

Bennett Community Organization Minutes – May 2, 2011

Attendees: Deana Davalos, Deb Couture, Gretchen Gerding, Donna Boudreau, Michael Schooler, Sharyl Haas, Kandace Majoros, Rob Wessel, Angela Guggemos

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Donna Boudreau.

Budget Update: Expenses – still have a few to come – graduation, AR, teacher appreciation. We should still have almost \$15,000 in cash at the end of the year. We will bump up funding for volunteer appreciation and international day since we had some extra expenses related to those. Deb proposed a budget for next year. The motion to adopt the proposed budget for next year passed.

New Officers: Deanna Davalos will be President and Deb Couture will be treasurer again next year. We are seeking a Vice President and a Secretary. BCO members thanked Donna for her year of service as president.

School Supplies: Kandace wanted to check into a “one stop” shopping trip for school supplies in which an office store puts supplies together for each grade level and the school gets a cut of the profits. So it saves time for parents and it can be a fundraiser for the school. Kandace will look into it by contacting Staples or another office supply store.

End of year/beginning of next year

- a. 5th grade graduation – Sharyl reported on supplies and refreshments for the event. We are looking for a parent to coordinate it next year.
- b. New parent potluck – Monday or Tuesday of the week before school starts, possibly August 16
- c. Back to school ice cream social – probably the Thursday of the week before school starts, August 18 – we should look into getting a banner saying sponsored by BCO

Committee Updates

Appreciation – teacher appreciation week is going well. Teachers will be treated to coffee and a gift card. Families have been great about recognizing teachers with gifts, notes, and treats in the lounge.

International Day/Earth Day – great event, we need an onsite contact to organize volunteers, and do recognition of the volunteers, Donna will ask Claudia Millius if she would be interested. We gave seeds, \$5 gift cards, and book marks decorated by kids to the presenters. Donna will be reimbursed by BCO. We should be sure to budget for that next year. The marimba group was great – we should consider inviting them back next year. The 5th graders went over to CSU for the Earth Day event and tried out the bikes which generated electricity. BCO will thank Clarisa and Christina with \$20 gift certificates.

Book Fair – Posters are up. Book Fair starts this week and will be on during teacher conferences.

Bennett Day of Action – Garden project for Healthy Kids Club this weekend and May 21 the Boy Scout Camp tree planting project. More info to come in the newsletter.

Spring Fundraiser – Spell-a-thon for new musical instruments took place and some teachers gave us the tests to grade. The tests will go home with a note from BCO with a reminder about making a pledge and sending money in by May 12. We aren't sure how much we will bring in. BCO passed a motion to give \$1000 to the music fundraiser in addition to whatever the spell-a-thon brings in.

King Soopers Certificates – We can buy gift cards from King Soopers and we can sell for whatever denomination that we want. You can reload it with your credit card and the school gets 5 percent each time. Someone needs to place the order and go to King Soopers and pick them up – which Deb offered to do. We need to buy them with a check or cash. Jody and Mary Jo used to sell them in the office, which we could start up again. We won't sell them for more than \$20 to keep the school from taking too much of a loss. The motion passed that we buy \$1000 worth of gift cards and put a notice in the newsletter to sell them.

AR contract – Mr. Schooler suggested we save \$1000 by doing a two year contract. He will pay now for the second year, and BCO can pay him back next year. Motion carried to fund AR for two years. The cost is \$5302 per year.

Miscellaneous

Book Closet – we need someone to take it on. About an hour once per week is needed to keep it organized. Right now it's in the locked closet and not very accessible. Mr. Schooler reported that we hope to start a book room and have someone to organize the book bags for teachers, so maybe it could be a part of that process.

Gold C fundraiser next year – there's a new book – it's the entertainment book for Northern Colorado. It's \$25. Do we want to participate next year? We decided yes if it's the same process as the Gold C book and we can find a coordinator for it.

Odyssey of the Mind Request for Money – a motion carried that we support the kitchen fee and hourly worker to use the kitchen for the spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the OM team going to nationals. BCO will offer this support to other student groups in the future too if they perform well in a competition such as OM and need to fundraise.

CM Cares – Angela Guggemos reported that we need to apply to be a CM Cares project for the musical instrument stands. She will talk to Nicole about it. 9:00 a.m. in 118 Guggenheim Hall is the student presentation on the greenhouse project.

Principal's Report – 5th grade exhibition is going well. One of the students interviewed the head of the interfaith council in Fort Collins. The schedule is too tight though and kids need a longer period of time. State cuts are not as bad and there will only be a 1 percent cut with help from the mill bond. The number of teacher requests by parents has been fewer and more thoughtful with the use of the new form. Mrs. Mattson will move from fourth grade to second, then third, and then fourth as the larger first grade group moves up. No word on who will be the third fourth grade teacher. Ms. Sutton was on a one year contract and she can apply for that job. A new roof will be put on this summer so the building will be closed. Summer school will be at Lab School.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.