

Beloit Elementary Site Council Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2024

The August Site Council meeting was called to order by President, Stephanie Porter. Members present were: Lynne Easter, Lynn Feldmann, B Fincham, Charle Green, Megan Gronewoller, Chrissie Harris, Kim Martin, Stephanie Porter, Leah Henk, Lindsay Klema, Leanne Litton, Julie Rabe and Janet Porter.

Stephanie amended the agenda and added Kansas Future Society to Old Business. Chrissie moved to approve the agenda; B seconded. Motion carried. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Megan moved to approve the minutes; Leanne seconded. Motion carried.

Site Council Term Updates – Leah Henk, Lindsay Klema and Leanne Litton were all welcomed as new members of BES Site Council.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Porter said that the new school year has started off very well. The following changes have been made for the 2024-2025 school year.

- **New Drop-off/Pick-up Lane:** Over the summer, the school administrators worked with the City Council, City Manager and Beloit Police Department to implement safer drop-off/pick-up procedures. So far, the new lanes have been working well.
- **3 Year-old Pre-K:** Miss Charle and the three-year old preschoolers are now in the south building on the BES campus. There are about 16 students each in the morning and afternoon sessions.
- **Counseling Center:** The counseling center has moved to the Primary Hall, right across from the 4 year-old preschool classrooms.
- **Heat Restriction:** On hot days, if the temperature feels like 100 degrees or higher, an email is sent to the teachers that a heat restriction is in place. Outside recess will be limited to 10 minutes and PE will be moved to the multi-purpose room.

Mrs. Porter announced important dates for the month of September:

- 9/2: No School
- 9/6: PTO Grandparents Day from 1-1:30. Early Dismissal at 1:40 pm.
- 9/13: No Preschool
- 9/18: School Pictures
- 9/23: Teacher In-service/no school for students

KESA

No update to report.

Friends of BES:

Friends for the month:

Beloit Methodist Church – donated school supplies

Lutheran Church – donated school supplies

Boost Ministries – donated backpacks

Kurt Baxter – donated school supplies

Amanda Thiessen – for helping direct student traffic in the crowded hallway intersection in the mornings.

Kay Moore– helped with various tasks at the school during the teacher work week.

Beloit City Council & City Manager: helped with the planning of new school drop-off/pick-up procedures.

Beloit Police Dept. – for their help and support of the new school drop-off/pick-up lane and procedures.

Lynn moved to accept these nominations; B seconded. Motion carried.

PTO Report

Janet reported that Family Fun Night on 8/16 was a success. PTO is having their annual Donation Drive to help raise funds for school field trips, special events and various projects like an outdoor classroom and playground equipment. PTO Grandparents Day is scheduled for September 6, on the BES front lawn. The next Plum Creek fundraiser is on 9/30.

Community Comments

It was asked if BES would consider staggering dismissal times to help the flow of traffic after school.

Mrs. Porter said it would not be happening at this time. Mr. Fincham pointed out that many families pick up kids from many different grade levels, so staggering dismissal times would probably not work that well. Mrs. Porter recommended that if parents do not want to wait in line, that they come a few minutes later than normal. Mrs. Easter said that by 3:33 or 3:35 pm, most kids have been picked up in the front of the building, so pick-up isn't really taking that long anyway.

Committee Reports

It was asked if the current committees still meet the needs of the group. Stephanie is going to create a matrix so we can continue this discussion at the next meeting.

- By-Laws – new members Leanne, Leah and Lindsay have been added to this committee
- Character Ed – No update
- Goals – No update
- Parent Involvement – A group text will be started with the new BES parents/guardians and the ambassadors so families can reach out with questions.

Old Business

- **Socks for Tot Update:** A few orders came in from “Meet the Teacher/Supply Drop-off” day. It has been decided to wait until Parent Teacher conferences in October to try selling more. We also want to try selling to the families with Jr-Sr. High students.

- **Bond Election:** There will be 3 questions on the USD 273 Bond that will be voted on in November. Question 1 has to pass in order for Question 2 or 3 to pass.
- **Kansas Future Society Update:** Stephanie announced that Math Squad will be launching on Tuesday, September 3rd.
 - Two KSU math professors will be at BES on 9/3 to visit each classroom and to help kick off the first after-school session of Math Squad.
 - This group is open to everyone. There is a link to register on the KFS Facebook page.

Stephanie is scheduled to report at the next BOE meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024. The next Site Council meeting is Monday, September 30th @ 4:00 pm in the BES Library. Julia moved to adjourn the meeting; Kim seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Kim Martin, Secretary

Board Meeting sign-up schedule:

- Oct. 14th: Chrissie
- Nov. 11th: Amber
- Dec. 9th: Kim
- Feb. 10th: Megan
- Mar. 10th: Julia
- April 14th: Leanne
- May 12th: B