

Attendance: Amy Kohlmeier, Stephanie Keeney, Liz O’Gara, Carol Hembree, Gail Inch, Anne Kreder, Cyndi Eylofson, Suzanne Hughes, Shauna Waller, Colleen Fletcher, Wendi Pennington, Connie Simpson, Page Davey, Shannon Yochum, Barb Eglund, Holly Spiering, Jennifer Jones, Nate Fisher, Skyler Means.

Call to Order: Liz O’Gara called the meeting to order at 3:35pm. Liz called attention to the final version of the 2011 – 2012 Approved Budget and made copies available to the board. Liz gave the floor to Amy Kohlmeier to introduce our new student board representatives.

Amy Kohlmeier introduced Nate Fisher, Boise High ASB President and Skyler Means, Faculty Liaison. Amy explained that they will be attending our Board meetings from now on and the board is very appreciative of their participation.

Secretary’s Report

Gail Inch (Secretary): Liz and Gail presented the minutes from the October 4th Board meeting for approval.

Action: Suzanne Hughes moved that we approve the November 1st minutes. Shauna Waller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report

Boise Brave Boosters Treasurer’s Report 11/01/11

Bank of the Cascade Accounts

1. The current balance in the checking account is \$5,431.48
2. The current balance in the savings account – Closed as of October 18, 2011
3. Total available cash on hand is \$5,431.48

Foundation Accounts

1. The fundraising account is \$67,396.92
2. The dues account is \$7,924.89

3. The bricks account is \$4,059.56
4. Total cash on hand without bricks account is \$75,321.81. Total foundation accounts including bricks is \$79,381.37

Total BBB and Foundation accounts \$84,812.85

Recent Activity:

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| Check #1176 Boise High – Student Assistance Fund | \$ | 3,600.00 |
| Character Ed | \$ | 450.00 |
| (Transfer from remaining lunch buddy money at Boise High) | | |
| Check t#1177 to Boise Education foundation | \$ | 28,040.52 |
| (Transfer from BEF to MAC account) | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Check #1178 to Liz O’Gara for master binder supplies | \$ | 18.52 |

Anne Kreder (Treasurer): Anne reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Liz reiterated that our goal is to keep approximately \$5,000 in the Bank of the Cascades account for cash on hand and to keep the remaining Brave Booster funds in the Foundation account with the Boise School District.

Principal’s Report

Amy Kohlmeier (Principal): Amy thanked the hospitality committee for taking such good care of the faculty and administration during the last month.

Amy highlighted some athletic achievements including: Boys Soccer State Champions and Sportsmanship Award winners. Girls Cross Country State Champions in addition to State Academic Champions.

The leadership class is doing a great job this year promoting noticeable school spirit and support at recent events including the State Cross Country meet at Eagle Island State Park.

Boise High was just named number 200 in the nation in “US News and World Report” recent rankings of best schools for Science and Math. The ranking is based on number of students taking math and science AP classes and passing the exams. To locate the report, search google, “US News and World Report” Math and Science rankings.

This month all sophomores and seniors will take a school substance abuse, bullying etc. Climate Survey on November 18th. Boise High was randomly selected for this survey to gather national data. Our second late start was today, which allows early morning time for staff to collaborate and look at Professional Learning Communities and setting smart goals to increase student learning. Today was Alumni day where all of the staff wore alma mater gear from their colleges and Universities. Court

Hanson, our career counselor, had surgery yesterday and will be out of the office two weeks recovering. National College Fair is taking place tomorrow at the Boise Center on the Grove.

Faculty Report

Stephanie Keeney (Faculty Liaison): Stephanie reported on upcoming activities. Tonight there is an orchestra concert that is free admission but they will be accepting donations for the Katy Benoit Memorial Scholarship Fund. Congratulations were given to the leadership class for the great job they did last week organizing Red Ribbon Week. The Australian drinking and driving video was shown this past week (the same video that was shown last spring) and it was very impactful. Stephanie requested that the next time it be shown at the end of the class period as she found it difficult to then transition into teaching economics after the emotional video. Connie Simpson suggested that the link appear in the Brave Weekly/School Fusion before it is shown so students are informed and can discuss the video with their parents. At this point, it would be helpful if the video could be available after the fact in the Brave Weekly/School Fusion to inform parents that the video was shown to prompt a conversation at home. Amy Kohlmeier agreed with this idea. Nate Fisher and Skylar Means (Student Representatives) explained that the leadership class presented alcohol and marijuana facts and statistics to math classes last week. Stephanie felt that the leadership class presentations were well received by students.

Stephanie reported that the district received a commendation on the increase we have had in the number of students taking AP classes while keeping our average score of 3 or better consistent.

The AVID program was discussed. Boise High has 9 AVID students this semester, our first semester with the program available. The AVID program identifies students in the 6 – 7th grade year who are not reaching their potential for a variety of reasons (i.e.: support at home or other influences.) The students are then enrolled in a study skills class to establish better goals and study habits allowing the students to take accelerated and AP classes to better prepare them for college rigor. The AVID program has been very successful and is growing in our district quadrant. The Capital quadrant is probably the strongest as the program was initiated at Fairmont Jr. High. The program is 30 years old nationwide and boasts 94% of its graduates heading on to college. AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination and there is an application process to enter the program. Typically staff or faculty members will recommend/encourage certain students to apply.

In closing, Stephanie reported that there are hockey games both Friday and Saturday nights this weekend and that the girl's basketball team tryouts and wrestling season are coming up. The Coats for Braves drive is still on going so please drop off your coat donations in the office.

Committee Reports

Colleen Fletcher (Activities): Colleen reported on upcoming activities including the Orchestra Quad Concert on November 8. The Marching Band is participating in the Veteran's Day parade. Drama has a November 12th performance called "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail." There is also a Guitar concert this month. Amy Kohlmeier confirmed that Prom has been changed to April 14th, due to scheduling conflicts with some music trips. The Brave Jazz Night is coming up in February and Colleen would like to contact Alumni through Facebook and will contact Ann Cirillo for more information on how to do that.

Carol Hembree (Vice President): Fall Grants are coming up. The Grant requests are due November 9th and voting on grants will take place at the December 6th meeting. We have \$15,000 in Grant Funds to give this year. Based on Carol's research, typically 80% of the funds do go to support academic programs with the remaining funds supporting athletics and activities. The Granting Committee will meet November 30th and Carol will contact members in advance with meeting details.

Page Davey (Hospitality): Page reported that last week Hospitality arranged for a Halloween coffee and that parent participation has been wonderful so far. Each month's hospitality event has a different theme, some being coffee's and some being lunches. November's event will be a harvest luncheon. Every second month the Hospitality Committee provides two large baked sheet cakes to celebrate faculty and staff birthdays that month. The committee is collecting leftover Halloween candy for Parent/Teacher conferences tomorrow night. The committee has arranged for students to staff tables with Levy and Booster membership information during conferences and the Halloween candy will be provided at the tables for parents who stop to get information or join the boosters. Bumper stickers will be available as well. Shannon Yochum will collect any membership checks and forms after the event.

Liz O'Gara (President): Liz wanted to make the Board aware that the Brave Parents, Inc. taxes are being prepared and reviewed and will be submitted by the 15th of November.

Connie Simpson (Character Ed): Connie presented an overview of the Character Ed committee and informed all of us that student participation at committee meetings this year has increased with students needing to stand at the back of the room due to a lack of chairs available. The committee, comprised of equal numbers of boys and girls, meets once a month. This year Character Ed has increased awareness through a booth at Club Rush in September and through t-shirt distribution on campus recognizing the guiding principles. The committee is developing a video promoting Character Ed's guiding principles and to raise awareness among BHS

students. In addition, some students on the committee are giving presentations on the BHS Honor Code to incoming/feeder junior high schools.

Connie highlighted a few community service/outreach projects reported so far this year:

1. Leadership, Orchestra, NHS and Key Club members volunteered at the District III Band competition in October.
2. Lady Braves Basketball volunteered at a "Barber to Boise" aid station in October.
3. Humanitarian Club is participating in "Run for the Refugees" race this Sunday to raise funds for the Agency of New Americans.
4. The BHS Volleyball team provided meals and raised money for the Tyburski Family who lost a child this fall in a tragic accident.
5. The Art Department is promoting the Empty Bowls project benefitting the Idaho Food Bank through the end of November. Students are encouraged to go to the ceramics room during lunch to make bowls for the project.

The Character Ed mission statement is as follows:

Character Education Committee Members will promote our Guiding principles (Respect, Compassion, Courage, Responsibility and Honesty) to BHS students and to students from our feeder schools, to increase an awareness of respectful behavior and to extend our culture of giving by inspiring students, staff and parents to reach out and help our community.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Inch, Secretary

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6th at 3:30pm, Room 402, Career Counseling Center

FYI:

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| Parent / Teacher Conferences | Wed. 11/2, Thurs 11/3 4:30-7:30pm |
| National College Fair @ BSU | Wed. 11/2, 9:30am-2:30pm, 6-8pm |
| No School | Fri., Nov 4 th |
| Boise Brave Booster Fall Grant Apps. Due | Wed., Nov. 9 th , BHS Main Office |
| Grant Apps. Received For Comm. Review | Wed. Nov. 16 th |
| Thanksgiving Break | Mon. Nov. 21 st – Fri. Nov. 25 th |
| Late Start | Tues. Dec. 6 th |

