

## PTC meeting 9/17/19

**Attendees:** Kristi Nelson, Lee Carson, Brandon Saggio, Amy Chamberlain, Carol Moses, Kylan Pimley, Valerie Ristau, Don Grotting, Chris Cormack, Johanna Castillo, Selina Rincon, Robin Gao, Lindsay Tosky, Katie Payne, Aleida Adams, Dorothy Houw Furquim, Renee Niepoky, Tammy Yashar, Eric Simpson, Eva Novick

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Meeting called to order at 6:46pm.

Welcome/Intros – The Agenda contains the meeting agenda, upcoming events, how to make a motion and definitions of lingo that may be used in the meeting. Every member of the PTC can vote. “Open items” is a time when anyone can ask a question or raise a concern. Circulated a thank you card to the PTC from Mrs. Phillips.

District Updates (Superintendent Grotting) – Thanked Cedar Mill Elementary community for being flexible and solution-based during construction. BSD continues to test for mold. Two rooms are off-limits until they are cleared after testing. Looking for volunteers for the middle school boundary process. Timberland will open as a new middle school in 2021. BSD will have community meetings to gather input. Will need to deal with overcrowding in Stoller. The Student Success Act is a unique opportunity. Can give input through October. Can go online and submit comments. Trying to reach out to underserved communities. Hired an outside firm to analyze comments to see what parents and staff want for the community.

Discussed Social Emotional Learning. Kids need to be socially and emotionally stable to succeed academically. BSD has a diverse background of students. Mrs. Chamberlain is doing all-school Read Outlouds. First book is Big Umbrella. Theme is everyone belongs and deserves respect even though we are all unique. Student Success Coach is developing Culture of Care by teaching teachers. Discussed resource constraints and what Student Success Act grants could cover.

Introduced Eric Simpson, Vice Chair of BSD School Board.

Fun Run – This is the PTC’s largest fundraiser. This year’s goal is \$63,000. Sponsors have donated \$12,500, which leaves \$50,500 left to raise, which is an average of \$120 per student. Have raised about \$30,000 so far. Think we will reach the goal; the community always comes together. New this year are classroom ambassadors that asked their children’s teacher to send an email out to all of the parents in the classroom asking for donations. Goal is to get 100% participation, regardless of amount. Some companies will match donations. We budgeted \$4,000 for corporate matching funds. For some companies, it is easier to make a donation through payroll deduction. We encourage online donations at PledgeStar. Deadline for donations for pizza parties is Wednesday. Classroom pizza parties are all participation based: highest percentage of class made a donation and highest percentage of class who sent 5 invitations through PledgeStar.

Budget includes \$18,000 for fieldtrips and \$11,000 for school supplies. Instead of parents spending \$50 per student on supplies, PTC can buy wholesale and in bulk and spend only \$20 per student for the same supplies.

Every student participates in the Fun Run (regardless of donations). Each student receives a T-shirt that can be worn on Spirit Days.

Volunteer Updates – Provided summary of volunteer opportunities. Will be sending another email about volunteer opportunities on Monday. At this time of year, may take a few weeks to pass background check. After pass background check, can go online to see all volunteer opportunities. If passed background check while a parent at another school, may need to be reassigned to CME.

Enrichment Classes – PTC offers afterschool enrichment classes in a number of areas. Unfortunately, with construction, will not be offering fall classes. Will start back with afterschool enrichment classes in the winter.

#### Event Roundtable:

Running Club – Cardio circuit equipment is in storage and not accessible because of construction. Kids had fun running in the rain this morning. Parents should pack extra clothes for Fun Run.

Art Literacy – Program is created by BSD. Volunteer based. CME is the first school in BSD that went to completely wireless presentations due to funds for Smart equipment in classrooms from last year's Fun Run. There are six artist lessons per year. Will never repeat an artist kinder-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Cover themes such as form and shape. Training is the first Friday of every month. Volunteers can decide with teacher when to teach one hour lesson in the classroom. Do not need to be an artist to volunteer. Can also help, even if not leading lesson.

Passport Club – Geography enrichment program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Take map home at the beginning of the month; way to learn countries of the world. On passport testing day, classes rotate to the cafeteria for testing by volunteers. Volunteers have "cheat sheets" so do not need to know geography. Each map has five levels. Each child can choose which level(s) to study. First test is Sept 27. Passport club volunteers cannot pick up their kids from the cafeteria; kids still need to be released from the front door.

Grade level parents – New this year. Designated volunteers at each grade level to answer questions.

Library – Need volunteers to help kids check out books. Opportunities are posted online. Need to do training before volunteering. This year, library is not in the regular specials rotation schedule. Kids were forgetting which day was library day. They will stay for shorter amounts per time in the library but will have six more library visits per year.

Budget Updates – Walked through budget. New for this year is a balanced budget. The \$73,000 budget funds a lot of different projects including teacher classroom supplies, other staff supplies, field trips, special events, community events, special programs. Want to positively impact all students in the building. Fun Run is budgeted to net \$61,000. Other revenue sources are pancake breakfast, dine outs, corporate volunteer matching, box tops, Amazon Smile. We are tabling the surplus conversation until after Fun Run.

#### Open Items:

Pancake breakfast – Typically run by 4<sup>th</sup> grade parent committee; happens every spring. Need a chair.

Middle School boundary – Cedar Mill Elementary is close to multiple middle schools. Could be impacted based on boundaries. BSD is trying to keep neighborhoods together but middle schools are not spread out well across the district. There is no current intention to change high school boundaries. There may be changes in elementary school boundaries. The district is growing in the north and south but is losing students in the middle of the district. The total population of the district is stable.

Owl pellet funding – This 4<sup>th</sup> grade project used to be funded by BSD but funding was cut. Student body fund allocations are changing; need to spend within the current year. Science allocation may look different in future years. Was able to allocate funds this year to cover one owl pellet per 4<sup>th</sup> grade student without needing to request funds from PTC.

Next year, will wait until after Fun Run to do Spirit Day so all children will have a Lumberjack T-shirt. PTC Board will follow up on whether community can still buy gear. Students who participate in science fair will also get a T-shirt.

There are multiple volunteer opportunities available for working parents. A lot of community based events are in the evening. Examples are multicultural night, art night, evening work parties, book fair, school dance, carnival, bingo night. Kid's teacher may also have projects to take home and work on in the evening.

Multicultural opportunities – Mrs. Grimes organizes multicultural night. You can contact her if you want to be at a table. Art night's theme this year is Pueblo. First unit in social emotional learning is about inclusion and diversity. One piece of school learning plan is equity. BSD also has multicultural nights.

Principal Update – Only one TV was water damaged and one damaged in the move. Keeping an inventory of items that were damaged from work over the summer. Grateful for the PTC's support in helping put the building back together so doors could open on September 3.

Mission statement: In partnership with our greater community, we educate all students and foster an inclusive community of socially, emotionally, and academically successful lifelong learners.

Will be formulating a school learning plan based on the mission statement and four pillars of BSD. Discussing shared goals. Want consistent curriculum across BSD and consistent implementation in all classrooms in all schools. Will be doing 4-5 Read Outlouds this year about Social Emotional Learning. The Student Success Act also talks about security and safety of schools. Funds can be spent on that.

Need to wait for clear weather to test the two classrooms. Kitchen is leaking from new duct work. Roofers will be working during school hours to expedite the work. There is no way to confirm how long the mold was there but do not believe there was active mold previously because no one had symptoms.

Adjourn at 8:28pm.