

Joe Phelan

From: John Kemnitzer
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Joe Phelan
Subject: RE: BMS Board Presentation

Joe,

The topic of the presentation will be the BMS STEM Club. As you'll recall, this is a "rebranding" of the Technology Club that's been defunct since Brian McDonald's days. It exists today because a high school student, Ellie Pitcher, along with a group of her friends approached Kristin Koegel last year about wanting to encourage more girls to take an interest in the sciences. While we obviously haven't limited it to girls, this group of high school students, under Mrs. Koegel's guidance, have been planning, facilitating, and implementing a series of weekly hands-on activities (i.e. exploding pumpkins, un-poppable bubbles, shark dissection) for middle school students that have created a lot of excitement and interest. Membership has grown significantly throughout the year.

Ellie, along with some of her fellow facilitators, as well as some of the middle school club members, will present. I thought it was a great way to highlight the initiative taken by some of our older students and the collaboration between buildings that I've been looking to foster between BMS/RHS and BMS/CLS over the past several years.

Please let me know if you need any more information.

John

From: Joe Phelan <jphelan@rhinebeckcsd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 3:12 PM
To: John Kemnitzer <jkemnitzer@rhinebeckcsd.org>
Subject: RE: BMS Board Presentation

John,

Is there a presentation topic/title? Thanks.

Joe Phelan

From: John Kemnitzer <jkemnitzer@rhinebeckcsd.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:29 AM
To: Joe Phelan <jphelan@rhinebeckcsd.org>
Subject: BMS Board Presentation

Joe,

I spoke with Kristin Koegel, STEM club advisor, who says that they would be willing to present at the March 12 BOE meeting instead of next Tuesday. This might help shorten the evening, given the double agenda.

Please let me know if you would like me to ask them to move to March 12.

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Attendance: Diane Lyons, Liz Raum, Mark Fleischhauer, Joe Phelan

Mental Health Policy

NYSED requires that by September 1, 2019 we have a Mental Health policy. The requirements are not specific and NYSED has distributed a sample policy for guidance. After reviewing we discovered that our district already has in practice much of what is covered in their sample policy. Joe is editing the policy with input from Emily Davidson and our Administrators, both of whom are reviewing the sample policy to fully understand if there is anything we are NOT doing to comply.

Skippping Grades/Advance Learners

The question was raised during the Curriculum Cmte. whether our district should have a policy regarding skipping grades. It is not customary to have such a policy and the committee recommends that we do not write a policy.

Next Meeting: March 28th, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Liz Raum

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Attendance: Lisa Rosenthal, Jaclyn Savolainen, Mark Fleischhauer, Sheldon Tieder, Tom Burnell, Joe Phelan

Invited Guests: Rich Michel (Tetrattech), Lou Rodriguez (Palumbo Group)

This meeting consisted of a discussion of the bids for the voter approved construction project.

Lou Rodriguez discussed the qualifying meeting that was held with the bidders. All of the bidders were determined to be qualified to do the work.

There was only one bidder for the site work and the roofing. The site work bid was approximately \$1 million over the pre-bid estimate, and the roofing bid was \$500,000 over the estimate. Lou recommends that these projects may need to be adjusted a bit and re-bid. For example, several contractors could not meet the proposed schedule for the site work and therefore did not bid. Lou believes that if the schedule is adjusted, additional contractors will bid.

The electrical bid was somewhat over the estimate. An alternate proposal was raised which could produce substantial savings. Savings could be used for some of the proposed alternates.

References to be checked on two contractors.

Lou recommended that bids be awarded on the remaining work.

The committee would like to discuss the bids and contractors with the full Board in an early Executive session prior to awarding bids on March 12.

Next meeting: March 21

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Fleischhauer

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Finance Committee Meeting

March 7, 2019

Attendees: Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell, Mark Fleischhauer, Steve Jenkins, absent Liz Raum

School Lunch Fund – We reviewed this years' P&L through January 2019 v. same period previous year. Some of the differences explained by more days in attendance this year and salary savings due to short staffed. The program is seeing an increase in participation, but the number of free and reduced students remain basically the same from last year. Participation up even with decline in enrollment. Revenue up by ~\$8,000 Expenses down ~\$6,000 over previous year's numbers at the same time.

Personnel Committee to take up the item of cafeteria salaries. There is a concern with the increase of the minimum wage that retaining and hiring employees will be difficult.

Budget – Tom reviewed some changes to the budget which will help close the \$128k gap. They include additional \$50,000 revenue we can bill another district for foster child attending RCSD, potential negotiation savings from recent negotiations, blended active and retiree health insurance rate increase of 6.04%.

Tom and staff have started to build the public budget document by incorporating the 2 other districts we selected to emulate.

Accounting Software – conversion to Envision and training in progress. It's been a steep learning curve, but it looks like it will improve workflow significantly and eliminate a lot of the district's spreadsheets.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2019
May 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Steve Jenkins