

**Boulder High School PAC Meeting
October 10, 2007
Minutes**

Attendees: Rosabelle Rice, Allie Golon, Karyn Robinson, Iam Hooley, Claire Sanford, Bud Jenkins, Will Melhado, Melinda Gillespie, Ed Gazvoda, Brent Graham, Ingrid Tidik, Dan Baum, Meg Knox Baum, Karen Peters, Julie Seidel, Francis Draper, Beth McClellan, Claudia Kuster, Laurie Albright, Jim Reed, John Satter, Marybeth Friesz.

Introductions

Acceptance of Minutes September 19, 2007

Counselor's Report Claire Sanford:

Counselors would like parent feedback on a proposal from the District regarding giving schools the autonomy to figure out how to honor top academic students at graduation. Beginning with the class of 2010, valedictorians and salutatorians should no longer be designated by BVSD. This recommendation is a direct consequence of the BVSD decision to no longer report class rank, and that high academic achieving students deserve to be acknowledged. To this end, the committee is recommending that students be awarded summa, magna, and cum laude honors based upon a merit based system. After considering a number of alternatives, the committee has narrowed down the list to 2 options:

1. All BVSD high schools use the same GPA cut off points for awarding students summa, magna, and cum laude honors.
2. Each high school determines their own criteria for awarding summa, magna, and cum laude.

Option 2 was voted for unanimously by the PAC attendees. Governance Team also voted for option 2. This will allow for more students to be recognized for their academic achievements and accomplishments.

Treasurer Report:

Changes in budget spending include the following:

- Postage for High Lights increase from \$00 to approx. \$1100./month.
- Printing Spanish versions 125 copies.

Donations are down. There was discussion of encouraging PAC donations at the start of the school year next year perhaps in the registration packet. Suggestions were made to get volunteers for time and/or services such as printing from BHS parents to reduce the costs.

If funds come available, there is need for a new audio system for the athletic field.

Brent Graham New Vice Principal and Athletic Director:

Brent Graham, the new assistant principal and athletic director for BH, addressed the current alcohol and drug policy of student athletes. Implementation takes place with the student's signature on the BVSD Athletic Code of Conduct. If a student violates the code they are reprimanded, and denied participation in their sport. Talked about was the real issue of weekend activities. The kids, if caught and ticketed, are responsible to the code. Some parents opposed the "hear say" policy which is basically unconfirmed mishaps, claiming it is unfair and heading in the wrong direction. They questioned why there was no appeal process in place. There was question as to why only the athletes were responsible to the code and not all BHS representatives such as band members, POMS Squad, cheerleaders, ECT. According to Bud only a small percentage of kids are getting into trouble.

All coaches from all schools are following the same basic policy and conduct code.

There was discussion of the kids leaving early for sporting events and getting an excused absence. This should not be an issue but apparently some parents have had a difficult time getting their child excused from class.

BUDS REPORT:

Governance Team and the valedictorian issue have been addressed so Bud did not elaborate.

The environmental club is trying to resurrect a more sophisticated recycle program.

Parking and drop off traffic was discussed. There is problem with kids getting dropped off in either of the parking lots in the mornings. These lots are not for student drop off and it is causing an issue with teachers getting in and parking in time for class. There was discussion of parents monitoring the lots.

It was agreed that we need to encourage our kids to take the public transit or school buses to and from school.

School Board Candidates:

The candidates up for election include:

- John Satter District C: Would like to see the district be more focused on the individual child's academic success. Wants to increase funding to the schools and reduce class size.
- Jim Reed District G www.reedforBVSD.com:
- Laurie Albright District C www.albrightforschoolboard.com
- Ed Gazvoda District G: District Critic wants to reclaim the way the district is run. Would like to see more parental involvement in making major decisions. Educational achievement, discipline issues, and parental involvement are his main objectives if elected.
- Rosabelle Rice District G:

The 3 main topics of discussion were 1. Funding, 2. Accountability, and 3. Availability.

PEN:

Dates to remember:

Bridging Cultures Building Futures: Nov. 6, 2007 at the Boulder Recycle Center 1901 63rd St., Boulder 9am – 1pm. For more information call 303-441-3981

40 Assets in Action: Dec 4th, 2007 9-11am, BVSD Ed Center 6500 Arapahoe, Boulder. Tools to enhance positive youth development for kids. For more information go to www.buildassets.org.