

PAC Meeting Feb 16, 2011

Attendees:

Silvia Mena, Regina Bock, Kathleen Sepeda, Alison Benik, Gwen Ginley, Jessica Feld, Mike and Amy Doenlen, Marcella Setter, Leanne Lockhart, Lisa Green, Susan Green, Martha Larson, Jan Kleinbord, Barr Hogen, Terry Odendahl

No Report from the Counseling Office nor Student Council.

Kevin Braney discussed the bond money that has come to Boulder High. Due to reports of the expected cuts in education funding for next year, he has decided to keep this money in reserve until he gets the budget forecast for the 2011-2012 school year. He hopes to have a budget from the district in April.

Kevin discussed 5 possible new school schedules to start in the fall. He has worked in 3 different schools with all different schedules. The last 2 BHS principals have talked about changing our schedule- lots of pros and cons. Governance team has discussed at length- no changes have happened. Kevin presented reasons why BHS should change its schedule. 1. District is requiring schools to have a faculty collaboration time based on the success of other schools. 2. Race to Nowhere 3. Sleep research.

Process: Future meetings are planned for parent feedback. (postcard sent out announcing dates and times as well as announcement on BHS website). Kevin is having conversation with Student Council and teachers as well. Then a summary will be posted on website for feedback.

Lots of requirements to consider in a new schedule. Sorry, can't reiterate it all here! If interested, attend a future parent meeting about all this...

Kevin proceeded to explain the 5 schedule ideas. Again, cannot report all this here. Check out Kevin's future presentations.

Thoughts from attendees: Cons: Late start delays after school sports so the kids get home too late. Pros: MORE SLEEP! Block schedule gives kids experience in longer classes. Modified block plan is the best of both worlds of 50 min. classes 3 days a week and full block plan 2 days a week. Kevin will have professional development with teachers to effectively teach 2 hour classes.

Kevin is going to plug away at finding a schedule that will come as close as possible to meet everyone's needs. Because of the wonderful diversity of our school, we have a large variety of needs. Kevin really wants as much feedback from parents as he can get.

Upcoming Principal's Coffee to hear more about all this: Mon., Feb. 28th at 6:00PM in the library.

Barr Hogen: (balloon/helium tank chairman) Interesting report about helium. She has been researching the latest information about helium. There's going to be a shortage of helium in our country. Helium is actually used in MRI's, rockets, all sorts of things. The

price is going to increase sharply. Barr got reusable, mylar balloons so we can stop buying latex balloons. There's also been a big issue with using the latex balloons due to a student's allergy. Discussion followed about how much balloons are currently being used and Kevin could not think of many events. And when they were used for some decorating, it was not that much.

Should PAC continue to fund the helium tank? Kevin is going to bring up this whole issue at Student Council. Should we cancel the balloon release at Graduation? Not an environmentally sound thing to do.

Martha Larson: Working on healthy snacks/breakfast for CSAP. Thinking of incentives to improve attendance. Wants to offer some prize/raffle after each test day. PAC approved \$700 to be spent on this.

Silvia Mena: Lauren Lough wanted her to invite the PAC Executive Committee to a Latino parents function. Focus for Latino Families night (not LPAC- no longer exists) on Feb. 22nd, in the library at 6:00PM discussing drugs and alcohol, prescription drug abuse, knowing symptoms of suicide. Some PAC Exec. members will try to attend. Attempt to bridge gap between the two parent groups.

No other Committee Reports. Most of the meeting was Kevin's presentation explaining the new bell schedule.