

BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL - PAC MEETING MINUTES

Jan. 13, 2010

Attendees: Joan Fishburn, Lisa Green, Kevin Braney, Kris Green, Doyle Johnson, Gwen Ginley, Dawn Brandt, Kathy Blockwick, Melinda Gillespie, Jo-Ann Beserra, JoAnne Baumgartner, Lauren Hager, Renee Winklmann, Katherine Morss, Leanne Lockhart

Reports:

Doyle Johnson: (Counseling Office)

Seniors' midyear transcripts coming out.

End of Jan., counseling office will be gearing up for registration for next year.

Feb. 17th: kids will be working with teachers to plan next year's classes.

Feb. 18th: Classes open up on Infinite Campus for registration.

Counselors are very busy, as we know. They have BHS duties as well as district duties. Claire Sandford is coming to next PAC meeting to inform parents about counseling office.

Joan: Chairs Report

Front entry renovation is underway. Shelley (parent volunteer) and an architect volunteer are planning what can be done with our \$16,000 budget.

Budget was passed last month.

Melinda: (Governance Team)

SSR (Sustained Silent Reading) will happen in classrooms based on individual teachers' plans. The school will not be adjusting the master schedule for it.

Shadowing has been successful. More people than in the past have been shadowing.

Spread the word that BHS is not at enrollment capacity.

Staff thinking about not providing planners to students to save \$\$\$. They cost \$8000.

Jo-Ann: (Registration)

Time to start getting things organized for next year. It will be Jo-Ann's last year, so we welcome anyone to volunteer and learn the ropes.

Feb. 16th is Course Selection Night for incoming freshman. PAC will have a table there for volunteer sign-up and information for parents.

We need an incoming freshman class representative. Talk it up around town!

Dolly Dean: (Make A Difference) – Not present- A summary of her report follows:

We raised \$36,000 in fall semester. The funds have been distributed to the faculty who submitted Wish Lists. We were able to fund ALL teacher and staff requests in full!

Teachers will be receiving their Wish Lists request forms soon for spring semester.

Letters to parents will go out early Feb. Exploring setting up PayPal for spring semester.

Joan: (SIT)

Encouraging higher student participation in school activities, especially among Hispanic community and incoming freshman. Plans are to make sure the school showcases everything available at BHS for student involvement.

Kathy and Dawn: (After Prom)

Looking for volunteers- Will start asking in Enews later in the semester.

Budget: \$35,000 last year/ \$29,000 this year.

Looking for college students to help since they can stay up all night better than us old folks!

Great event- going to try to increase student attendance.

Prom: May 1st.

Joan: (Highlights)

Only 1 request for hard copy of Highlights. 50 copies are being printed each month and are available in front office. Joan feels information is getting out to parents if they want it. Huge savings by not printing and mailing them to all BHS families.

Being translated and distributed to LPAC.

Will publicize Highlights at Incoming Freshman Course Night.

Need a couple volunteers to staff the PAC table at the Incoming Freshman Course Night- call Joan.

Melinda raised the need for a new Directories Chairman for next year. Joan will put it in Highlights.

Kevin: (Principal's Report)

Reiterated about shadowing and how the numbers are up- Tours have been full.

Open enrollment coffees were successful.

Open enrollment #'s should be in by Feb. 1st.

Professional Development last week: Staff read some Plato, followed by various literacy activities. Discussed rigor- goal is for entire staff to be on same page throughout the school. They've gone from 35 definitions to 12. Tomorrow they will decide on one- Looking forward to that!

5 Laptops have been awarded to BHS from the Google elves... Kevin received an email from Google that one math chair and 4 top math students will each be given a laptop. You never know what might land in your lap! Going to discuss with math department which students should be the recipients. Not going to limit it to who has the highest GPA.

Alumni Concert held over winter break: very successful.

Wonderful art exhibit going on in Downtown Boulder with artwork of BHS faculty and students.

Winter Ball this Sat. 1/16, 8-11PM.

Academic Letter Recognition Ceremony: Feb. 24 at 7:00PM.

Graduation Meeting: Jan. 25th at 9:30AM.

MLK Celebration at BHS – Jan. 18th.

BUDGET:

Looking bleak...

Going to lose probationary faculty and displace other faculty.

Projections from state keep going down.

BVSD gives principals decision making powers which is a good thing.

School receives \$7500/student from state.

To summarize Kevin's budget report:

Since the district cannot plan on definite numbers from the state, there are three "plans" that schools are being asked to prepare for: Target 1, 2 and 3. (1 being the best case scenario and 3 being the worst).

Target 1: \$11.9 million in cuts for BVSD

Target 2: \$17.9 million

Target 3: \$24.9 million

For BHS, Target 1 translates to cutting 2.25% of our budget (\$15,000 from our \$10 million budget) which would include 3-4 full-time teachers (FTE's).

Target 2: 5.25% cut, including 8-10 FTE's.

Target 3: 8.25% cut, including up to 13 FTE's.

Kevin is going to ask faculty for their ideas for cutting budget, including volunteer retirements, trying to save \$\$ this year for next, and other creative scenarios.

Current BHS enrollment: 1753. School can hold about 1950 students.

Budget will be a standing item on future PAC agendas.

Kevin has not made any decisions yet.

Further Discussion:

We need to make sure parent community understands the policies of what certain resources can be used for. For example, the \$16,000 we're spending on front hall improvements cannot be used to hire teachers.

Jo-Ann brought up a good point that a tone should be set now in the BHS community for these budget cuts; that we are preparing now in anticipation of these cuts; that hardships are coming and that we have to cut back on things such as freshman t-shirts or whatever.

Melinda: Great Awakenings donated 170 coffees for the last Staff Appreciation breakfast. Support this business and thank them for their support! Katherine: let's thank them on the BHS Marquis!

Next Staff Appreciation Meal: soup/salad/bread. Date TBA. Lauren is working on this, as always, as well as the next Principal's Coffee (Feb. 4?). Thanks Lauren!