

BHS Volunteer Committee Minutes 1/12/08

Called to order 9:05

Introductions were made.

Minutes for December approved as written.

Sunday, Jan 27 at 2:00 at the Valley Theater Deborah Dufresne and her husband are hosting a free matinee movie. Bring donations for the Beaverton Clothes Closet, Oregon Food Bank and Community Warehouse for admission to the movie! Popcorn and soda are included. They will have a moving van at the theater to take items to the different charities and can pick up larger items if you call in advance to arrange it.

**COUNSELING: Lisa Miosi**

Lisa is the newest counselor at BHS, but has worked in counseling previously at several schools. She believes counselors fill three roles with their students: Career, Academic and Social. They begin career counseling in the fall with the juniors and do mock interviews in April. They meet with juniors for college goal setting and options after high school. The district offers ACT testing for juniors for college entrance and for sophomores and freshmen as performance measures. This year the district wide ACT will occur on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- Academic Forecasting takes place in February.
- Counselors are available for schedule changes for next semester during finals week and first week of second semester.
- Freshmen are teamed with a group of teachers (social studies, science and English) and each student will have a meeting with the three teachers and their counselor individually.
- Academic Solutions group: at the end of first quarter they took students who were struggling and counselors met with the group (up to 7 students) to work on study skills and help get them on track academically
- Bonnie Heaton chairs diversity club and this year we had the diversity assembly in the fall.
- Crisis intervention is an ongoing activity in the counseling center, anytime there is a need to be met.
- Access tutorial has been very crowded this year because there are more people signed up for it than there are class spaces.
- Contacting Counselor is usually preferred by e-mail but phone is OK also.
- Counseling website is great! There is information about upcoming events and college workshops for financial aid, etc.

The counseling office works with advisory and material is coordinated for different grade levels. Advisory occurs Thursdays after the first period of the day. Students are divided by alpha and by grade level and have the same advisory teacher for 4 years- Link students help in advisory – upper classmen help mentor under classmen. There are 20 students per advisory- much of the administrative stuff like forecasting and fundraising, etc. occurs in advisory. Before the holiday break students were looking at how to manage a checkbook, special testing like the health test all students were required to take took place in advisory. It is easier than using class time and effecting teacher's day to day schedules

**JIM MEUWISSEN-ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:**

Spring sports start Feb 18<sup>th</sup> need forms and physical if nothing has been done yet  
Basketball starts league games Jim appreciates all the parents that help with concessions and scorekeeping etc. March 16<sup>th</sup> first meet for track. Jim will be here on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb.

## **VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-BRIAN CURL:**

The Winter Formal occurred on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and a letter was sent home prior to the dance about behavior. From all accounts it went well.

Winter break next year will start Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> and run thru Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Student Government elections are this Thursday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> in advisory.

There is a holiday on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.

Finals are the 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of Jan. An extended holiday break means finals occur just two weeks after we return. Students will take two finals per day from 7:45-9:45, then a 15 min break, and from 10:00 -12:00. They are required to be in the class during the first or final period of the day regardless of whether they are a TA or it is PE, etc. Lunch is served until 12:30 then buses depart at 12:45.

The quarter grading day is Jan 28<sup>th</sup> -no class, new semester begins on Tuesday Jan 29<sup>th</sup> There is an SAT offered on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> and an ACT on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> if students have signed up to take them.

Schedule changes for the beginning of the new semester can be made in the counseling office from 12-1 on finals week and during lunches the first week of new semester at lunch and after school. Students should make an appointment with their counselor. After the first week of the semester schedule changes are not allowed.

Schedules are handed out during both lunches on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of Jan and the first day of the new semester before school on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. We need 6 volunteers per lunch and 15 before school. All students should pick up the new schedule in case there was a change in a classroom or teacher assignment.

The lost and found is overflowing. Volunteers will be staffing tables for kids to check for lost items. It will be taken to the Clothes closet after this occurs.

At the department chair meeting this week instructional time was discussed. They are looking at how all high, middle and elementary schools are scheduled, transportation, etc. They will explore the subject of year round schooling and are looking at all schools. The study will be completed and decisions made by May of 2009. There is some autonomy within each school, but district decisions are also taken into account.

Health Careers works with and are aware of the schedules of the other high schools that are served. Some of the high schools are on trimester and others on semester.

Attendance policy is working well and has cut down on interruptions at start of class. Hallways are much less crowded during passing time.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Counseling: Sharon** Transcripts for seniors are going out now. They are waiting until after semester break to send to the private schools which usually require midyear transcripts. There is a day coming up with PSU on campus Jan 15<sup>th</sup> and students attending will need their transcript.

**College and Career Center: Martha** Instant Viking Day at BHS on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> -PSU admissions counselors will give students a decision regarding admittance on the spot.

There is a FAFSA workshop on Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at PCC Sylvania, PCC Rock Creek and all other PCC campuses.

OSAC scholarship application covers 200 scholarships with one application. Priority deadline is Feb 1<sup>st</sup> due by Feb 15. There is a drawing for a 500.00 scholarship.

Mock interviews on April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

**Newsletter: Kimberlee** Next Wednesday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in community Room.

**Mentoring: Marilyn** Going well, we are starting to match up students with volunteers. We have a gentleman who volunteered who does not even have a student here, but we are always in need of men! We are up to 15 students in the program.

If anyone is interested in volunteering Marilyn has an excellent training document she can share with a new volunteer!

**Scholarships: Carolyn** Lots of the scholarships are now renewing and some of the local ones are starting to come out. The list is still updated every week. The newest one is at the top of the website list and they are sorted by deadline.

**Student Activities: Debbie** It was difficult to get chaperones for Winter Formal because of company holiday parties but we did have enough. The next dance is Sadie Hawkins. They are thinking about doing an 80s theme which could effect the type of music they play. It will be at Montgomery Park and is on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Appreciation: Mary Kay** The December event was wonderful and well received by the staff. The next one will occur in May around the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary Kay will confirm the date. Nancy Noyer did the decorations and Deb Weekly do-chaired. There was enough food, and some of the decoration items were raffled off. The morning pick-up was a great idea and parents appreciated being able to drop off items without getting out of the car.

**Website: Randy Dietrich** We switched to a new web host, Go Daddy, and Randy is maintaining both our site and the drama website. He is adding a calendar of activities and instructions for how to log hours from home. We will take a collection at the next meeting to help defray the cost of hosting the site.

## **HAPPY HOUR**

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7 at Raccoon Lodge

Adjourned 11:00