

PAC Meeting – May 25, 2011

Attendees: Barr Hogen, Marcella Setter, Leah Kahn, Shannon Minch, Laura Duncan, Martha Larson, Nancy Stevens, Tricia Fitzpatrick, India Wood, Lisa Green, Leanne Lockhart

Introductions

Voted in Marcella Setter as new PAC Co-chair and Terry Odendahl as Treasurer for next year.

Laura Duncan –(Chemistry Teacher) AP Report:

1300 AP tests administered this year. 600 students at BHS took an AP test. Includes students that need accommodations, including dyslexia students and students with IEP's. Growing every year. College Board doesn't give us enough funds to run the program- renting tables, paperwork, etc. We need someone to administer it all. Can't be an AP teacher. There's going to be an AP Parent Assoc. Going to announce it next year, especially at Showcase to advertise the AP Program and ask for parent volunteers. District hasn't been very supportive- sometimes won't give us tables. AP classes have a set curriculum. Laura wanted PAC to know about this new AP Parent Assoc. and that it will be separate from PAC.

Barr Hogan suggested using Google Docs for collecting parent volunteers. Much easier than managing individual emails coming in for some volunteer coordinator to organize it all.

Leah Kahn suggested PAC fund AP teacher training until the AP Parent Assoc. can get up and running.

AP program is not meant to be elitist- Benefits everyone at BHS- Raises the bar.

Shannon Minch – Asst. Principal

Covering for Kevin who is at the meeting for the Carriage House (day shelter for homeless) proposal near BHS. School doesn't want it. Mostly a safety issue. India spoke up and was just at the meeting. Looks like it's not going to happen- too expensive.

Discussion was held about teaching kids basic street smarts, since we have many homeless in the neighborhood.

Presented the new bell schedule. Will be posted on BHS website Friday. Announced dates that will all be on website.

Thank you for the gift cards! And all the staff appreciation gifts throughout the year. Friday is a breakfast for faculty and retiring staff.

There is a vacated BVSD School Board seat- no one interested so far.

Going to be one more Asst. Principal next year. Kevin is looking for parents for interview committee.

Lisa Green – Co-chair Report

Spending the excess PAC funds: \$3275 will be distributed amongst the instructional departments of the school using the treasurer's formula to distribute evenly based on number of students in each department. And \$4000 to Kevin for his discretion.

Discussion held to shorten these meetings. Marcella proposed 6:30-8:00PM for next year.

Need a PAC table at registration. And ways to publicize PAC for parent contributions. Barr Hogen volunteered to staff it. Need a "Welcome to Boulder High" for freshmen families.

Lisa thanked everyone for all their work this year for PAC. (You're welcome!) ☺

Barr Hogen- Helium tank is being returned. Latex vs. mylar balloons will be discussed next year. No one is sure if there will still be students at BHS that are allergic to latex.

Nancy Stevens – Highlights Editor- Graduation issue will get done! Need co-chair for Highlights next year.

Martha Larson- Parent Unity Council- Equity Planning for next year. Work in progress to bring together kids and staff with all this equity training- self awareness and ways to act for equity- monthly meetings next year. 4 themes of Equity will be addressed. Tip of the iceberg. Hoping for growth next year.

Martha generously presented gifts to Lisa and Marcella for their contributions for PAC. Thank you Martha!

India Wood- Governance Team- Meets every 2 weeks. SAC interviewed 9 seniors to get main issues of school. Too much theft- Need higher expectations in ALL classes, not just AP. Good tolerance at school. Need more seniors to take this survey in the future to get a better cross section of thoughts and opinions.

Putting zero client computers (no CPU- just keyboard and monitor) in library.

Tricia –District Parent Council- Nothing to report except new superintendent next year.

To Everyone: Need to recruit new PAC Chairs over the summer for next year! All new positions have been announced in Enews to all BHS parents.

Marcella (our new co-chair) is going to announce in Enews what PAC funded this year. We need to make it clear to parents what PAC supports so people contribute in August!

Marcella is our new powerhouse! She's got great energy and motivation to improve communications at BHS. Let's support her!