

BHS Volunteer Committee Minutes 3/07/08

Called to order 9:05

Introductions were made

Minutes approved as written for February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarships: Christy brought a list of the scholarship list so we could see a sample. It is in date order with the ones that have deadlines approaching at the top. All is going well, the list continues to be updated weekly, and there are scholarships available for all grade levels. There was a suggestion to alphabetize the list, rather than date order but it was decided to stay with the date order format so people can see which ones are coming due.

Student activities: Debbie Sadie Hawkins dance went well. There was a compliment about the availability of the water bottles. Debbie also made bags with granola bars and earplugs for the chaperones. There has been much discussion about on site/off site dances and the cost vs. money made. Part of the discussion about whether to have off site dances involves the behavior which is typically better off campus.

CCC: Martha Mock interviews coming up April 15th and 16th. They will hand out appointment times after spring break. There will be approximately 400 interviews in that two day period. We have enough interviewers but could use a few more logistics volunteers.

Instant Viking day was a huge success. 29 kids were accepted on the spot. Many students attended and enjoyed the food and drinks as they met with admissions counselors from PSU. We believe this will be an annual event.

Martha passed around a scholarship information sheet and mentioned decision day on May 1st. All students should come in for treats and put their star on the board!

“Connections” is still going well. We have a new group of juniors that started in January.

Website: Randy The website continues to be updated regularly. Send information to Randy. It is very easy to update. He updates the agenda before the meetings and posts the minutes, etc.

Sharon: Counseling Thank you to everyone who came and worked on the forecasting packets.

Advisory Support: Dori has been doing it by herself when necessary. Usually students handle most of the work, but Mr. Nieslanik calls Dori if they have a need the students are unable to fulfill.

Teacher Appreciation: Mary Kay Rodman Tuesday May 6th is the date for the next teacher appreciation luncheon!

Mentoring: Marilyn All is going very well. We have another male mentor who has signed up to help. Many of these mentors continue throughout the high school career. We will take new volunteers any time.

Grad Night: Leslie and Kathy Plans and fundraising continue for this year’s Grad Night Party. We are a bit short on fundraising at this point and are working to get students signed up to attend. Texas Hold ‘Em raised over \$4,000.00 with only 50 participants! Our next big push will be finding ways to get as many students to attend the party as possible!

Project Aaron: There is a severely autistic boy who attends school here at BHS so there is a fundraising auction coming up on April 5th to purchase him a computer that he can use to speak. He is not able to speak without the aid of some kind of electronic device. The auction takes place at the Kingstad center. Dinner costs \$40.00 and Rita Morgan is looking for donations of items for the auction as well as people to attend.

Lost and Found: The school has requested we set up lost and found tables once a month for students to search for lost items. Julie comes and gets the leftover items, washes them, then delivers them to the Clothes Closet. Michele has had trouble getting volunteers to staff the table for the students to look through.

Volunteer Appreciation will coming up sometime in the future. Michele discussed different ways to appreciate our volunteers! We will mail a letter to all who have volunteered and will set up a celebration social after work one day so anyone who wants to can attend.

We discussed ways to include current eighth grade parents and whether to have a tea in May or wait until fall. The consensus was that a tea in the fall would be better attended. We will send out notices in the middle school newsletters at the end of this year, and include a note on the volunteer form in the fall to publicize the event.

Assistant Principal: Brian Curl

Brian just came from the winter assembly where all winter sports were recognized. The cheerleaders performed and the drama department performed a short portion of the play that is running now, Once Upon a Mattress.

There are a couple assemblies left this year as well as the senior events that occur on the last day of school for the seniors.

There was some discussion of awards at the senior assembly and how they should be presented.

Eighth grade forecasting night Feb 7th went well. Sadie Hawkins dance was fun and a king was chosen. There were no incidences and all had a good time. Montgomery Park was a great venue.

Feb 13th Jam the Dam raised over \$18,000 for the Make a Wish Foundation! Each wish costs approximately \$5,000.00 so we were able to provide over three wishes!

Forecasting has come and gone. Collating the materials was handled by volunteers and much appreciated.

Once Upon a Mattress opened last night! It is a good show and we encourage everyone to come out and see it! It is pretty much all student run and produced. There was some problem with the mics cutting in and out at the dress rehearsal but Randy said they performed well at opening night. Revenue raised from ticket sales helps keep the drama department going!

March 12th and 13th juniors will be registering for the April 23rd district administered ACT test.

March 14th is staff development day no school for students.

March 19th spring choir concert

March 24th-28th spring break

April 11th grading day no school for students.

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Spring sports have started: tennis, golf, lacrosse, track, baseball and softball.

Construction is up and going, we are replacing the indoor bleachers in the gym with a more durable plastic bleacher. They will be orange and black. That will start March 10th.

During spring break we will replace one window as a test then in the summer we will replace all the wood framed windows throughout the school.

During spring break the new cafeteria sound system will be installed; thank you to the booster club.

Demolition of the girl's team room will also start during spring break. Construction will begin April 25th on the rest of the P.E. facilities and weight room. We are still working out where students will change clothes as well as other detail of where activities will occur. Janice Adams secured a \$50,000 grant to upgrade our weight equipment.

In May we will replace the boiler, in June we will upgrade the rigging, roof hatches and other auditorium features.

This building will be basically inaccessible to the public as soon as school ends. Summer School and the lunch program will be housed at Highland Park this summer.

Dropping Enrollment: next year we are projected at just over 1700 students. We have been at approximately 2000 in recent years. This means we will have to reduce our staff by 9 ½ teachers. Some of this will occur by natural attrition, retirements, life choices, teaching overseas, etc.... This should cover the bulk of the reduction. There will also be a reduction of one counselor at the current projection.

The options programs are having an effect on enrollment as well as the natural aging of the neighborhoods that feed our schools.

Open enrollment policies were discussed and it is unknown at this time what that policy will be going forward.

Teacher websites were discussed and the new Parent Assistant program. Esis has had this capability for a long time, but this gives parents the ability to check student attendance just 30 minutes after the class has begun, as well as grade reporting (progress reports and report cards, etc.). It does not make it possible to check missing assignments. The communication piece, like teacher websites, has been discussed at staff meetings. Until it is contractually mandated we will not get every teacher to do it, but we can encourage it and recommend it.

Assistant Principal: Dr. Mark Eisele

This is his 16th year in the Beaverton School District. He has a PhD in education and music and the arts. Before coming to Beaverton Mark was an administrator in Bend and LaGrande. There was an opening for an assistant principal at BHS for a one year temporary position. He took it happily. He then went to ACMA for two years, then split between ACMA and Merlo Station. 8 years ago he came back to BHS and has been here since.

Forecasting and the Master Schedule are his main responsibilities. He organizes the BHS district administered ACT with over 1600 students taking that test in one day. He also coordinates technology at the school and the new construction that is occurring. (Ronda manages athletics, activities and facilities while Claudia manages ESL and Special Ed.)

Drop in enrollment to 1772 will affect the master schedule in that classes may have to be just a little bit larger. Some of our core classes are even in the low 20's this year and may increase slightly to closer to 30 in a few cases. There will be basically the same offerings and even a few new offerings in math.

Forecasting is in. We are hoping to have all the data entered by end of next week. The course offerings are then driven by how many students sign up for a class.

CIM/CAM Seniors this year can still receive the CIM. In the other grades they are using the Oregon Assessment of Skills. There will always be standardized testing. This information is listed in the BHS Planning Guide. There are increased requirements going forward in both math and English.

Adjourned 11:00

Respectfully Submitted by Kathy McCourt