

Boulder High School PAC Meeting
September 19, 2007
Minutes

Attendees: Zusa Bohley, Beth McClellan, June Zwan, Melinda Gillespie, Melanie Miller, Gi and Nancy Berman, Bud Jenkins, Marcus Askins, Lynn Donnelly, Judith Bock, Gwen Ginley, Marcia Garcea, Dolly Dean, Liz Halpern, Karen Peters, Karyn Robinson, Allie Golon, Janaka Ford.

Introductions

BHS Defined: Objective is to define meaning of acronyms commonly used in the Boulder High environment and to define the purpose and/or role of each group.

Counseling Office: No one available at meeting.

DAC and SIT Representative Lynn Donnelly

SIT – School Improvement Team: The school improvement team serves as a monitor and guide for the school with 3 main objectives. 1. Improving achievement levels in reading, writing and math for all students, 2. Bridging the gap between SPED and Hispanic students and 3. Create a climate of trust, support and safety for all students. Meetings for those wanting to participate will be Wednesdays 3:30 or 5:15. For more information please contact Lynn at lynn.donnelly@bvsd.org. They encourage students, teachers, and parents to attend!

DAC - District Accountability Committee: Serves as a link between the Boulder Valley School District and SIT. For more information please contact lynn.donnelly@bvsd.org.

DPC – Representative Melinda Gillespie.

DPC – District Parent Council: members include parents from various schools in the Boulder Valley School District. Points of discussion – BVSD Website is being revised any feedback is welcomed. You may email your suggestions and comments to eric.howell@bvsd.org.

GT – Representative Natalie Henderson and Melinda Gillespie

GT – Governance Team – They serve as the advisory group to the principle Bud Jenkins with the responsibility of bridging the gap between Mr. Jenkins and student body. Issues of recent are bike racks, security, Highlights, 3A Bond Money and how to spend.

Highlights – Representative Judith Bock and Donna Crain.

Highlights is the school newsletter. For publication of articles please send to boh.highlights@bvsd.org. Deadline for articles is the 2nd Thursday of the month. Highlights is available on the Boulder High website and soon to be available in the PAC site.

Make-A-Difference Wish List – Representative Dolly

The BVSD school resource allocation budget provides funds per student for the staffing and the basic operation of our schools but it falls short of providing any funds for special programs unique to our school. In order to meet the growing list of needs, BHS is continuing the Make-A-Difference “Wish-List” direct donation fund raiser. BHS teachers and staff make a wish list to supplement their instructional budgets essential to a higher quality of education. This list is printed twice per year one in the fall and one in the spring. Mailings go to parents with a copy of the wish list asking for donations, all of which are tax deductible. There has been great success in raising money and/or having items donated to meet the needs of the wish list. Grocery Certificates are still an option but require a lot more volunteers and the profit is \$5 for every \$100 in grocery sales. They are still deciding whether the time and effort should be spent on other avenues to raise money. Last year there were 647 Boulder High families who generously donated more than \$64,950.00 to the Wish-List Fundraiser. Dolly is still looking into E-scrip. Details to follow.

Student Council – Representative Liz Halpen

Student Council is busy, busy, busy, with Homecoming. This year should be one if not the best ever. They are spending more time and money to make it a huge hit. Other projects include spirit week, school rallies, adopt a family, blood drive, spring fling, and more. They are working hard to prep the kids for the Boulder High Fairview Game to encourage a more positive game environment with cheers and chants.

PEN – Representative Beth McClellan

PEN - Parent Engagement Network.

The objective: Build relationships and networks of communication to increase resiliency and thriving in youth by engaging parents, youth, and community and providing research-based information and best practices on preventing high risk behavior.

Safe Rides – Representative Carol Sherrier

SafeRides is supported by grants. The grant is run through the PAC account. This organization is managed by kids. They offer complimentary rides for those in need.

Panther Club – Representative Karen Peters.

Non profit organization with a focus on promoting good sportsmanship and supplementing funding for athletes thru donations.

Tree Replacement – Janaka Ford owner of Ford Construction and Landscaping.

Janaka is kind enough to donate trees (type uncertain) to the school to replace those recently removed. Janaka is a BHS graduate from years ago.

He is also donating his time and energy and service to install the trees. Ben Boyer and Paul Strode , biology teachers at BHS, and Tom Noyes, maintenance manager are in charge of deciding what kind of trees are best suited for our school taking into consideration climate and maintenance requirements.

Security Update – Representative Marcus Askins

Focus has been on managing emergency situations.

Boulder police have toured the school grounds to familiarize themselves with the grounds. Marcus and staff are working at developing a stronger sense of trust with students so they feel comfortable reporting any unusual behavior. They are focusing on Access Control – Single Point Entry, and Student Awareness. The school is aggressively addressing gang issues. Monday September 24th Katie McGhee and the Talk Intervention Team will be addressing Gang Violence 6:30 – 8pm in the BHS Library. Attendance is encouraged!