

ATTENDEES: Mr. Herald, Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Schlotman, Mrs. Birkenhauer, Mr. Melching

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

David Wheatley, BCHS alumnus, attended for his Master Degree.

Motion to accept the Agenda was made with flexibility by Mrs. Birkenhauer; seconded by Mr. Herald.

Motion to accept the September minutes was made by Mr. Herald; seconded by Mrs. Wharton.

GOOD NEWS REPORT

- Dr. Louise Pascale (*Afghan Children's Songbook Project*) was brought in by Mrs. Barnhill to speak to BCHS students. Louise is reintroducing music to Afghanistan through *The Afghan Children's Songbook Project*. The songs, collected initially by Pascale while she was in the Peace Corps, were almost completely eradicated due to the war and oppressive rule of the Taliban. Pascale lead a program for students during the school day and one in the evening for parents and families. She was extremely complimentary of BCHS students—the questions asked and their behavior. In addition, our art students reflected these songs in original works of art to display; and the choir learned songs to present in the evening with Pascale's presentation.
- *Miracle On 34th Street* production is November 9, 10, and 11.
- Cindy Wallace is presenting a service learning project on the homeless in her business class.
- Homecoming: The Homecoming Parade was the first one that involved all the feeder schools participating--both middle and elementary schools, cheerleaders, band members, as well as various other students from those schools. The weather was good, and the dance went well with a larger-than-usual turnout.
- Alumni cheerleaders cheered the last half of the homecoming game.

BUDGET REPORTS

- The Professional Development budget had been frozen; now, it has been cut by 50% percent. As a result, only \$2,000 remains.
- Tables and chairs have been ordered for Ms. Steffen's and Ms. Sinclair's rooms.
- The new chairs in the business classrooms' rollers screws are coming out. This will be dealt with.
- Business tabletops were installed.
- Budget Reports were examined and discussed.

Motion to approve the budget reports was made by Mr. Melching; seconded by Mrs. Birkenhauer.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- The State report is difficult to read this year with no accountability index.

- There is not an exact way to compare us to other schools in the district or other areas in Northern KY as we were able to do in the past.
- 2016-2017 School Report Card Summary (colored report) was distributed and examined.
- Some data is not up-to-date: free & reduced lunch numbers, number of faculty members, and number of National Board teachers.
- We made a 20% increase in writing, though we went down in other areas, except for social studies.
- There were issues with the computer testing last year. One example was when computers shut down during a test in one classroom.
- In some cases we are even with other schools in the District; above in State.
- Some of these tests are gone now, so there is no way to compare the scores.
- We will still have ACT scores.
- In English, the number of proficient dropped but number of novices raised.
- Graduation rate was 95.1%. Since our projection was 95.2%, it is interpreted as not meeting our goal; though basically, one student made the difference.

Additional discussion followed how scores can be raised.

- In future, we may be using stars (1-5) per categories (Gap, Achievement, Attendance, and Graduation).
- The District focuses on our Gap Scores.
- CERT testing was completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Committees: Cultural, Climate, PD, and Technology are suggested to be established.
- Each Committee should give reports at Council meetings.
- Mr. Schlotman will notify staff for participation on these committees.

Mr. Melching reported on items on the TELL Survey (mood of the school).

While satisfaction is increasing, there are still some responses that scored low:

- Class size
- Time to collaborate
- Teacher has sufficient access to office materials (copiers may have been the issue)
- School clean and well maintained (Facilities Committee established to catalog deficiencies?)
- Adequate space to work conveniently
- Community support
- Classroom connectivity issues—must contact Mrs. Wyatt who will contact District
- Teachers consistently enforcing school rules
- Appropriate time for professional development

Discussion followed.

Regarding the Minority Candidate for Council: email and all call were sent out; one person from the faculty has accepted and should be joining the Council next meeting.

Laptops—

We are checking on a four-year lease option with a buy back for 85 laptops priced at \$26,000 each year for four years. These would be for the faculty. Mr. Schlotman asked Council to think about this. We could also buy a block at a time if not all at once.

The chrome books are getting closer to arriving as the elementary schools have received theirs.

The CERT testing with the laptops/chrome books in classrooms was successful. They saved time from moving from class to labs. Mrs. Birkenhauer thought that there were higher scores as a result. There was also a positive response from students.

Motion to go into Closed Meeting was made by Mrs. Birkenhauer and seconded by Mrs. Ford.

Motion to come out of Closed Meeting was made by Mrs. Birkenhauer; seconded by Mr. Melching.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Herald and seconded by Mrs. Birkenhauer.

Next meeting is November 15.

Meeting ended 8:20 P.M.