

BDHS School Advisory Council

MINUTES

Thursday, November 11th, 2010

Present: Tammy Velinou-Richards, Anne Montgomery, Lorna Bartlett, Tammy Toll, Cheryl Brooke, Anne Nanni, Donna Easter, Jane Cartier, Mark Sherman, Karen Sullivan

Regrets: Julie Clendenning, Kathy Evans, Lynne Anne McEwen

1. Student Report – SAA
  1. Citrus Fundraiser – Sean Cartier
  2. Volleyball team selling poinsettias
  3. Senior girls volleyball final at Pain Court tonight
    - Boys play in Dresden – Friday Night
2. Staff Report – Karen Sullivan
  - Report Cards – different look to report card; explanation of learning skills
  - Excellent Remembrance Day Assembly organized by Melissa Langis
3. Principal's Report – Mark Sherman
  - Positive feedback on Remembrance Day assembly
  - Report Card changes, new comments from teachers discussed; credit recovery for students with low marks; revisiting the 'threshold' for marks lower than 30%
  - "Movember" prostate cancer fundraiser @ BDHS; 14 staff involved and approx 75 students involved also
  - SEF rollout → 16 Smartboards to be installed in school (cost of \$46,000.00); 2 boards already installed, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology focus.
  - Laura Sabourin whole staff training on "Word Walls" well received this past Tuesday after school
  - SEF Training - Nov. 17 & 18, 2010 training days for teachers – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Math, Science & Tech and Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> for all other departments to be held at the Erieau Fire Hall
  - Physical Plant changes – getting more painting done, hallway renovations near office & back staircase; Bobcat boards being installed in Café and back Tech hallway.

- Safe Schools – Re: Bill 168 – E.A.s and those working alone in the school are high risk groups; Areas of risk assessed: a) General physical plant building, b) General processes for people in the building; c) specific people risks; d) handling money – one area already highlighted: transfer of safety plans from elementary to secondary school .
4. Parent Night Review – Thanks to all who helped, thanks to Tammy for food & supplies – Successful BBQ – earlier date, overall more Parents did attend.
  5. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> P/C presentation at LCCVI – Mark S. and Jane Cartier attended and Equity & Inclusive Education was the main topic; Aboriginal Liaison (Janette Richmond) from the Board spoke to audience – most parents did not feel they were aware this was happening – Most schools doing a quite a few things with respect to student inclusion. No Budget discussion this year– Jim Costello spoke and was well received. Next session in Spring 2011, speaker TBA.
  6. Health and Safety – Safe Schools Risk Assessment Training last week for admin and site health and safety reps.
  7. Special Education – DD/MF room got their Smartboard, also one installed in Stephanie Johnson’s room , students and staff are very excited about this.
  8. Open Items – New light in back parking lot, increases safety but may need to be repositioned.
    - School Musical Nov. 24 & 26, 2010; People for Education School Survey – Jane completed based on School Council feedback;
    - Good BDHS coverage in News Tribune noted by Donna Easter;
    - CBC Program (Changes, Beliefs & Challenges) high school students speaking to public school students re: drug use – training days are scheduled for Dec. 6 & 7, 2010 with Val Carder as staff supervisor.
  9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Next meeting is Jan. 13, 2011