

Beaverton High School Volunteer Committee February 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Lisa Rank called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Staff Appreciation: Mary Kay relayed through Lisa that the second staff appreciation luncheon will be held sometime in early May during Staff Appreciation Week.

CCC: Julie Noonan reported that mock interviews were scheduled for April 14th & 15th. Volunteers are needed to conduct interviews and man tables. Food donations are also needed for volunteer snacks and lunches.

ASPIRE: Volunteers have been trained. Sophomores and Juniors need parent/guardian permission to participate and should sign up in the Career Center.

Newsletter: Kimberlee Killian said that the work party for next month's newsletter is on Wednesday, Feb. 11th, beginning at 10am in the Committee Room. Current cost for the newsletter is about \$475 a month. Having it available electronically is being considered in order to save money.

Scholarships: Carolyn Corcoran reported that Beaverton School District's new scholarship web site is almost up and running. BHS will continue to maintain their own site, which is currently loaded with scholarships.

Student Activities: Debbie Stewart reported that the new "conduct contracts" will be in force for the Mardi Gras Dance scheduled for Feb. 21st at the Tiffany Center. Volunteers are lined up to chaperone and will join a greater number of teachers than have previously been present. Mr. Neslanik will meet with the chaperones beforehand to go over the new guidelines. With the exception of the Senior [only] Prom, this is the last dance for the year.

Website: Let Randy Dietrich know if you have anything to post.

Mentoring: Marilyn Conforti reported that the program is going well and that students are being recruited. She currently has sufficient volunteers, but may require additional help after report cards. Currently there are 13 students and 10 adult mentors participating in the program.

Volunteers Needed:

- Friday, February 13th is a Health Careers Blood Drive. Adult volunteers are needed for 2 shifts: 7:30-10:00 and 10:00-12:45.
- Friday, March 6th is CPR Assessment Day. Six volunteers who use CPR on-the-job are needed to help assess students over both a morning shift and an afternoon shift.

Grad Night Fundraiser:

Texas Hold'em – Saturday, Feb. 7th @ West Hills Unitarian Church. Cost: \$75 couple, \$40 single. Includes food, wine/beer and great prizes for the top ten winners. Preregister or pay at the door. About 50-55 people are currently registered, 15-20 short of the goal of 70+. (Last year's Grad Night ran \$40,000-\$45,000. This year's budget is anticipated to be much smaller.)

Fundraiser: "Jam the Dam" basketball game / half-time show / silent auction is scheduled for February 18th. All proceeds go to Make-a-Wish Foundation. Last year, the event raised \$18,000.

Racquetball: BHS's team of 70 won 1st in state! They leave Feb. 25th for Nationals in St. Louis.

Administrator's Report: Principal Janice Adams talked to the group about current economic and budget issues. On February 20th, the Governor's state forecast will be released, with another forecast to come in May. BSD is predicting a \$6-17 mil. shortfall for the remainder of this current year and is currently working on it's 2009-10 and 2010-11 budgets. BSD costs \$1,053,000 per day to run.

Options for meeting the short-fall include alternative funding sources as well as fewer school days and staff cuts --- all options are being considered. There is \$5.6 mil. in the BSD Sustainability Fund which is required to retain 5% of the budget per board policy. There is also \$12 mil. in the BSD Contingency Fund which takes board action to spend. The Federal stimulus package has monies targeted for certain areas which would enable general funds to be redirected to other areas. An Oregon State stimulus is currently being worked by the Governor. There is currently \$734 mil. in the State's rainy day fund. BSD has instituted a hiring freeze and has \$16,000 frozen in discretionary accounts to use where most needed. Although there are no "sacred cows", BHS has a strong commitment to the AB and IP programs. No decisions have been made yet. Board Meetings held at the District office are open to the public and have times posted on the website. Input is also available through the community involvement website.

Marketing to promote BHS will be ramped up in coming days. Possibly, a volunteer parent group will be formed to work with incoming parents (with Heather to coordinate?)

Administrator's Report: Vice-Principal Brian Curl reported that:

- Forecasting was currently underway: Juniors [today] on 2/06, Sophomores on 2/13, and Freshmen on 2/27, all during advisory classes.
- An meeting for the instructional time study being done by the District is scheduled for February 12th from 4:00-6:00pm at the District Office. Undertaken with no connection to the economy, it may nonetheless impact current budget decisions.
- Snow day closures will be made up during finals week the last week of June. Instead of four ½ days of exams, the days will be full instructional days. Specifics should be available right after Spring Break and will be posted on the website.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:35am.
- Submitted by Cheryl Jarvis, Secretary