

## **Bowman Open Optional 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes 2017-2018 School Year**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Steve Heinle, BOOP Chairperson

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018

**Meeting Time:** 6:00-7:00

1. Welcome by Steve Heinle
2. Approval of 2nd Quarter Minutes by Shannon Metrokin
3. Reports

a. **Bowman PTA Report: Kathleen Moore** reports that yearbook pictures are still needed. Please order yearbooks before price goes up. 6th grade parents need to turn in their child's baby picture. A few upcoming events are STEM night, BASA (teachers are still needed), and the last PTA meeting is April 13th. Bowman Bobcat Boutique volunteers are needed on Friday mornings. The PTA is looking for a treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year.

b. **Teacher Reports: Melissa** reports that Kindergarten is going great. They are studying snow right now. The Post Office will open on February 5th. They will learn how artists make stamps. **RoSho** is currently studying Anchorage and things are going well. **Cindy** reports 3/4 is going great. In math, the focus is fractions and multiplication. In science, the focus is wetlands. They are using enrichment time to meet the kids' individual needs. **Joel** reports that the Inca dioramas were great. He utilized the the Step Up to Writing to write their reports. **Linda** reports that 5/6 is very busy. They are spending extra time with students doing one-on-one instruction. In Science, their focus is astronomy. They are studying the Civil War with a culminating event in April. The classes are continuing to fundraise. Birchwood Camps expenses increased from \$5000 to \$7500. They are making sugar scrubs, card, and flower arrangements for Valentine's Day. The students are very proud of their products and will have a floral delivery service for a fee. Linda also reports a possible \$5000 grant for a greenhouse for the school. Linda is corresponding to fund a winter greenhouse that will be for the whole school. Possibility of moving \$2000 remaining boardwalk sign money that is no longer needed towards the greenhouse project.

c. **Principal Report: Principal Freeman** reports that the district is asking for feedback regarding the budget. All ideas are taken into consideration for the 13 million dollar deficit. Parent feedback that has been heard is the desire to maintain class sizes. The budget is about to be presented in the next few weeks. The district is stepping up its rigor-emphasizing achievement in reading and math. More trainings for teachers, etc. The bar is being set high for students with the new common core standards. A lot of kids are meeting these standards, yet some might need extra time and extra help to meet them. So far, things are going well with this.

Next month if visit your school month. Mr. Freeman will be taking on the BOOP tours. 80-90% of the families who attend the general school tour have an interest in the BOOP tour. 9:30 will be the general tour and about 10:30 will be the BOOP tour.

As was mentioned by Linda, there has been a camp cost increase. Mr. Freeman reports that it is being discussed to unite the the neighborhood and BOOP 6th graders to attend a 6th grade camp together in the future. It would bring costs down because of the bigger group. There are hopes of strengthening the 6th grade relationships as they move up to junior high together.

d. **Treasurer Report: Carren Walters** reports as BOOP treasurer. She reports that we are spending more money that we are bringing in. An example is there is no budget for winter crafts or mini courses. These things need to be budgeted for in the future. When setting the budget for next year these things need to be accounted for.

5th/6th grade fundraising comes to almost \$5000. There was continued discussion of how to offset the 5th/6th grade trips cost. One suggestion was to allow parents who choose to pay for camps in full to offset costs.

**Carren** reports that parent contributions are down 24% from last year and supply fees are down 13% from last year. All fundraising comes to almost 5000 for 5th/6th. Discussion on the cost of 5/6 grade trips and how to offset costs. Suggested to allow parents to pay full amount for camps to offset costs in the future.

Parent contribution is down significantly. Down 24% from last year. Supplies down 13% from last year. Better communication is needed and new families need to be educated that this is an expectation. Some suggestions are to change the terminology from donation to fee or to create a checklist that includes the required supply fee and program donation to be sent home with students at the beginning of the year.

e. **Minicourse Report:** There are a few more volunteers needed. Teachers, please point families to the sign up genius.

f. **Community Service Report: Steve Heinle** reports for Sarah Paulson that many families were helped over the holidays. New opportunities are upcoming.

h. **Rummage Sale Report: Meara Boling** reports that April 21 is the rummage sale. This is a big fundraiser and volunteers are needed. We raised \$2400 last time and hope to make over \$3000 this year. Items that are sought after are bikes, clothes, outdoor gear. Volunteers are needed for marketing, pricing, and day of help. There will be a 5/6 bake sale on during the rummage sale.

#### 4. **Old Business**

- a. Open Volunteer Positions that NEED to be filled
  - i. BOOP Tours-will be done by Mr. Freeman
  - ii. Vice Chair is still needed immediately!
  
- b. Classroom Supply Funding
- c. 5/6 Project-907 Bobcats
- d. Online Resources
  - i. BOOP Website
  - ii. Facebook
  - iii. Directory

#### 5. **New Business**

- a. Square Dance is coming up.
- b. Smoothie/Bake Sale-Please bring in baked goods!
- c. Camps
- d. 2018/2019 Volunteer Positions
- e. Anything else?

