

## **Beaverton High School Volunteer Committee October 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

- Lisa Rank called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Self-introductions were made.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Minutes were distributed. No corrections or additions were noted.

**CCC:** Martha reported that the Oregon College Fair was this weekend at the Convention Center, Friday 9:00-12:00 and Saturday 1:00-5:00 at no cost. She said they had great workshops and highly encouraged junior & seniors to attend. CCC is still working on it's volunteer schedule which it hopes to email out this weekend. Prior volunteers are given priority as to time slots. Julie noted that BHS hosted College Info Night on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> which was well attended. Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is the scholarship workshop at Aloha H.S. PSAT forms are available in the office.

**Newsletter:** Kimberlee said that there were 11 volunteers at the 1<sup>st</sup> mailing work party and that the job was done in record time! Although scheduled to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, the next newsletter may be delayed due to Mr. Curl's leave---tba.

**Scholarships:** Christy reported that the website is updated through December and then some---take a look at what's available!

**Student Activities:** Homecoming is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00 in the cafeteria. Ten volunteers are needed as chaperones.

**Staff Appreciation:** The tentative date for the Staff Luncheon is Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mary Kay said that entrees will come from Ernestos and that cash donations, paper products, bread and desserts will be solicited from parents. Serving approx. 175 staff, the decision this year to have a portion catered is an effort toward variety and doing something different than the donated-potluck format the last several years.

- Girls Waterpolo Team is selling Mardi Gras Beads 2 for \$1 in orange and black to raise money for their trip to California to compete in the Delong Tournament.

**Website:** Randy is posting the meeting minutes as well as Lisa's emails.

• Lisa noted that an administrator was present at every meeting last year and asked for suggestions for this year. Interest was expressed in hearing more about counseling outreach as well as major tracks such as health careers and fine arts as well as the Ib and AB programs. Interest was also expressed in taking a tour of the recent building improvements. The question of whether the Vol. Committee could take an active role in the exterior beautification program was raised.

• The help counter is online now with a new, parent-donated monitor. The impact volunteer hours logged on grant dollars as well as school reputation was emphasized. No volunteer task is too small to overlook---log hours in or forward to Lisa or Julie to log.

- **Booster Club Fundraiser:** REVOLVER - A Beatles tribute band is performing Saturday, October 4, 2008, 7:30 pm @ Kingstad Center, 15450 SW Milikan Way, Beaverton. Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 of which will be returned to the Booster Club. (See website for purchase info.)

- BHS Racquetball Team is holding a fundraiser at Qdoba (Griffith Drive, Beaverton) all day on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The first of two scheduled fundraisers, proceeds will go for the team's February tournament in Missouri.

**Advisory Support:** Lisa will check whether volunteer help is still needed here. It was noted that the most need would probably be in the Spring.

**Counseling:** Volunteers will be needed. Lisa is waiting to hear what is needed.

**Classroom Support :** There has been no request for classroom volunteer support. It was noted that the CopyCat Club at Whitford was/is very popular with staff. It is unknown at this time whether teaching assistances and/or students perform that function at the H.S.

- Beaver Cards are still available for \$10. They raise money for the Football program by offering discounts to many local businesses including DQ and Burgerville.

- BHS Drama Dept. is doing "The Crucible" beginning November 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available online. Randy noted that there was much that was new in the auditorium, including rigging and curtains. Sadly, no upgrades were done to the sound system which tends to cut in and out.

**Administrator's Report:** Principal Janice Adams spoke at the meeting.

**Enrollment:** As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, current enrollment is 1751 students. (1754 students were projected for the year. BHS was the only District H.S. to make its projection. The large Freshman class was also as projected.) This is down from last year's enrollment of just over 1900 students. Principal Adams felt that the effects of the economy and District-area housing costs have had an impact on the District, also noting that the Hillsboro and Portland districts were growing. As a result, 10 classroom teachers (3 of whom should've gone as a result of last year's enrollment), 1 counselor, and 1 student manager have been cut. (26.4 to 1 is the general teacher to student ratio used.)

**Budget:** Principal Adams made the decision to keep the Counseling Receptionist whose salary is paid out of the non-wage budget. This is before she learned that 5.2% of the non-salary budget (\$14,486 for BHS) had to be paid back to the District to help with its revenue shortfall. She is currently in the process of negotiating with the District to get some of that money returned to the school. Next year, there may be a further need to adjust staffing ratios and reduce electives as the result of the economy and the Beaverton School District now being a declining-growth district. Partnering with other schools in the District to provide high-level math and IB/AB classes may be a way of providing certain classes within the tight District budget.

Volunteer Needs: Library volunteers are needed, especially for reshelving. Beginning of the year, semester changes, and end of year are the busiest times for the library. The Career Center, especially the Counseling Office, need volunteers. Workroom [printing] help is needed---especially at the beginning of the year and at the end of grading quarters. The Beautification Project is focusing on non-fundraiser projects---please contact Rita Morgan for more info.

ASPIRE: On October 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00, Gretchen Beckner is holding a training course titled "College 101". Rsvp Martha or Kevinne in the CCC.

OSAA rules: Principal Adams spoke of how the OSAA (Oregon Schools Activity Association) is enforcing rules at school sporting events aimed at eliminating unsportsmanlike and harassing behavior. This includes booing officials and/or the other team as well as targeting specific players with disparaging remarks or treatment. Many of the OSAA rules have already been BHS policy.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.
- Submitted by Cheryl Jarvis, Secretary