events we take on for next year.
- Have all committees have a proposal for what we should do next year. Set a separate meeting for this discussion.
- Volunteer issue: Where do committees get their information from? Some volunteers don't feel that Volunteer core and BSCO Board are functioning together. Some committee groups are feeling isolated. Need to work on better team leader/BSCO communication and co-ordination.

Adjourned: 9: 30 pm