

Beaverton High School Volunteer Committee
November 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Lisa Rank filled in for Julie Liggins and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Self-introductions were made.

Lisa noted the volunteer shortage this year, largely a result of poor advertising---volunteer flyers were sent home with students at the beginning of the year, many never arriving home. She urged everyone to get the word out about Committee meetings and volunteer needs. District coordination between schools would be helpful.

Committee Reports:

CCC: Joy Day reported that OSAC (OR Student Assistance Commission) workshops are scheduled for Wed. 18th, Fri. 20th, Mon. 23rd and Wed. 25th during lunches. She advised seniors to give teachers and counselors enough time to do recommendations and not to wait until the last few weeks. Sign-ups are required for on-site admissions for U of O on Nov. 18th and for Western Oregon Univ. on Dec. 9th, both held during lunches in the CCC. ROTC will hold an information session on Tues. Nov. 17th for Marines & Navy and on Thurs., Nov. 19th for Army & Air Force, both at 10:30am.

Scholarships: Christy Miller reported that more scholarships are coming in each week. She noted that there will be no updated list the week of Nov. 16th.

Staff Appreciation: Phyllis Lang reported that the December 10th staff luncheon was canceled due to Booster Club fundraising being down 60% at this time compared to other years. A September breakfast was already catered for the staff and a luncheon will be held next May during Staff Appreciation Week. Homemade treats may be solicited for the staff room in December. Phyllis and her husband will be running a table at the Holiday Bazaar and will contribute half of their proceeds to the Staff Appreciation fund. Other ideas are being discussed for fundraising.

Booster Club: Sami Oberland reiterated that donations are way down this year and that the Club has only \$1500 of the \$4000 needed/budgeted. Families are encouraged to contribute a minimum of \$15. She repeated that the problem with beginning-of-year packets were problematic for the Boosters as well as other school groups. It is her hope to have a separate line item for staff appreciation in the budget so that monies can carryover. A Holiday Bazaar will be held at BHS on Saturday, Nov. 21st from 9:00 to 4:00 and will include a BBQ, over 60 vendors (inc. many school groups) and a raffle for a 32" tv with ipod dock, tickets \$10.

Volunteer Committee: Lisa reported that there will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be Jan. 8th.

David Nieslanik, Activities Director spoke about the Metro League's 11/12 meeting topic of diversity. He feels that BHS is far ahead of other local high schools in looking at the equity issue and providing affordable opportunities for all students to participate. There is current discussion about bringing school dances back onto campus although off-campus dances generally see better student behavior. He said that Beaverton had a phenomenal amount of student involvement with Hispanics more involved than ever and the Native American Club very robust. The problem with school clubs is currently fundraising---funds are raised largely from the annual dances. This year Mr. Nieslanik is logging all fundraisers held at BHS and hopes to coordinate/consolidate them in the future for greater success. He noted that the greater the number of parent volunteers at the dances, the better. The current problem is with dress length and girls finding affordable, appropriate dresses in stores. Rules must be enforced better at the door in order to support kids who do follow the rules. One idea was to announce the fact that x number of kids (no names) were removed from the dance in order to let students know that rules are being enforced. Another idea: alumni chaperones to solve the problem of students not wanting to have their own parent(s) chaperone. Winter Formal is coming up and has a capacity of 500 students. One of the oldest dances, it tends to be one of the best and consists primarily of Freshmen and Sophomores in addition to involved upper classmen. An iPod iTouch is being raffled and is one way that the event will be broken down into smaller "chunks" of events, making the event more adult-like.

Asst. Principal Rhonda Haun joined the meeting. She reported that the Beautification Committee recently did a great job of sanitizing the inside of the building---rails, doorknobs, etc. The H1N1 vaccination scheduled at A.H.S. has been canceled due to lack of vaccines. Fall Sports are closed out (Boys Soccer made 2nd round of State playoffs!) and Winter Sports are fully underway with tryouts and practices. Next week is "All are Welcome" week in which a number of presentations and entertainment are planned to show BHS's diverse culture. Ms. Haun noted that BHS assemblies are scouted by other schools as they always involve a lesson/message for the students. Assemblies do have some problems with respect issues which are being resolved with admin. conversations, lessons on speaker crowd and volume control and stationing staff members in problematic areas. A few cases of H1N1 have been reported, but there has been little increase in absenteeism with attendance holding well at about 92-93% The school is being very proactive with hand sanitizers and wipes in every classroom. The regular flu season is expected to hit in December.

Drama Club: Randy Dietrich announced that it is the last week/weekend for the Fall play "Reckless", tickets \$8. It is an entertaining, darkly humorous story which follows the life of a young woman, her husband who took out a contract on her life, and the disasters occurring every year around Christmas. Attendance has been down this season, which is especially unfortunate given that revenues from the Fall play fund the Spring musical whose revenues in turn fund the Fall play, and so on.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.
- Submitted by Cheryl Jarvis, Secretary