

Bonneville Academy
Open Public Board Meeting
February 12, 2019
7:00pm
Bonneville Academy

Call to Order

Board members in attendance: Brenda Spearman, Jeff Shuemaker, Justen Hansen, Clint Thomsen, Marissa Maxfield, Cory Johnson, Corrie Norman.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff

Meeting minutes - January 8, 2019 and October 29, 2018. Justen hasn't prepared October's yet.

Motion to approve January minutes: Clint. Second: Justen. Unanimous.

Public Comment:

Discussion about Watch Dogs, an opportunity for fathers to spend time in the school.

Director Report

Lego League took 5th at competition last month.

Enrollment has stabilized. Currently at 582.

Ernie earned Utah Charter School Board Employee of the Month

Intent to continue employment letters sent out last week. Well received.

Clint asked a question about complaints about the science fair. Can we change things to help students actually learning?

Discussion about how the STEM fair is different. Other categories that don't use the scientific method.

Discussion about the major discipline issues/out of school suspension. Seven since last meeting.

Jeff asked a question about suicide: seems high. Unfortunately, we're on par with the state and behind the district numbers wise. We are doing a good job catching ideations.

Discussion Items

- Board Training Section 1 – Charter Board University
 - Postponed to next month.
- Mid-year data

- Discussion about many good things happening, especially with math. Ernie's opinion is that 4th grade reading is top in the state.
- Master Schedule
 - More growth and flexibility. Colored section will switch. (PE/College Studies etc.)
- STEM Designation update
 - Preliminary recommendation: gold or platinum? Gold right now. Really positive visit from the committee. State Board approval in April.
 - We scored lower than we wanted in a few categories. Working on those. Then we'll be potentially platinum level.
- Dress code survey results
 - 50% said it's not an important factor
 - If we filter out people who say it isn't a factor, the predominate opinion is somewhere between TSD and uniforms.
 - Only 4 said they'd leave if we required uniforms. 10ish said they'd maybe leave.
 - Our own thoughts: We want to find something that reduces distractions. Don't have
 - The committee will propose something similar to keeping it as it is, but more clearly stated.

Action Items

1. 2019-20 School Calendar

1. TSC has fewer days than us. 990 hrs. 173 days minimum. We did 174 days.
 - Half days count as a full day if it's over 4 hrs.
 - Can we do half days on our PDs? We'd have to do two half days to give teachers the 8 hrs they need.
 - District starts one week later than us. 19th.
 - Some schools start even earlier than us.
 - Clint: as a teacher, I don't like long breaks. Takes more time catching the kids back up. As a parent, longer breaks are better for vacations. Not good for learning though.
 - Most people would rather start with TSD and go long than start early and end the same.
 - The discussion tended to option 1 with adjusting the schedule (option 4).
Removing May's PD. Starting on 8-15 ending on 5-27?

Shall we schedule in a makeup day in case we have a snow day?
Yes. But half a pd day.

Ancillary Discussion about longer days with 4 day week.

Non-starter. Hard to get hours in? Kids are in school from dark to dark. Harder for parents to find a full day of day care for one day than to have a consistent

Motion to accept option 4: Jeff. Seconded: Cory. Unanimous

2. Middle School Electives

Introducing classes that build??

Lots of new electives. Space will be hard. Excited about new things.

Could push us to platinum level stem designation.

Motion to accept Middle School Electives: Clint. Seconded: Corrie. Unanimous.

3. Approve make-up day for snow day

1. May PD day? May 10th. Half day counts as a full day if it's over 4 hrs.

- *Motion to approve: Clint. Seconded: Jeff. Unanimous.*

4. Committee reports and possible action on committee recommendations

a. Executive – Brenda Spearman

- Nothing to discuss

b. Finance – Cory Johnson

- Nothing to discuss

c. Governance – Corrie Norman

- Head Lice Policy

1. One sentence: Our policy is what the CDC recommends.

Motion to approve: Clint. Seconded: Jeff. Unanimous.

ii. Car Pool Policy

Made it more generic, no set drop off/pickup times, so we don't have to update it.

Motion to approve: Justen. Seconded: Cory. Unanimous

iii. Leaving School Unattended Policy

Motion to approve: Clint. Seconded: Corrie. Unanimous.

iv. Head Injury Policy

Motion to approve: Justen. Second: Corrie. Unanimous.

d. Trust Lands – Clint Thomsen

Estimated amount 73K. More participation from the committee this year.

Meeting on Friday. Something to approve in March Board Meeting.

e. Academic Excellence – Marissa Maxfield

Skip

f. PTO – Jeff Shuemaker

1. Adult Social Feb 22. Brenda would like to see more Board participation this year. It's a board event to help raise awareness and funds.

2. Don't need to have a kid at this school.

3. Bingo. Fun prizes.

4. Need silent auction donated.

Students will do day care. Jeff volunteered to supervise. Maturation day for 5th grade. March 10th at 10am. Dr. Gunnisen from Bonneville something. Female partner will talk to the girls.

Stuff from Proctor and Gamble.

Costa Vida Benefit night: February 21st 4 to close.

School will hand out flyers. They'll have some at the register. We're not allowed to hand them out to customers at the door.

President Elect will become next year's president. Billie.

The policy states that the parents must vote on the next president. We need to change it to be more flexible. Look at making an appointment? We've never actually had an election. Could have an election using Google Forms.

8th grade rep has been vacant most of the year.

PTO needs to attend next finance meeting. Clear up PTO fund policy.

5. Closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Motion to adjourn: Cory. Seconded: Jeff. Unanimous.