

Bowman Open Optional 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes 2016-2017 School Year

Meeting Facilitator: Chris MacKay, BOOP Chairperson
Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Meeting Time: 6:40 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introduction of Steering Committee: Chris MacKay - Chairperson, Doug Sopp - Treasurer, Shannon Metrokin - Secretary, Samantha Mellen - Liaison Coordinator

2. Approval of 4th Quarter Meeting Minutes. Kate Bartlett moved to approve minutes as written. April Christianson seconded. Motion passed.

3. Reports

a. Teacher Reports: *Melissa* reported Kindergarten is off to a great start and they are working on building their community.

Shoshana and *Rosalind* reported they are excited for the new year.

Joel reported the need for a parent or two to sit on a math committee with Chugach Optional parents for grant writing and support of the new Bridges curriculum.

Linda reported 5/6 is off to a great start, the students are working really well together and there have been many eager volunteers to lead Calm Classroom. Linda also reported on a volunteer opportunity to work on the Boardwalk project. Greatland Trust will be working with volunteers in a Day of Caring event in September for upkeep and maintenance of this great wetland area. There will be a need for several loads of wood chips if any parent has a connection. On September 27th and 28th, all 5th and 6th graders at Bowman (optional and neighborhood) will be participating in a team building activity at the Campbell Creek Science Center. *Matt* reported a great start with Bridges math curriculum for 5th graders and CPM math curriculum for 6th graders. In Science, they have been observing organisms in the bog.

b. Principal Report: Mr. Freeman welcomed the attendees and thanked parents for being involved in the program. He emphasized the importance of involvement/volunteerism in our program as that is one of the foundations of our success. BOOP has been in our school since 1991 and has been successful in part due to parental involvement and pride in our program. Mr. Freeman also welcomed *Rosalind* to our program as a teacher in 1/2. He also emphasized that his door is always open to the families of the 170 BOOP students and he's proud of our diverse greater Bowman community. Also, if parents have specific questions about the Alice training or other concerns to please come ask him questions.

c. PTA Liaison: *Johnico* Bashford-Blumer announced the Bowman BobcatATHon starts Friday. Last year, the event raised \$11,000 and the goal for this year is \$12,000. Also, the current parking space fundraiser is ongoing and if you are interested in bidding on the prime parking spot, visit 32options.com. The Fall carnival will be coming at the end of October and be watching for the upcoming movie night/PTA meeting.

d. Family Group Liaison Report: Samantha Mellen introduced each grade level liaison and encouraged families to return their information sheets to the liaisons.

e. Community Service Report: Sara Paulson, coordinator for community service, reported on the Day of Caring event taking place on September 14th to maintain the boardwalk. Students will have opportunities to work on the project during the day, adult volunteers are welcome from 2-5 p.m. Also, support for families in need through food and comfort blankets is ongoing. There is a plan for quarterly community service projects, so be on the lookout for these opportunities.

f. Treasurers Report: Doug Sopp directed attendees to the budget proposal given out at the meeting. He thanked people for using the designated envelopes and encouraged parents to delineate funds when using one check to pay for supplies and donations. Doug can provide a receipt if needed and has tax identification information for anyone needing it. Also, he reminded parents that our organization can receive matching fund donations if your company provides this opportunity.

4. Old Business

a. Homer Sea Week: Chris introduced the proposed date for Homer Sea Week as May 12-14, 2017. While this is mother's day weekend, it is the traditional date for the Homer trip. Paul Wunnike brought up the Shorebird Festival and suggested the trip coincide with the Shorebird Festival. The discussion was tabled until Shorebird Festival dates are confirmed. Dates will be voted on at the next meeting.

b. New Shed: A huge thank you to Clearwater Air for donating the money to buy a new shed to store all the BOOP supplies. The students at KCC built the shed and it was delivered this summer. Thank you to Junko MacKay and Allison Raye for helping to organize the shed. Linda thanked the BOOP community as the addition of the shed has cleared space in their classrooms.

c. Recent Volunteer Thank You: Chris thanked all the volunteers for putting in time. Also mentioned were: Heather Mischler for organizing tonight's event, Caren Walters and Kathleen Moore for organizing the year end picnic in May and Paul Wunnike for helping to maintain and prepare the ice rink. Mr. Freeman thanked Kate Bartlett for her time as the Chair of the BOOP steering committee in addition to her development of the after school program.

d. Open Volunteer Positions Needed: Chris reported we are still in need of a Co-Chair of the Steering Committee, a Square Dance Coordinator and a Homer Sea Week Coordinator. Please see any steering committee member if you are interested in any of these positions or have questions about the positions.

e. BOOP Website: Staci Cox organizes the website. Please send her information that may need to go on the website. The link to the PayPal account was mentioned to facilitate the donation and supply costs.

5. New Business

a. Parent Volunteer for Bridges Math Volunteer Group: any parents interested in serving on a committee with Chugach Optional Parents to seek professional development funds and support for the new Bridges curriculum are encouraged to get involved.

b. Mini Course Change: The mini course coordinators, Sharon Flowers and Allison Raye are proposing a change to the current structure of the mini courses. The proposed change is to have 2 full days for mini course opportunities so in depth

opportunities for various courses are explored. Also, the time of year mini courses may change in relation to Homer Sea Week on and off years. The proposed time frame for mini courses this year is February.

c. Last Items: Samantha reminded families of the newcomer orientation on Friday the 16th at 9 a.m. in the MPR. Please come with questions! Joel announced the Step Up To Writing trainer will be here next Thursday night to discuss the program and parents are encouraged to attend.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 16th at 6 p.m.