

**Douglass PTO/SIT Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2004**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Traci Hoops, President	Kelley King, Principal
Cyndy Swenson, Vice-President	Elaine Schwenker, Faculty Member
Linda Nehls, Treasurer	Esther Parsons, Faculty Member
Suzy Truitt, Volunteer Coordinator	Lynn Tweitmeyer, Faculty Member
PJ Lahn, Secretary	Lorraine Trezek, Staff Liaison
MaryJo Barbeau, Faculty Member	Vicky Mayfield, DAC Representative
Sue Inslee, DPC Representative	

**I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Hello!

**II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES**

P.J. listed several Board members as “guests”. P.J.’s apologies to Vicky Mayfield, Sue Inslee, Esther Parson, and MaryJo Barbeau. Welcome to the Board!

**III. TREASURER’S REPORT & BUDGET APPROVAL**

Linda Nehls, treasurer, reviewed budget prior to approval. Proposed that we will use approx. \$98K of reserves that were carried forward from last year.

Items of note accrued for, but not actually paid: (budget items amounts could change)

Countertops

Ear Muffs (Sound Proof)

Heat tape binder (work rm)

Light bulbs

Literacy Grant not decided yet was re-submitted 10/4/04, waiting on approval

\$1000 removed for slab roller for art rm and \$200 removed from Gibson’s classroom budget.

Budget Approved!

**IV. DAC-UPDATE (Vicky Mayfield)**

SIT to present issues to DAC and DAC to take to board, no new items.

**V. DPC-UPDATE (Sue Inslee)**

There is a proposed policy change before the Board to allow PTO/SIT funds to be used on Classified Personnel (SFA Funds). Upwards of 90% of the people present agree with allowing this use of these funds. There is a small but fearful group that believes that this approval is a way to begin to privatize public education. The supporters are in favor of the “best and highest use of the dollars for the kids”. There is the hope that some other

districts Board members will come and speak at the meeting that is to address this issues (Denver district already allows this and has 6 years of data to support this use).

If anyone is interested in commenting contact Sherri Williams she is the Administrator of K-12 Education. ([sheriwilliams@bvsd.org](mailto:sheriwilliams@bvsd.org))

Traci would like to forma parent group to present to the Board on this issue. She will put together a newsletter regarding this issue to go out in the FF to alert any parents in our community who may want to get involved. The vote by the Board will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Playground Committee – Shade structure will be delivered soon. Cathy is looking for involvement from ANYONE she can get. Would like the student’s perspectives too. Looking at some type of “spruced” up entry from the North lot by the Quonset hut. A possible Kiosk with information on it? May want movable tables for under the shade structure. The next meeting will be 11/12 at 9AM in the Library.

Ampitheater/Gardening Committee – possibly Janine Dunn Chairing?

Enrichment Committee – Laura Burke (not there; nothing discussed)

## **VII. PRINCIPAL’S ACTION ITEMS**

KH-R Policy Review

Bob Beauprez who attended Douglass Elementary 50 years ago presented Douglass with a flag that flew over the Capitol. Kelley would like it displayed out in front of the office. Can anyone help with display? How? Shadowbox type Frame does anyone know someone who might help us out with this?

2005-06 District Calendar Issues- BVSD asked to present survey regarding changes to certain dates/ vacations.

Semester Break – Leave as is

Staff Development – 1 hour each month on the same day and have late start OR leave as is? Leave as is.

Spring Break – Move to 1<sup>st</sup> week of April or leave as is? Issues around CU parents having difficulty if it is to move. Now we are on same schedule as them. Also, it affects CSAP because testing resumes after the current break. Would be better for kids and teachers if we could be done before break. Consensus was that kids and teachers (CSAP issues) should drive this move.

Review SIT Goals –

1. Writing and Achievement Goal
2. Equity Goal; we have an achievement gap between genders (no other statistically sig. Achievement gaps). Need to raise Boys achievement.

3. Diversity/ Safe School Goal –  
Peace Place  
Conflict Resolution  
Restorative Justice  
Diversity Training

How do we continue to address goals from history to present what makes them change?

Could we have training for parent volunteers so that they can be more effective in the classroom? Kelley to speak with leadership team and report back.

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Make a Wish Penny Collection Fund Raiser – Should we take on? Consensus was we have enough fundraisers in place.

Boulder on Board (new Board Game) from Impact on Education. Should we make them available for purchase and have all proceeds go to Impact on Education (previously The Foundation for Boulder Valley Schools). Yes, give it all to Impact on Education.

Mini Grant from PTO open to all teachers, for special projects. November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline (after Impact on Education delivers the winners of their grants).

Motion to Adjourn.... seconded.

Next Meeting November 3, 2:45PM Library.