

Bonny Slope Community Organization  
**Approved - Meeting Minutes**  
September 16, 2008

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Meeting Started: 7:05 p.m.

Board Member Attendees:

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

Attendees:

Kim Haskins  
Melissa Hathaway  
Alejandra Rotolo  
Laura Manson  
Felicia Goetsch  
Christie Scott  
Jennifer Hillman  
Jennifer Epstein  
Lauran Coan  
Mary Osborn-Charles  
Soo Anderson  
Jennifer Raber  
Tracy Wencku  
Amber Connell  
Maggie Warneles  
Amanda Lloyd  
Cynthia Thompson  
Karen Murphy  
Milton Kokubun  
Asmita Patwardhan  
Leilani Stone  
Carol Sauer  
Wendy Kielman  
Julia Fulmer

## **Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome
- Approve minutes from August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Principal/Teacher's Report
- Committee Updates
- Volunteer Update
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
  - Open House
  - Back-to-School Picnic
- New Business
  - Curriculum Night – September 18
  - Passport Check – September 24
  - Author Visit – October 7
- Water Cooler
- Go Home

## **Minutes of the Meeting are as follows:**

### **Principal/Teacher's Report:**

Teacher representative: Carol Sauer – Librarian

Principal:

The transition to Bonny Slope was bigger for the kids (and parents) than expected, and taking longer than expected.

Will hear more from teaches this Thursday night.

There is a large behind-the-scenes to do list for the school. The plan is to have as much of this completed as possible by December.

The issue of class size was raised. Kim remarked that Bonny Slope is technically down 1 teacher. Enrollment is good in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, high in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, higher in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades and ok in Kindergarten. The district uses the month of September to determine which schools need teachers. A complicating issue: Cedar Mill has been forgiven a couple of teachers due to the decrease in enrollment due to the redistricting. At the end of September the district will tell us if we get another teacher. If we do, a 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grad blend class will be created. There will be several options considered for populating that class. Asking for volunteers to volunteer to move into this class will be the first option.

Teacher: Carol Sauer - Librarian

We are on a journey and we are making progress. The faculty has really bonded and everyone is on board. Things are really moving along. Teachers are doing well. Thank you to all of the parents that have helped get things going!

### **Volunteer Update:**

General thanks to everyone!

- Art Literacy and Passport Club are up and running.
- Communications:  
Two volunteer training sessions were held today. Pictures for volunteer badges have been taken and volunteer handbooks were passed out. Volunteer handbooks are also available on the web site.
- Family Events  
Back to School picnic was a wonderful event attended by approx. 500 people. Focus is shifting to the Harvest Festival, Oct. 24. Hoping for new traditions. Kids will be wearing costumes. No costumes in the school on Oct. 30.
- Earth Sustainability.  
Planning for Walk to School, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Washington County Police are involved. There will be group spots to gather for walk in. The Bobcat Trail Club starts Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Students will get credit for walk/bike/car-pool to school.
- Fundraising:
  - Script is underway. Three weeks of script has been running. \$300 earned to date with a goal of \$2,500. Every Tuesday at 9 a.m. script will be available for purchase at the school. Kim will go over the script in her staff meeting with the teachers. There are lots of opportunities to use script. Script cards are not refillable. Script will be promoted at back to school night. There is a raffle for script as well. This month they are raffling off a party at Papa's Pizza.
  - Write a check is going well. 130 families have donated. Projecting \$4,900 in matching funds, goal is \$4,000.
  - Box tops collection has started. Classes will have a competition. Winning classes will have a party. Each class has a drop box for children to put their box tops in. Put all of the box tops on a form if possible. Forms are near the entry-way box and online.
  - Restaurant night:  
Four restaurants have been chosen, Papa's Pizza, Pizza Schmizza, McMenamins, Si Senior. The first restaurant night will be on October 29th at Papa's Pizza. Question: What is the process of getting a date

approved. Answer: They will look at the school calendar to ensure that it doesn't conflict with other events.

- Web site:
  - Would like pictures to make website less plain
  - New process in place for getting information on the web.
    - This is mainly for the team leads that need to post information.
    - All web requests go to [BSCOcontact@gmail.com](mailto:BSCOcontact@gmail.com) .
    - Requests will be checked Wed. and Fri.
    - Lead articles will be due 3 weeks in advance.
  - There are lead article dates available
  - There is a schedule of article due dates on line.
  
- Other:
  - All positions have team leads
  - Cafeteria help is needed. They need regularly scheduled volunteers, 10:45 – 12:45. BSCO earns \$10 per hour per volunteer, volunteers get a free meal.
  - Library help: Need someone to help with visiting author.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The IRS has acknowledged receipt of the application for tax-exempt status and is processing the application
- Because of concerns with the stability of Washington Mutual, BSCO is in the process of moving its money to U.S. Bank.
- The treasurer will present un-audited reports at the BSCO membership meetings to avoid a significant delay in reporting financial information. Corrections, if any are necessary at the monthly audit, will be reported at subsequent membership meetings.
- It is too early to make any significant conclusions regarding the budget. There is approximately \$25,000 in the checking, money market and scrip accounts. BSCO still needs to raise approximately \$26,000 to meet its fundraising goal. Total expenditures to date are \$3179.85. The biggest expenditures to date are for the purchase of spirit wear and the application for tax exempt status. The expenditures figure includes income received from the sale of spirit wear and money collected for the student directory. BSCO has not yet incurred any expense for the student directory.

### **Old Business/New Business:**

- Old Business

- Thank you
- New Business
  - Curriculum night is this Thursday. There will be no day care available. Will work towards day care in the future. Parking will be tight, walk if at all possible.
  - Passport Check Day is Sept. 24. Check day is from 8:50 – 11:20. There will be 13 checkers and 20 volunteers. 12 students are enrolled in study hour. There are 5 – 6 mentors. This is an effort to get students to retain the information. It is before check day. Will meet in the PAW room. THANKS TO DANNETTE AND GLORIA getting volunteers.
  - Author Visit: J Patrick Luis –Oct. 7. There will be a number of small assemblies. This will give the author time to sign the books and there is a display in the library. The deadline to order books is this Thursday. The students are preparing for the author visit during library time.

**Water Cooler:**

Tee-shirts/Spirit Gear: Having stock on hand gives people the availability to see it and can buy on hand, and exchange sizes. ½ of the inventory sold in 1 week, with 80% of the kids inventory selling. Over \$2700 of original monetary request has been repaid. BSCO profit is approximately \$2 per shirt. A request was made for roughly \$4200 more to place another order which will include fitted t-shirts, fitted hoodies, decals and mugs as well as t-shirts and hoodies. A check is needed when the order arrives.

- Question was raised about the cost of the items.
- Question was raised as to whether a competitive bidding process was followed. A parent knows of a vendor that can sell all the items mentioned. Currently, clothing and accessories would be 2 different orders.
- Question was raised on why not pre-order
- It was pointed out that an additional \$4200 would bring the total “spirit wear” budget to approximately \$6500, more than 1/10 of the entire BSCO budget, if the money is given without a pre-order.
- No money was granted at this time.

Kim mentioned it is important to see the items beforehand to ensure the quality is there. We are encouraging kids to wear the spirit wear or school colors every Friday. Also, be careful when ordering adult sized without pre-order.

Idea: Back to School night: Pre-order forms and collect checks to order sheets.

**Adjourned: 8:25pm**

