

Boulder High School – PAC Minutes – October 14, 2009

In Attendance:

Renee Winklmann, Lisa McConnell, Doyle Johnson, Leanne Lockhart, Loretta Melhado, Joan Fishburn, Lisa Green, Kevin Braney, Maggie Kopel, Gwen Ginley, Melinda Gillespie, JoAnn Beserra

Introductions

Approval of Sept. minutes

Reports:

Doyle Johnson (Counseling Office):

200 college reps last week at BHS.

300 schools at Out of State College Night.

Senior reviews are in progress.

At 6 week progress report, there are many struggling students at BHS. Faculty, staff and counseling office are doing their best to monitor and help these students.

Question raised about how does a counselor write a letter of recommendation for a student he/she does not know very well. Doyle looks at the student's profile and collaborates with teachers who know that student. He encourages parents to use the "parent brag sheet" on Naviance.

Colleges are carefully reviewing the students' essays in the application. Doyle suggests essays be edited by a LA teacher.

Parent/teacher conferences coming up. Kevin is going to submit details on Enews explaining how they work for new parents.

Joan:

Joan, Lisa and Kevin are putting together a written letter explaining to parents all the types of communication there are at BHS. We need to make sure parents have access to everything going on at BHS without getting confused, overwhelmed or inundated with too much.

Our wonderful webmaster Gwen is going to record the # of hits to the Highlights newsletter as well as other PAC sites so we can monitor how often parents are actually using all this stuff we put out there!

We're still working on how many hard copies of Highlights we're going to have available for parents without internet access.

We need to spice up our front entry at BHS!!!!!!! There might be bond \$\$ available and PAC \$\$\$. Going to ask parents to volunteer with professional design expertise.

Kevin's podcast is really cool! Check it out!

Maggie: (Student Council)

Canned food drive: 10/27-11/17 (5th period class)

Adopt A Family Program to raise \$\$ for families: 10/27-12/1. Will put in Enews next week.

Spirit Week: 10/26-30. Get pumped for Fairview!
Informal Dance: 11/14 9P-11P \$5. Do not need parent chaperones.
Winter Ball: 1/16. Do need parent chaperones...

Melinda: (Governance Team)

Parents need to avoid parking lot when dropping kids off in AM. Kevin will announce this thru Enews.

TAP time is sacred! No extracurricular anything to interfere.

Faculty wants to bring an Academic Integrity program to BHS. Similar to CU's model. More discussion to follow.

Block schedule brought up again. According to Kevin, more than half of BHS faculty is in favor of the block schedule. Parents should be involved in that discussion. Many pros and cons.

Renee: (Make A Difference)

Changed over to reloadable King Soopers cards. No problems with it.

First 2 months profits: 2008: \$2800 2009: \$3500!!

Will announce in Enews about KS cards to attract new customers that didn't do program before because they wanted to use their visa cards.

No DAC report.

Joan: (SIT)

School Improvement Plan is finished. Very interesting. Recommends parents to check it out.

JoAnn: (Registration)

Trying to get sports registration integrated with computer program.

Final goal: NO FORMS!!!! Parents will submit everything on-line to IC.

Winter Sports registration: 10/27-29th 3:00PM-4:00PM in cafeteria.

Winter Sports start Nov. 12.

Gwen: (Website)

No report. Will start monitoring hits on PAC websites.

Kevin:

Encourages all PAC members to inform him of what we would like from him.

Next progress reports: 11/6

No school: Wed., 11/11 Veterans Day

Thank you to all parents that helped at All Cultures Day. There were no pranks!

The new Public Relations group had their first meeting. What issues are there? How do we capture more parents?

BHS Showcase: Wed., 11/18 Information Night for potential families. Will be publicized in middle schools. There will be music, film, student speakers, PAC representatives, parent greeters.

Some people were wondering why our school resource officer has been in the school parking lot in the mornings. He is looking for kids using belts for a contest to enhance seat belt awareness.

Grand opening of the BHS Student Credit Union. Trained students are running it.

Howard Tuttle in charge. Announcement will be in Enews.

Looking at absence policy of needing a doctor's note after 4 excused absences. Parents need to communicate with administrative staff with their individual situation. Staff will work with you!

Illness at BHS has declined.

Struggling freshmen: a list is being circulated to connect every struggling student with an adult. Comment was made about the appropriateness of the Panther Pride leaders being given an additional responsibility of contacting 5 freshman every week and keeping track of any missing assignments. Kevin will look into this.

Lisa McConnell: (parent)

Offered an idea of having a "Volunteer Corner" at the school with "what we need for this week" for parents who find they have a little extra time. Having a white board in the hall at the sign-in desk was suggested. Great idea, however we would need a coordinator.

Loretta: (Treasurer)

Balance: \$19,600

Still in progress of getting final numbers for budget.

Spent \$12,300 last year.

Fiscal year: July 1st-June 30th.

Let's spend some dough on building improvements!

Joan:

November meeting will be replaced with the BHS Showcase. PAC members are encouraged to come to the Showcase to staff the PAC table and be available to talk to prospective families.

Please let co-chairs know if you can be present.

Committee chairs: email committee reports.

Budget approval will be via email.

Leanne: (Enews)

After some discussion, we all agree that Enews serves an important role in informing parents every week with BHS happenings. Leanne needs support from staff and committee chairs for "copy ready" submissions. Enews will now be sent to faculty and staff to keep them updated. Submissions need to be short and sweet to keep Enews as a quick update for the week. Comments were made to limit submissions to events and not announcements to control its length. Leanne will try to add color and pizzazz!