**Monday, January 29th, 2024**

The January Site Council meeting was called to order by President, Stephanie Porter. Members present were: Lynn Feldmann, Lynne Easter, Megan Gronewoller, Amber Quayle, Kim Martin, Amanda Schwerman, Luke Long, Julia Rabe, Charle Green, Chrissie Harris, Leanne Linton and Janet Porter. Guest Nora Rhoades was also present. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Leanne moved to approve the minutes; Chrissie seconded. Motion carried.

**Principal’s Report**

Mrs. Porter announced that there is a Foundation for Future Generations Community Meeting tonight, Monday, January 29th at the Beloit High School. The next two meetings are Monday, February 19th at the St. John’s Cafeteria and Monday, March 4th at Beloit Elementary School. The meeting at BES will include a performance by the Super Singers, tours of the building and more. More information about the USD 273 Bond 2024 can be found on the website at foundationforfuturegen.org or the Facebook page, Foundation for Future Generations. Ballots are due by April 18th.

The 3rd grade program was held on January 26th. The Student Senate from the NCK Vo-Tech College visited BES on January 29th over the lunch hour to interact and visit with the elementary students. On January 31st, the Keys to Success Assembly will highlight the character trait of responsibility. The Mitchell County Spelling Bee is on February 7th at St. John’s. BES will send five students from 5th and 6th grade. Parent-Teacher conferences are right around the corner on February 15th. Notes will go home soon to remind parents to sign up online for a conference spot. Mrs. Porter also announced that a Hunter Safety Course is being offered for 6th graders at BES. This includes three class sessions and a field day.

**KESA**

Mrs. Porter shared a copy of the Accountability Report for 2022-2023 for Beloit USD 273. This report can also be found online.

**Friends of BES:**

Friends for the month:

* Sid Goddard—donated $50 to the BES lunch fund
* Beloit Methodist Church—donated hats and gloves to school nurse
* NCK Vo-Tech Student Senate—had lunch and visited with BES kids
* Dollar Tree—donated batteries to the school
* John Swanson—donated KC Royals tickets to the BES Health Challenge
* Sonic/Tiffany Bockover—donated water for the BES Health Challenge

Amanda moved to accept these nominations; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

**PTO Report**

PTO Family Bingo Night on January 18th had a great turnout despite the weather. Box Tops is still going on. Pizza Hut PTO Fundraiser is on Monday February 26th.

**Old Business**

Mrs. Porter said discussions are still in the beginning stages for BES providing or coordinating swimming lessons for 4th graders in the coming years.

**Community Comments**

None.

**Committee Reports**

* By-Laws – No Update
* Character Ed – No update
* Goals – No update
* Parent Involvement – The Parent Engagement Survey was reviewed. No changes were made. The survey will be available for parents/guardians of BES students to fill out during Parent Teacher Conferences on February 15th. There was a group discussion on how to increase the response rate for the parent survey. Mrs. Porter is going to look into including a QR code this year for easier access to the survey to see if this raises the response rate.

Stephanie Porter has been working alongside Nora Rhoades, the Youth Development Extension Agent from the Post Rock District for K-State Research & Extension, on ideas for a math group at BES. Nora has begun the process of connecting our school with the KSU Math Department via K-State 105. The goal is to have more discussions and ideas centered on how the KSU Math Department can engage with schools throughout rural areas like ours.

Stephanie will report for the next BOE on February 12, 2024. The next Site Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26thth @ 4:00 pm in the BES Library. Chrissie moved to adjourn the meeting; Amber seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Kim Martin, Secretary

**Board Meeting sign-up schedule:**

* Mar. 11th: Chrissie
* April 8th: B
* May 13th: Stephanie