

Bowman Open Optional 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes 2017-2018 School Year

Meeting Facilitator: Steve Heinle, BOOP Chairperson

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:30-7:10pm

1. Welcome and Introduction of Steering Committee: Steve Heinle - Chairperson, Carren Walters - Treasurer, Cori Carlson - Secretary, Chris MacKay-Member-at-Large (absent)

2. Motion to approve 4th quarter minutes

3. Reports:

a. Teacher Updates: *Melissa* reported the Kindergarten is getting into their routine and working to build their community. *Rosalind and Shoshona* report they are getting back into the swing of things and diving into the new curriculum, Lucy Calkins. They will be studying Anchorage and Light and Sound in science and social studies this year.

Cindy reported that she will continue teaching from Bridges math curriculum and Joel will be teaching on the Incas. *Matt/Linda* reported that they will be studying geology this year. They received a grant from The Real World Scholars to form a business and will be developing ideas with the students. They are getting into Lucy Calkins and will begin a unit on the Civil War after the new year.

b. Principal Report: Patrick Freeman reported that he is back for his 6th year at Bowman and is happy to report all our teachers are back! He discussed that a new curriculum was adopted by our program and BOOP has partnered with Polaris and Chugach Optional in this. October 4th will be a parent night regarding this new curriculum which includes Bridges Math and Lucy Calkins. Mr. Freeman emphasized that he has an open door policy and to come ask questions any time. Mr. Freeman discussed testing and reported that PEAK assessment results will be sent home soon.

c. Community Service Report: Sara Paulson, the community service coordinator, reported that there will be themes for the next several months with community service. October or 'Socktober' will hold a sock drive, November will be spent putting together Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need in our school community, and December will be spent collecting Christmas gifts for children in our community.

d. 5/6 Fundraising Report: Sara also reported on 5/6 fundraising plans. A Facebook Auction will be held on October 20th. The 5/6 grade will have an after-school treat sale for the next several weeks, and Smoothie and Bake Sales will take place throughout the year.

e. Treasurer Report: BOOP Treasurer, Carren Walters, reported that the 2017-2018 budget was approved at last year's 4th Quarter meeting. Carren reminded that the collection for the \$35 student supply fee is currently being collected and the \$35 BOOP donation is also now being collected. Donations accepted via website, cash, and check. Carren's email is carren.walters@gmail.com for any questions or if receipts are needed.

f. Open Volunteer Positions Still Need Filling: It was confirmed that Winter Craft coordinators will be obtained at the classroom level. Volunteer positions that still need filling are Bulletin Board decorator, the Tour volunteer to walk prospective families through the school, visit a classroom, and show the BOOP video, and the Co-Chair position.

g. BOOP website and Facebook Page: Steve reminded families about the BOOP Facebook page and BOOP website to utilize as a means of communicating and finding information regarding upcoming dates and events throughout the year. The directory information can be updated on the BOOP website. Steve thanked Staci Cox for her work keeping the website up to date.

h. PTA Introduction: President-Kathleen Moore, Vice President-Cassie Ashcraft, Secretary-Sang Schirard, Treasurer-Lynda Muise, Membership-Melia Strickler

i. Mini-Courses: Sharon Flowers, the mini-course coordinator, reported that it is time to start developing ideas for mini-courses, which will be held February 1-2, 2018. She explained that mini-courses are a 2 day event that is completely parent-led. Each course is an in-depth, experiential hands-on learning opportunity for our students. Parents can share what they love and it can spread to the students. Some of last years courses were downhill skiing, mock trial, Mini-Picassos, Astronomy, Lego Robotics, Valentines and Crafts, What to Do with a Box, and Science and Food. She reported that it was an amazing turn out and big success. Parent feedback given was that all classes need co-leaders. Parents were asked to find a partner and start planning. Volunteers are still needed to help with registration, finances, and course organization.

j. Last Items: Parent volunteering is what makes our program successful. Our kids are successful because of parent involvement. A few hours a month in the classroom can make a big difference.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10pm

2nd Quarter Meeting: November 15 at 6pm