

Boulder High School PAC Minutes
August, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Leanne Lockhart, Renee Winklmann, Dolly Dean, Lauren Hager, Sage Hansen, Kevin Braney, Melinda Gillespie, JoAnn Beserra, Katherine Morss, Ann Aschbacher, JoAnne Baumgartner, Joan Fishburn, Lisa Green

Introductions

No minutes to approve

Treasurer not in attendance- no report

Joan, (Co-chair)-

Her goals this year: 1. To develop a blueprint for PAC chairs with job responsibilities. Also wants to encourage all PAC Committee Heads to do the same for future volunteers like the notebook MaryBeth put together for PAC secretary.

2. To increase PAC meeting attendance. Having a speaker last year with a certain topic did not increase attendance. We should offer certain topics with speakers at separate meetings like the coffee with the principal which was a great success last year. Keep PAC meetings to 1.5 hours, covering business followed by time for concerns/questions. We will also keep encouraging the parent community to attend.

PAC Committee Heads: if you are seeking PAC funds, you are required to attend the Sept. PAC meeting (Wed. Sept. 16th) as well as other meetings that are necessary to maintain clear communication. If you cannot attend, send an informed representative!

Joan will send out a proposed agenda weeks before the next PAC meeting so Committee Heads can plan ahead, get on the agenda and attend the meeting. Let's have lots of support from all PAC Volunteers with lots of communication!!

Coffee with the Principal: Sept. 9th.

Kevin is planning on 3/semester. Will give a report, expectations, perhaps a certain topic will be presented, ending with a Q & A session.

It would be great if PAC Volunteers could attend to connect with the parent community.

Putting PAC meetings on outdoor marquis.

Webmaster- Gwen: Not in attendance but sent a report:

The website content has been updated for this school year. I will update HighLights and Enews subscription info once our process for this year is confirmed.

HighLights Electronic Distribution: I spoke with Kelly Valdez in BVSD IT today (8/26). She will be setting up a new parent list for us for HighLights. She promised to have it set up in time for the first issue (September 4). It will operate in the same way as the current Enews list. She will start by subscribing all BHS parents that have provided email addresses to the school. The list will be broken up into classes (9,10, etc.). At the beginning of the year, she will add the new freshman and at the end of the year she will remove the Seniors. We will handle subscription changes throughout the year using our PAC website as we do for Enews.

Parent Volunteers: Over 450 families volunteered through the Parent Volunteer form at registration. This compares to 338 families last year. I have entered all of the data into a database and have begun to distribute the lists to the committee chairs. Please let me know if anyone needs their list immediately, otherwise I will distribute them over the next several weeks.

Bulletin Board – Leanne Lockhart:

Reviewed items to display in showcase near front office. Will add as year progresses.

Make A Difference – Dolly Dean:

PAC is a 501C3- donations are tax deductible.

Make A Difference is a subsidiary of PAC- an annual fund drive 2x/year, Fall and Spring.

Teachers fill out wish lists. Letters are sent out to parents for donations.

Purchases are property of school.

Will look at electronic letter and PayPal for Spring drive.

Goal: \$40,000 each semester. Last year, \$60,000 was raised for entire year.

Grocery Certificates – Renee Winklmann:

Raised \$16,000 last year. Approx. \$11,300 went to Make A Difference.

Katherine Morss described an efficient new system with King Soopers. People can use their own credit cards which will get back many customers! Omits the whole delivery deal. Easy! Renee will look into it.

Academic Letter and the Food Lady! – Lauren Hager:

No report for Academic Letter

Working with Kevin on Principal's coffee and other ideas for upcoming year.

Student Council – Sage Hansen

Homecoming Dance – Sept. 12th. “Rockin’ Morrocan” theme.

Need 4 teachers and 16 parent chaperones. Parents must fill out volunteer form.

Directory – Melinda Gillespie

At the printer.

Haven't sold as many as last year but more people signed up to be in it.

Directory forms from late, late registration will not be in directory.

Put word out that directories will be for sale at Back To School Night.

Approx. \$3100 worth of ads for PAC. Leftover funds go to Student Council: approx. \$1500.

Trying to get rid of all extras- more \$\$ for Student Council.

Need some students from Student Council to help distribute directories in cafeteria.

Registration – JoAnn Beserra

Registration went great!! Within budget-

Gathering recommendations and input from class reps.

Encourage who you know to email JoAnn with any feedback.

Looking into PayPal for PAC donations.

DPC Report – Katherine Morss

Didn't go to first meeting. Heard attendance was low due to the start of school.

District as a whole wants to broaden parent involvement.

District wants parents to rep just 1 school. We'll see...
Perhaps changing DAC to SAC – more on that later.

Senior Class Rep. – JoAnne Baumgartner

Diane McCarthy is heading up Senior BBQ.

JoAnne will assist.

Planning starts in Jan. – Good info passed on from last year.

Principal Report – Kevin Braney:

Very busy month with lots of prep. work for school to start smoothly, which it did! Thank you for the amazing job with registration. Many retreats this summer all led up to a great beginning of the new school year. Freshman Friday didn't even happen- Kudos to seniors!

Construction is about done. Minor painting touch ups and other details. Courtyard looking great with panther and new landscaping.

Planning on holding meetings with focus groups of parents and teachers to discuss future of school: What do we want BHS to look like in 10 years? What can we improve on and how? What are we doing well?

Kevin and admin. have been visible in hallways. They each have a location to be during passing periods.

Enrollment increasing! We're at 1826 students.

When final #'s are in, there will be allocation of new FTE's.

School play has begun. Go see it!

Principal letter coming out through IC explaining changes with freshman seminar.

BHS staff feels very strongly about supporting freshman.

Conducting assemblies with students to start admin/student conversations.

Thank Panther Pride Leaders- great job with the 1st day of school and other support.

CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS:

Melinda: Concerned about teacher absenteeism and low morale over teacher contracts that negatively affect students and the school. Hope teachers are here for the kids. Kevin reports that there has been no teacher absenteeism with this issue. Contact him if anyone feels this is being a big distraction for students.