

Boulder High School PAC Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2010

Attendees: Lauren Hager, Melinda Gillespie, Shelley Kappel, Renee Winklmann, Doyle Johnson, Kevin Braney, Loretta Melhado, Joan Fishburn, Martha Larson, Lisa Green, Leanne Lockhart

Doyle Johnson- Counseling Office:

Completed ACT make-up testing this week.

Office is busy dealing with seniors close to not graduating. Grade letters are sent home. Trying to provide as much support as possible.

Graduation: May 22nd.

Office is hearing from Incoming Freshmen families.

Course request letters are being sent home soon for final parental approval.

Teacher Appreciation Happy Hour was wonderful. (especially since Doyle won 2 prizes!) Thanks so much!

Loretta- Treasurer's Report:

All good news-

We're on budget with \$9000 to carryover for next year- wow!

\$1500 was reimbursed from district for lobby renovation, so that lowered our costs.

Kevin added that the district will fund the painting of stairs and more new flooring.

Chairs' Report:

Lisa: Volunteers needed for next year: Secretary, Treasurer, DPC Rep., Staff Appreciations, and some others- Will announce in Enews. Spread the word to incoming freshman families. Great way to get involved with the school.

Joan: JoAnn Beserra will be the new parent volunteer in the counseling office next year. She is wondering if there is interest in having an informational session for parents in the fall all about applying to colleges. Yes, yes, JoAnn- we're all for it!

Report from Diane McCarthy about Senior BBQ: The BBQ Committee did not know that PAC funds the BBQ. They requested parent donations and have received plenty. So this year PAC is not funding it completely but will next year.

Dolly (not present) – Make A Difference:

Thank you to the 77 families who have donated to the Spring Make A Difference fundraiser. We have received a little more than \$15,300 in donations.

Of the 77 donations received to date, 9 have been credit card donations through Pay Pal. The 9 families who have used Pay Pal are families who have not previously donated to Make A Difference, so the Pay Pal link while not heavily used this spring has probably brought us some donors who might not have otherwise donated.

A more detailed report will be prepared for the Treasurer shortly after June 30 (close of our fiscal year) for the outside accountant's preparation of the annual PAC tax return.

Renee- Grocery Certificates:

\$13,731 profit – Will clear \$17,000 after summer.

This is \$1000 more than last year.

Renee submitted a report with how much each BHS club and sport received from the program.

Trying to get Safeway to do the reloadable visa cards. No success yet.

Melinda- Directories:

Have sold all advertising already except for the inside back cover! Amazing!

(No Governance Team report.)

Lauren- Staff Appreciation:

Happy Hour at BMOCA – great success. Amazing donations from parents. Fancy food and lots of prizes! About 60 faculty attended. Cost: \$600; \$450 of that was the facility rental. So, lots of help from our amazing BHS community of parents!

Wondering if we should keep the helium tank. Everyone thought we should. Very handy to have on sight for various functions. Costs \$11/month to rent. \$121 for each full tank which blows up 225 balloons.

Kevin- Principal's Report:

Successful Prom and After Prom.

Virginia Schick and Laura Jordan each won the Jared Polis Award - \$1000 for them and \$1000 for the school.

Spread the word for Senior Panoramic Picture Day on May 17th - 7:15AM on west side of school.

Paper drop May 20th after last exam.

Awards Ceremony Thurs. May 20th.

Budget done for next year. NO classes will be impacted. Cuts absorbed in other areas. Biggest cut will be reducing Asst. Principals from 4 to 3. Losing Stephanie Esquibel. Brent Graham is moving to Lynn Donnelly's position who will be principal at Nederland High.

Interviewing for Athletic Director/AP position vacated by Brent Graham.

Asst. Principal secretary is being dropped. Will have to be filled by volunteers.

Para staff is being reduced from 15 to 5 or 6.

Going to need volunteer help in library, health room, special technology issues, attendance office.

Will be sending out a parent letter providing more details of how parents can help.

Recap of Westboro Baptist Church visit: Defining moment for BHS with Unity Council forming and community coming together to express our strong message that BHS is for everyone. Kevin received emails from around the country about how we handled the situation. Had the opportunity to share the school's response to the district like the chalk messages of peace and love on the sidewalks.

3 goals for next year:

1. All staff work to ensure the academic success of all students without exception or compromise.
2. Build a culture of inspiration and compassion so that each BHS adult and student can thrive and attain their fullest potential.
3. Engage students in a relevant curriculum with an emphasis on mastering 21st century work place and life-skills of adaptability, initiative, social and cross-cultural skills, productivity and accountability and leadership.

Enrollment #'s are up.

Really wants to build a sense of collaboration with staff and parents next year.

Thanks the parent community for all its patience this year.

We all thanked Kevin for his strong leadership this year and effective communication with parents. As Melinda mentioned, we even heard about some issues before our kids!