

**Boulder High School PAC Meeting Minutes**  
April 14, 2010

**Attendees:** Sage Hansen, Jo-Ann Beserra, Mary Van Lieshout, Lauren Hager, Nancy Stevens, Donna Crain, Doyle Johnson, Ainsley Cone, Henry Drake, Lisa Green, Kevin Braney, Joan Fishburn, Carrie Bagli, Leanne Lockhart, Katherine Morss, Shelley Kappel, Melinda Gillespie, JoAnne Baumgartner

**Introductions**

**Approval of March Minutes**

**Guidance Report:** Doyle Johnson

Finished meetings with juniors – gave them specifics about Naviance.

ACT test coming up Wed. April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Will be in classrooms to introduce sophomores to Naviance.

**Interventionist at BHS:** Ainsley Cone

Replacing Katie McGee during her maternity leave.

Seek out assistance with this office at our school if you need it! They are very helpful.

Ainsley introduced Henry Drake, a private counselor who has been a teacher and a counselor for a Wilderness Therapy program. He is offering complimentary parenting classes to interested BHS families in May. His expertise is getting parents on the same page with their teen- stresses the relationship side of family issues and the brain development of the teen.

Contact Ainsley for more information.

**No Treasurer's Report** (Loretta out of town)

**Principal's Report:**

Conference on World Affairs- great success. Kids asked thought provoking questions. Panelists were impressed.

Model UN: 4 individuals won National awards in NYC

Thanks to PAC for lobby renovation. More new flooring is planned and stairwells are going to be painted.

Budget: 2.25% reduction.

Not losing any FTE's or probationary teachers (not contracted) or counselors- yippee! Staff that will be reduced: limited term contracted teachers, paras and native language tutors. Also, one Asst. Principal position will be cut: Lynn Donnelly is moving on to be the principal at Nederland High.

Will present to PAC in the near future what parent volunteer help administration will need (like front office help).

Addressed the death threat against our African American students. Increased security will be at school Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is very upset and everything is being done to ensure student safety and emotional support. Kevin led a community meeting for

parents, educators, members of CU and Naropa, and everyone else involved to support our students.

Next depressing topic was the announcement of the Reverend Fred Phelps group from Kansas that communicated to BHS that they will be picketing in front of the school next Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:45-3:15PM. Kevin is holding an assembly Friday AM to educate students about this group, what expectations the admin. has for students (to avoid altercations at all cost!). Hopefully this will all be an effective learning opportunity for students on how to deal with controversial groups like this. Student Council has put together a Unity Council which is planning a Unity Fest for school spirit. Plans are for all students to leave school out the back doors to not give this group an audience. This group might not even show up- We'll see what happens...

**Chairs' Report:** Joan

New Co-chair for next year: Martha Larson

Lobby Renovation project is in the black! We received funds from the district.

Commented on the intensity of the community meeting about the death threat. Wants to see PAC help unite various ethnic groups at BHS.

**Committee Reports:**

**Student Council:** Sage

Need parents for prom chaperones. Will announce in Enews.

Don't Drink and Drive Assembly April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Staff Appreciation:** Lauren

Last one will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at BMOCA from 4-6PM. Great location for teachers to walk to. Lauren will collect raffle prizes and food donations. Whole Foods donated \$200!

**GT and Directory:** Melinda

Concern about accessibility of Highlights- hard to find on BHS website and not translated into Spanish. Need a direct link on BHS website.

(I checked on the BHS website and there is a direct link for Highlights. A person would have to know to look under "Parent Community" first, but you do not need to go to the PAC website.)

Raised the whole issue of Prom being so expensive. Can student council raise funds another way?

Have received \$850 for advertising in the student directories already! Shows how parents are still willing to offer financial support.

**Registration:** JoAnn and Mary

Welcome Mary back to registration! She was on this committee with an older child and now has an incoming freshman. She will take over after JoAnn leaves. Thank you Mary!

Registration Informational Meeting for class reps and anyone who has a table at registration: Tues. 4/20 at 11AM in front office conference room.

Need to update Volunteer list.

Registration is Monday, August 9th and Tues., August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **No Reports from Make a Difference, DPC or Website**

**Highlights:** Donna

New editor- Thank you to Nancy Stevens! Donna is moving over to the Directory committee.

**Goss/Grove Parking Permits:** Carrie

The city gave BHS 12 parking permits this year for parents to buy at \$350. There has been a huge demand for these in the past (used to be a lottery to get them). However, this year, Carrie had only 11 requests for them. She recommends omitting this program since it is not a fundraiser for the school at all and parents can just as easily obtain these permits directly with the city.

Carrie will submit an article in Highlights to inform parents about the permits.

Thank you Carrie for handling this! ☺

**Make a Difference Report:** (sent in by Dolly)

The donation numbers in Monday's ENews (April 12<sup>th</sup>) are correct through last Friday. So far, we have received 62 donations totaling \$12,735.00.

Accepting credit card donations (through PayPal) has not had a significant impact on our donations. We have received credit card donations from only 8 families (\$650 total) since we began accepting credit cards in January.

We typically receive fewer donations Spring semester than fall semester. I have advised teachers to expect that our spring donations will be low and that we may not be able to fund their spring Wish List requests in full (we have about \$40,000 in requests). I will continue to put announcements in each weekly ENews and will also put an article in the May Highlights -- to encourage parent donations. All donations received before June 30 will be counted in the spring semester numbers. Donations received during this semester will be allocated/distributed to teachers the first week of school in August.

Dolly Dean