

Bowman Open Optional 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes 2016-2017 School Year

Meeting Facilitator: Chris MacKay, BOOP Chairperson

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:05 p.m.

1. Welcome - Chris Mackay, BOOP Co-Chair

2. Approval of 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes. Kate Bartlett moved to approve as written, Kathleen Moore seconded. Motion carried.

3. Vote on New Co-Chair - Steve Heinle has offered to step up as the co-chair. Paul Wunnike moved to vote Steve in as co-chair, Theresa Murray seconded and the motion carried. Welcome Steve!

4. Reports

a. Teacher Reports: *Melissa* reported K is going well. They are working on Native American projects and Little Red Hen plays.

Rosalind reported on successful literacy centers and stated they are grateful for the parent help. They have witnessed great growth!

Cindy thanked the group for the parent support they've been receiving and said they have an amazing learning environment.

Matt reported the 5th graders are working on fractions and geometry and the 6th graders are working on data representation. He's seen great progress.

b. Principal Report: Mr. Freeman reported we will be adding a new preschool class to our building in January, which brings Bowman to housing 8 self-contained classrooms. The budget process is ongoing and more information will be provided by the district in January. Please communicate with the front office if you are not receiving text alerts from Bowman.

c. PTA Liaison: Mr. Freeman reported there is a movie night and PTA meeting this Friday at 6:30. The head of the local community council will attend the PTA meeting Friday night. The BobCatATHon raised over \$11,000! All Pro Dads is this Friday morning at 7:45.

d. Family Group Liaison Report: Samantha Mellen reported the following needs for the 3/4 classroom: a co-chair for winter crafts, a co-chair for the classroom photographer/ web master and 4 more volunteers for knitting/crocheting.

e. Community Service Report: Sara Paulson, coordinator for community service, reported Socktober success, Jump for Joe success and upcoming news story and treat for troops success (12 boxes sent). The Stay and Make it project last month was successful with fleece blankets made for families in need or crisis. Several were sent to Chinook Elementary in wake of their recent loss of a student and other blankets will go in Thanksgiving baskets. The next Stay and Make it event will be December 6th from 3:30-4:30 and will involve holiday tags, bookmarks and other items for holiday baskets. Stay tuned for needs on holiday baskets.

f. Treasurers Report: Not available.

5. Old Business

a. Homer Sea Week: Paula Fish reported on the survey sent to parents about the dates for Homer Sea Week. May 5-7 had 36 votes and May 12-14 have 17 votes.

Kate Bartlett moved to have Homer Sea Week on May 5-7, Samantha Mellen seconded and the motion carried. The date will be May 5-7, 2017 which is the same as the Homer Shorebird Festival. Most of the campgrounds are wide open at this point. Paula invited parents to join the committee for planning purposes and interested parents were encouraged to email her at: paulafish@gmail.com.

b. Open Volunteer Positions: We no longer have any open positions!

c. Mini Course Update: Sharon Flowers presented. She expressed gratitude toward the parents and teachers in their involvement of the planning. Sharon also shared the mini courses being developed and discussed the survey that went to the BOOP community regarding payment for mini courses. Of the 63 people who voted, 43% chose a flat rate fee schedule. Two parents offered to donate more money. Discussion about payment ensued. The fee will likely range from \$15-20, with more charged for the Alyeska ski course. Beth Russo moved to set a flat fee for mini courses, Paula Fish seconded and the motion carried. Mini courses will be February 2nd and 3rd and one course is in need of 12 sewing machines if anyone is willing to donate for 2 days.

6. New Business

a. Bridges Math Night: Cindy reported that Janis will be returning and having a Family Math Night on December 1st from 6-8 p.m. at Bowman. She will also be in the school for coaching and support of the Bridges Curriculum that day in addition to professional training the following Saturday.

b. Winter Craft Update: Amy Johnson reported on winter craft activities. Several volunteers went through the items in the shed to take stock of materials for winter crafts. They are collecting recycled materials now and there are boxes outside teachers' rooms for collections. A sign up genius will be coming out soon for additional materials. The date is December 20th in the afternoon.

c. Special Fundraising: Kate Bartlett reported there will be a bake sale at movie night this Friday to raise money for the 5/6 field trip to Seward. Also, Bowman night at the Aces will be coming up in January. BOOP raised over \$1000 with the Uncle Joe Fundraiser.

d. Sex Ed - Katherine Huffman has offered to lead a parent workshop to the optional community on puberty, communication and relationships. The tentative dates are January 11, 18 and 25th from 6-7:30. Location TBA. Contact Katherine to reserve a spot 342-9890, katherinelynnhuffman@gmail.com. Katherine is a sexual health educator and trainer.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 25th, 2017 at 6 p.m.