

## **Bowman Open Optional 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes 2016-2017 School Year**

Meeting Facilitator: Chris MacKay, BOOP Chairperson

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

**1. Welcome** - Chris Mackay, BOOP Co-Chair

**2. Approval of 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes.** Allison Raye moved to approve as written, Samantha Mellen seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Welcome** - Welcome to our new incoming co-chair Steve Heinle.

**4. Reports**

*a. Teacher Reports:* *Melissa* reported K is going well. They are learning about snow in Science and the BOOP post office is coming up. A grant was received for purchasing math game materials.

*Rosalind & Shoshana* reported on successful literacy centers and the upcoming Science kit called Properties of Matter.

*Cindy and Joel* reported their Alaska climate project is coming to a close. They had a wonderful Climatologist come present to the class. Bridges curriculum is loved by all teachers and they are waiting to reschedule with the Math Expert Janis as she has some health difficulties.

*Matt and Linda* reported the 5th graders are working on fractions and place value. The 6th graders are learning about variables and understanding ratios. The Science Kit is about energy and the Immigration project is underway.

*b. Principal Report:* Mr. Freeman expressed his appreciation for Sharon Flowers and all the work she has done with Mini Courses. He reminded the group that Parent - Teacher conferences are coming up and we will continue to utilize the online sign up program. The statewide assessment called PEAKS is set for this year. It will be a computer based statewide assessment given to all 3rd - 6th graders during the following test window: March 28th thru April 28th. Your child's teacher will give you more specific testing dates as the time gets closer - Mr. Freeman emphasized the importance of being present during the assessments. Also, some randomly selected 4th graders will be taking the NAEP Assessment on February 6th which is a nationally normed test and takes between 90-120 minutes. You will be notified if your 4th grader is selected to participate. Also, there will be an assessment called the MAP Assessment for grades 5 and 6 this spring. Next year, all 3rd - 6th graders will participate and K-2 will continue with AIMsweb assessments. Visit your schools month is February and each Tuesday of the month, community members are invited to tour Bowman at 9:30 a.m. Currently, we have about 580 students at Bowman (approximately 180 in Optional and 300 in Neighborhood). Please provide the district with budget feedback as they are soliciting community insight and opinions at the district level. There will be 60 new Chrome books coming to Bowman before spring break and more iPads for classrooms will be purchased for the primary grades. The leadership team at Bowman is looking at common behavior expectations and guidelines for students. Finally, please complete the Parent Climate and Connectedness Survey that will be coming out soon. The participation from Bowman families last year was low.

**c. PTA Liaison:** Patrick Freeman reported there is a Movie Night on February 3rd (Life of Pets will be showing) and a PTA meeting on February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. There will be no winter BobCatATHon as enough money was raised during the fall fundraiser. The student council would like to put together a Winter Fun Night - be on the lookout for this fun event.

**d. Family Group Liaison Report:** Samantha Mellen reminded everyone the need for volunteers for Mini courses - you can access needs on the Sign Up Genius website.

**e. Community Service Report:** Sara Paulson, coordinator for community service reported the Bowman community supported 20 families for the holidays (60 kids) with wonderful items. Sara thanked the community. Sara also thanked Theresa Murray for collected stickers from Carrs for new Faberware pots - 22 pots and pans were earned for our families in need. In February, there will be a Valentine drive for students who don't have the opportunity to purchase Valentines to give out to their classmates.

**f. Treasurers Report:** Doug shared the financial report. Linda pointed out there was an excess of \$1000 in the PTA account from money raised to support the Boardwalk. I was suggested that money be moved to a different account to support any future maintenance the Boardwalk may need.

## 5. Old Business

**a. Winter Crafts Recap:** A huge thank you to Amy Johnson for coordinating and executing a great event.

**b. Homer Sea Week-** Paula Fish was unable to attend the meeting tonight but sent a few reminders: the dates are May 5-7 in coordination with the Shorebird Festival. There will planning meetings coming up on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact Paula at : [paulafish@gmail.com](mailto:paulafish@gmail.com).

**c. Mini Course Update:** Sharon Flowers was unable to attend but sent information through Chris. She expressed gratitude toward the parents and teachers in their involvement of the planning. There are still many volunteer positions needing to be filled the days of mini courses, please help! Also, materials needing to be gathered are: small boxes, container caps, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, various sized plastic bottles with lids, newspaper and cardboard boxes of various sizes.

**d. Sex Ed -** A huge thank you to Katherine Huffman for providing a series of 3 classes to Optional parents.

## 6. New Business

**a. Book Bash -** Shannon Metrokin reported the Bowman literacy night called Book Bash will be Thursday, March 23rd. This is a great whole school event and the theme will be Mo Willems books. Sal Addiniso will cater a free dinner again this year. If anyone is interested in volunteering or being a part of the committee, please meet with us on Friday, February 10th at 3:45 in the library.

**b. Square Dance -** Amanda Elfrink reported the date is March 2nd for the Square Dance and the caller has been secured.

**c. Smoothie/Bake Sale-** The sale will happen on February 23rd and 24th during parent-teacher conferences. Look for a Sign Up Genius to come out for supplies and volunteers. This is a fundraiser for 6th grade camp.

**d. Tours** - Chrissy M. is in charge of organizing optional tours for interested families.

**e. 2017-2018 Volunteer Positions** - The Steering Committee is soliciting volunteers for next's years activities and events. Please consider! So far, Staci Cox has volunteered to be the Web master, Sara Paulson and Allison Raye have volunteered to be the Community Service Liaisons, Allison Raye has volunteered for the Fall Welcome Back Potluck and 1st Quarter Meeting, Patrick Freeman has volunteered to be the PTA Liaison, Amanda Elfrink volunteered for the Square Dance, Allison Raye volunteered to be the 3rd grade Liaison and Theresa Murray volunteered to be the 6th grade Liaison. There are many other positions to be filled.

**f. Other Business** - Jason Rutman discussed the Seward 5/6 Field Trip fundraising efforts. A website has been developed with further information. We've received a coffee donation from Jonathan White of Steamdot. They have donated 75 bags of coffee to be sold for fundraising purposes for the field trip. Major Marine Tours has also donated a marine tour for 2 to be auctioned off to raise funds. Stay tuned.

Also, please be thinking of volunteer positions you are interested in for next year. See any steering committee members or liaisons for further information.

**7. Meeting Adjourned** at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 5, 2017 at 6 p.m.