

Boulder High School

PAC Meeting Minutes – Sept. 29, 2010

Attendees: Marcella Setter, Renee Winklmann, India Wood, Melinda Gillespie, Nancy Stevens, Gwen Ginley, Jody McCarthy, Leah Kahn, Jo-Ann Beserra, Naomi Flint-Winicki, Karen Blakemore, Tricia Fitzpatrick, Karen Cockburn, Lisa McConnell, Sage Hansen, Barr Hogen, Terry Odendahl, Lisa Green, Deborah Malden, Kevin Braney, Lauren Hager, Leanne Lockhart

Introductions

Counseling Office Report – Andrew Tucker:

Sept- most time with seniors – graduation requirements, college apps, etc.

Big college fairs next week. Students drop in to talk to reps. Attending colleges listed on Naviance. Good contact for students with these admissions counselors.

Lisa encouraged counseling office to submit announcements for parents to Enews.

Counseling office started Facebook page. Parents can join if you're on Facebook.

Lisa wants to educate parents about Naviance.

Student Council – Sage Hansen:

Homecoming/Spirit week this week/weekend. Biggest fundraiser for the year. Game Friday/Dance Sat.

Clothing drive for fire victims.

Fall sports pep rally today. Best one of the year. Teacher dance off. Good attendance by students.

Principal's report- Kevin Braney

Homecoming week- rally was great. Strong school spirit. Teams dancing, teachers dancing, really fun. Dressing up days. Lots of participation.

Grades were due today for 6 week reports. Will be on Infinite Campus by the end of the week.

Parent conferences: A-G attend Oct. 19th. H-P: Oct. 12th and Q-Z: Oct. 13th Reminder post cards will be sent out. Lisa: need to educate new parents how these conferences work. Description will be on website.

PSAT's: Oct. 16th. Deadline to sign up: Oct. 8th. \$25.

Health Room volunteer found.

Theatre Dept. different format for their first performance in Oct.. One Act shows in the round, Oct. 6-9th at 7:00PM. Check it out.

TIES and SIT submit school improvement plan. Students have been interviewed about their experience here, what's working, what's not. Raises questions about the # of boys that aren't involved in anything.

Approval of field trips are going to be stricter and fewer of them because of the loss of instructional time and budget restrictions.

Will present a matrix in the future about the work staff is doing to improve student achievement.

250 students were impacted by the fire. About 12 lost structures. Counseling office doing grief and loss assistance. All students who have lost a home have talked with administration about academic needs and they can get support at counseling office. All students had the opportunity for face to face contact with an administrator or counselor.

Budget Report:

Reviewed budget line by line and approved each line. Lots of discussion about PAC funding freshmen t-shirts. Some expressed that PAC should fund some of the cost- just not \$3600. Budget approval pending with the t-shirt expenditure, a possible Showcase brochure, printing and postage costs. At this point, looks like we'll have about \$10,000 after funding all initial requests. Budget will be approved next month, hopefully!

Guest Speaker- Eugenia Brady, BVSD Parent Involvement Liaison for PEN, (Parent Engagement Network)

Eugenia explained what PEN is all about and presented a video about it. It is a nonprofit that helps build community by offering parents the resources to help them with parenting issues. Check them out at [www. Parentengagementnetwork.org](http://www.Parentengagementnetwork.org).

They have a 9 month calendar of workshops for parents. All on their website.

PEN is looking for parent volunteers to lead a PEN team to bring PEN presentations to BHS- whatever would interest our community. Email Lisa if interested- she'll coordinate to set up a team based on interest.

India Wood: Heard that Chris King said school principals have the power to start school later. Kevin thinks there will be a late start one day a week next year. Other than that, he's all for it but there are high costs involved. Lots of logistics- Doesn't know where the conversation is at this point at the district level. Parents can go to the District meetings to voice their support/interest in this area.

Directory –Melinda:

2 positions need to be filled for Directory: Advertising/distribution and graphic lay out person. Not a big time commitment for either position. Will submit plea in Enews and Highlights.

DPC – Tricia:

DPC held a candidate forum at the September meeting. Information on the 3A Mill Levy Override was presented by Ken Roberge, BVSD School Board President. Per pupil funding from the state is set by the state legislature. Due to the impact of Tabor and the current economic recession, state funding for education is on a downward trend. In the 1980's Colorado was \$200 above the national average; by 2000 Colorado was \$700 below.

Today, Colorado is \$1900 below the national average in per pupil funding. By law, districts can request a mill levy override from the taxpayers to augment state funding. BVSD is asking for 25% override of 22.5 million dollars to be spent as follows: 12 million on reverse cuts to school budgets and set aside some to protect against future cuts that may come in the next two years; 5.5 million to compensate staff (1% increase their base and provide steps and lanes for experience, etc.); 5 million on eliminating our achievement gap and use for early childhood education, extending to 600 more children. The override will cost taxpayers about \$130 per year on a \$350,000 house.

Mr Roberge also summarized Propositions 60, 61, and 101. Proposition 60 would cut property taxes in half; 101 would cut the state budget by 25%, and the state is already struggling. Changes to the automobile tax would cut \$90 million in funding. We have lost some of that to the recession already. If all of these proposals were implemented, BVSD would lose approximately \$90 million, or approximately 46% of our funding. Amendment 61 would impact our ability to borrow money.

The Boulder Chamber of Commerce representative was not able to attend tonight, but sent a statement that the Boulder Chamber formally opposes Proposition 60, and Amendments 101 and 102. More information can be found at: www.don'thurtcolorado.com

All candidates were invited to attend. The following candidates attended and answered questions:

Deb Gardner House 11; Diane Primavera House 33; Claire Levy House 13; Dickey Lee Hollinghorst House 10; Matt Jones, House 12 (Stephanie Walton, campaign manager representing in his absence tonight).

Ran out of time to complete agenda. Will add other committee reports to these minutes. Lisa requested chairs to email their reports to her and she will distribute to everyone. So much to do, so little time!