

PAC Meeting 11/20/14

Meeting called to order by President Monica Shouse at 12:15. All parents and visitors introduced themselves.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pass the minutes from the previous meeting.

Dr. Robert Watson, Superintendent, spoke to the group about Common Core State Standards utilized within the Bozeman School District. He provided a handout to attendees describing students who are college and career ready and offering the needed skills:

1. Demonstrating independence;
2. Building strong content knowledge;
3. Responding to varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline;
4. Comprehending as well as critiquing;
5. Valuing evidence;
6. Using technology and digital media strategically and capably; and
7. Understanding other perspectives and cultures.

Dr. Watson also referenced a publication, WINGS, which shows examples of persuasive writing. This publication can be located on the BSD7 website.

Common Core State Standards (English Language Arts and Math) was launched in 2009 and adopted by Montana in November 2011. BSD7 has been implementing these standards for the last two years. A pilot assessment, the Smarter Balanced Test, was given to students last year. The first Smarter Balanced Test will be given the week of March 23, 2015. It costs \$27.00 to test each student, and this cost is paid by BSD7.

There are two different types of tests given: Smarter Balanced Test (which Montana utilizes) and PARCC Test which evaluates teachers (which Montana does not utilize, and is more controversial). The Smarter Balanced Test enables BSD7 to learn more about each student and provide support, give teacher feedback, look at daily work, and pinpoint areas of possible weaknesses of students. There are 41 standards tested every year, which begins in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. BSD7 will receive testing results by the end of the school year.

Perri Sherrill, Instructional Coach, and Hilary Klug, Literacy and Assessment Specialist, discussed in detail the Common Core State Standards, specifically, the Smarter Balanced Test and how parents can help their child(ren) succeed. Parents were encouraged to take the practice test located on the BSD7 website or [smarterbalanced.org](http://smarterbalanced.org).

The treasurer gave a report and stated BHS PAC has a current balance of \$21,880, and the budget for this school year was approved.

Hawks Night Live will be held the last Friday/Saturday in March. The deadline of the art contest (for the HNL program and brochure) is December 3, 2014.

The Coffee Cart for staff appreciation was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who donated breakfast items!

BHS PAC is still in need of a President and Vice President for the next school year. These positions do not take a lot of your time (compared to PACs at elementary and middle schools). If you have any questions about either position, please contact Monica Shouse at 579-1733.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 Next meeting is 12/18/14 Minutes respectfully submitted by Brenda Sunderland