

Boulder Elementary School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm

In Attendance: Cheryl Cox, Elizabeth Julian, Torian Nelson, Alyssa Thompson, Gladys LeFevre, Ana Sanders, Haylee Haning, Garin (Last Name?)

Notes taken by Ana Sanders

- Overview of Community Council Role: There's a link to overview to parent training for Council that can be emailed. All schools expected to participate in the Council format. Training is available to any council members to learn to work with the District, School, and State.
- Previous office posts:
Chair – Torian Nelson
Co-Chair – Vikki Thorn
Secretary – Amelia LeFevre
Treasurer – Mary Feiler
- Changed Secretary position to Ana Sanders by consensus.
- Voting member are parents and family members.
- School Trust Land funding is based on school enrollment numbers.
- Last year, funding was high because there were four previous years where money wasn't spent.
- This year we won't have as much money.
- BES website updated except for Community Council page.
- New keyboards just came in for computers used by youngest students (they accommodate small hands and learning typists).
- In science room, new keyboards have home keys accented now.
- New license coming for typing program for students to work on at home or at school.
- Torian arrived and the meeting to that point was recapped.
- **Food Service Options conversation begins.**
- Cheryl: District determined to allow BES to come up with our own solution to food service program. District is okay with providing some support for the program though maybe not as much as before.
- District getting away from district-wide menu.
- Cook position is hired through the district.
- Consider starting up with just lunches.
- BES is only school in the district that has kindergarteners for lunch. Those students can be counted in lunch numbers.
- Consider allowing folks that are interested in cook position to make a proposal for that position.
- According to Elizabeth: Haley, Garin, and Jill are interested in cook job at this point.
- Those three people, along with Elizabeth, can come up with proposal to Council and if approved can be sent to district for consideration.
- For lunch only, the job would be only 3 hours a day.

- **Feedback on Food Service Options at this point:**
- Torian would like to see breakfast service back in school. Alyssa agreed. Ana said it's not necessary for her family.
- Torian would like to see the least amount of processed foods, as well as real washable plates used. Ana and Alyssa agree.
- Alyssa says that cooking from scratch will help eliminate, sorbitol, margarine, artificial colors and flavors, etc.
- Torian: Head Start program incorporated family-style meal that also included students in charge of serving, washing up and clean up.
- Elizabeth: Okay with that as long as it doesn't interfere with class time.
- Haley: What will the district support [with regards to local food resources]?
- Elizabeth: BES cold-frames can be picked from but not foods grown in other town gardens. District concerned that BES cannot order for such a small group so we need to figure out ways to split cases with other groups. We may end up having to make something up.
- School district has historically been losing money with lunch program.
- Last year less than 50% of the kids ate school lunches.
- Cheryl: BES could be a model for the rest of the district with new menus and production methods.
- Garin and Haley: Which are the resources for school lunch foods?
- Elizabeth: Prefers trying to work within school system first and if that fails, consider contracting out the job instead. School business administrator is from Park City where the schools have award-winning lunch program.
- This is the first year that allows for a focus on local control of individual school meal programs.
- Alyssa concerned that the food order options aren't okay in her opinion.
- Elizabeth: Part of the proposal should include time up front to allow for menu prep and training to learn the district methods.
- Haley: How critical is organic foods?
- Alyssa: Nicolas [food distributor] has mid-range options that are "natural".
- Elizabeth: Jill says she would like to cook from scratch versus re-heating ready-made foods.
- Consider combining Senior Lunches with school lunches to make the job more worthwhile but start small for now and focus on the school lunches.
- Some money is saved up at this point from not paying for a lunch program so far this year. This could be a source of revenue to pay for design of the food program.
- Alyssa: Would like some meat/protein alternatives for days that have a red meat main dish, since they are mostly vegetarian at home.
- Torian: Make sure to read ingredient labels to ensure they use whole foods.
- Elizabeth: Would like to see if Escalante schools would like to buy surplus food supplies that were purchased last year at BES and would no longer be used here. [If Escalante cook buys them, then those funds could be used to pay for food for this year at BES.]
- Alyssa supports additional fundraising to make our food requests possible.
- We can do more to produce our own food [such as maintaining a greenhouse].

- Each family has one vote.
- Planned meeting dates and times:
 - Wed., December 9th, 3:30 pm
 - Wed., February 24th, 3:30 pm
 - Wed., April 6th, 3:30 pm
- Helpful to have a person to watch kids during Council meetings.
- Meeting done at 6:43pm.