

**PTO Agenda for March 6, 2017 Meeting
6:30pm in Manhattan Library**

Welcome & Introductions: Karen Gall

Principal's Report: John Riggs

Teachers' Report: Sarah Blackford, Mary Ellen Steele, Barb Miller

Treasurer's Report: Karen Gall

Requested Discussion Topics:

PTO Summit Recap-Darcy Fan

PARCC Testing Food

Screenagers 5/2

Committee Reports:

Projects Committee: Shannon Collier

Science & Music Gardens: Jennifer Dingman

Community Dinners: OPEN

Trip Tracker: Jennifer Saal

PEN (Parent Engagement Network): Nathalie Pratt

District and Community Representatives:

David Gould — DPC (District Planning Committee)

Jamie Baker — DAC (District Accountability Committee)

Melissa Geller Sharman – SAC (School Accountability Committee)

Darcy Fan – BVGT (Boulder Valley Gifted & Talented)

Volunteering Opportunities:

PARCC Snack Sorting - Friday 3/17 & Monday 3/20 (afternoon 15-30 minutes)

Grocery/OZO Cards (probably 1 hour/month)

Website (probably 1-2 hr/month, volunteer from home)

Other Comments or Questions – Open Time for Anyone

Upcoming Events:

March 12-18 Community Dinner at Wahoo Fish Taco

March 20 PAARC Testing Begins

March 27 - Spring Break Begins YEAH!

April 14-17 - No class

April 25 - Manhattan to host Screenagers with PEN

Next scheduled PTO meeting: Tuesday April 11th, 8:45 to 9:45 am in the MMS Library

Committee Reports

David Gould — DPC (District Planning Committee) Meeting Minutes from 10/12/2016 (carry over from prior meeting since no new change)

Superintendent Update – Dr. Bruce Messinger

- Operational Levy

- o Needed b/c current budgetary need as not being addressed due to lack of school funding at state level

- o Funds would go to purchase of literacy materials that had to be suspended b/c of lack of funds

- o Levy monies must be used for operational needs

- o BVSD will have a \$6M budget deficit next year without Levy

- Bond Issue- Phase 1 mostly completed and decision/designs being worked on for Phase 2

- o <http://bond.bvsd.org/Pages/index.aspx>

Parent & Family Partnership Update – Madeleine Case, Director of Parent & Family Partnerships

- Why partnership? – Because wanted to foster a collaboration between teachers & families

- Struggles – Equality vs. Equity

- A Communications Toolbox is being rolled out to teachers for use

- o Ideas taken from many schools and parent organizations during Listening Sessions throughout the last year

Graduation Requirements Changes – Dr. Bruce Messinger (Michele DeBerry unavailable due to scheduling conflict)

- New graduation requirements to take effect for 2016 8th graders that will graduate in 2021

- <http://bvdsucesseffect.org/priorities/graduation-guidelines/> (please visit website for more details)

- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/graduationguidelines> (please visit website for more details)

- Change in requirements was done to give students options in showing their competency to graduate

- Proposed changes to go before BVSD Board in Dec 2016 and more parent meetings to happen in Spring 2017

Next Meeting: 11/30/16 @ 6:30 in Black Diamond Room

DAC - Jamie Baker

The most recent District Accountability Committee (DAC) meeting was held at the BVSD Ed. Center on February 7th, 2017. The DAC heard a presentation by the district Student Based Resource Allocation Committee. The committee explained the proposal made to the district Board of Education this past January which includes potential ways the district may provide resources (funding through FTE) to schools based on individual schools student body needs. The committee provided the proposal to the board for consideration during the current budget planning season. The DAC also reviewed the district Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) goals and UIP process for the district and school levels. The DAC will review the district-level UIP in more detail at the March 7th, 2017 meeting. For questions/more information about DAC, see the DAC website: www.bvsd.org/dac or contact Jamie Baker (jamiemarielbaker@yahoo.com).

Trip Tracker - Jennifer Saal

The February survey deadline is March 12 at midnight. There will be a rep in the lunchroom on Tuesday to help collect student data. Participation was down slightly in January all across BVSD. Partly due to no survey period in December.

Trip Tracker will be awarding \$25 gift certificates to the person who bikes/ walks the furthest each month at Manhattan. (Can only win once).

Garden - Jennifer Dingman

1- for music garden we have submitted the application for the \$3k arts grant....and also received over \$1k in bag credit money. Trying to purchase another instrument for the music garden.

2- I have a few parents interested in helping with the veggie garden, so am meeting with them over the next few weeks to transfer info. DT and other Science teachers will be starting seeds in their grow boxes in their classroom soon. DT will get kids out to help clean up the garden beds and surrounding area.