

## BVPO Minutes – September 9, 2019

**Introductions** - George Bosch, BVPO President, welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. A sign in sheet was circulated. George Bosch has a copy of the sign in sheet.

Amity intern introduction

Gayle Spinks & Gretchen Ruddick - 4 of 5 able to attend tonight

Gerson Alexander Alvarado - El Salvador - assisting 3rd grade Llamas Henderson and Downes

Mario Infante Bahillo - Spain - Assisting 5th Grade Seth Cooper

Lorena Vesga - Colombia - Assisting 4th Grade

Jacquellin Hernandez - El Salvador - Assisting 1st Grade

Luis Lopez- Spain - Assisting 2nd grade

Staying with host families but please invite them to participate with you on outings, lunches, dinners, etc. help them feel welcome.

Library Update Tiffany

Waiting on shelving to be delivered, \$13,500, funds sourced \$6,500 from the Scholasdtic account, \$7,000 from the Capital fund.

Currently 4j doesnt provide teacher librarians for elementary and middle school Student success act that recently passed, we want teacher librarians back in the schools. We need to speak up about the need. We do what we can with volunteers, its not enough to run the library properly.

There is no resource in the district to go to for help. No one is teaching the skills to utilize the library, to research, increase reading skills.

There is a 4J survey out by email and Facebook. Look for it and fill it out PLEASE Oregon mandates that there be a strong library programs but 4J does not meet that criteria.

Colby Huling - Tiffany has run the library with volunteers for 6 years, Melissa is not using FTE or EA's. WE need to ask the district to prioritize the library.

Tiffany introduced Jessica

The Library is being coordinated by Jessica Kunasek ([kunasekfamily4@gmail.com](mailto:kunasekfamily4@gmail.com)) and she needs 3 parent volunteers from each classroom to help – separate signups will be coming – as well as parents to re-shelve

Jessica – She is hoping to be able to make the library accessible end of September. Trying with whatever resources they have people wise to do what is most pressing, some teachers will read, some will help check out with the students.

Software is streamlined scan, no worries about how many books they can check out, its a yes or no option now.

Helping even for ten minutes at a time checking books, shelving, assisting students.

Younger grades need more help, but as many volunteers as possible, doesn't matter if you speak Spanish or not.

Ashley - Question, how many volunteers - 3 per classroom preferred

**Open Positions** – George went over the open positions on BVPO. There are lots of opportunities and needs for this year including a Vice President, back-up treasurer and secretary, site council, and some additional school affair reps.

George went over who is handling school affairs [consult his list which should be posted on website]

There is also a need for assistance with activities – I don't

Jog-a-Thon is set for October 1. Volunteers are needed.

OBOB – Amy Peterson and Sydney Koh will be handling. This is a state wide reading program that 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders participate in.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact George/

**Principal and Staff Update** – Melissa Ibarra was not present but sent a video to the school to update everyone on the latest on staffing and other issues. Synopsis – We are not going to use Remind this year because it charged a fee so classes will be using ClassDoJo. Several new teachers have joined in Kindergarten and First Grade. We also received a new educational assistant for behavioral intervention. Maestra Bradley was moved to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and they are looking for a new 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher. Right now Maestro Cooper is doing Spanish lessons and a substitute is handling the English part of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The Kindergarten List will be out Sept. 13. Jog-a-thon is Oct. 1. Walk and Bike to School is Oct. 2. Fall Carnival is Oct. 9 and there is no school Oct. 10-11. There have been changes to the morning routine in terms of having students go through the cafeteria. They do not want students waiting out front. They are trying to potentially set up the library for students and make other space available. The video is available:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BVKp5MsvRU3GfZpWKD9xoCVY7v0CRdNc/view>

After the video played, parents provided some feedback including concern about the reason for the change in the morning and about having safety concerns. There does not appear to be enough space for everyone in the morning in the cafeteria and it is very chaotic. Parents would like more information on why things have changed and how the school is going to address this.

Weekend Backpack Assistance – This is a program where we provide food for students who need assistance over the weekend. The BVPO purchased rice and bean packets (which we assisted in making) and have enough for probably this year. We also have granola from Food for Lane County and welcome donations of nonperishable items. They also welcome volunteers to help stuff backpacks. Please contact Sydney Koh (

***School Affairs*** – Sydney Koh reminded everyone that Carnival is Oct. 9 and she will need volunteers and cake walk donations. There will not be a meal this year (used to be a fundraiser for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade experience but the 5<sup>th</sup> grade now has Outdoor School). Euphoria Chocolate is going to have treats for sale and a portion will go to BVPO. The Carnival itself is not a fundraiser but many people give a donation when they attend and this usually covers the costs.

Coffee chats will be once a month and it is a chance for parents to connect and learn about the school/BVPO. The first one is Sept. 17. Sydney is hoping that the grade level reps will help coordinate with each taking a month. 5<sup>th</sup> (Sydney) will handle September. There was suggestion that there be name tags and that the name tags identify a role with BVPO (if any).

Some questions were asked about the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation and how to get a better set up. No decision was made but people seemed in support of exploring options.

Chico's selected Buena Vista for its school supply fundraising drive. Maestra Baker provided a list and Chico's delivered the supplies to the school. All present were very appreciative.

**Fundraising/Budget:** A budget and fundraising update was provided. A copy of the budget and information can be obtained from the Treasurer. Bottom line is that we were about 14k short for our proposed budget for this year and we need to raise more money. Coming into the school year we had already allocated for Amity and Essentials (supplies, tax assistance, school affairs etc.) and that exceeds our fundraising. We will have to dip into our deficit for that. There is also money allocated – like 4407 for the garden – that was never spent and never will be. And there are things in the proposed budget that might not be needed. There was a general consensus that we should move the garden money back into the general budget.

***Motion to Move 4407 to general funds*** –A motion was made to move 4407 that had been allocated to the garden to the general funds to spend and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. Resolved – The \$4407 was moved to the general budget to spend.

A couple of questions were asked about the library funds. The fund in the Scholastic Account is cash not books (we can choose) and there is separate money that was allocated for the library remodel which occurred several years ago (at the same time as the garden). Those present briefly explained that several years ago, BVPO had a surplus because it had not completely spent the funds it raised and the BVPO voted on several things like the garden and library improvements that would be long term. Questions were asked about why we were struggling with fundraising. It was explained that BVPO used to get all the money from Jog-A-Thon which was a huge fundraiser and provided a lot of the funds for Amity which is our largest expenditure. Now based on a change at the District, because Jog-a-thon happens during school, the school gets those funds and Melissa allocates them. The capital project proposals happened before this change.

The discussion turned back to the proposed budget and whether it should just be approved and we use the deficit. There was some concern that we need to figure out exactly what the remaining items were for and whether we needed it. There is also other money allocated for long term projects and it is unclear how that will be spent. The discussion turned to how do we become more open about what we use the money for and why we need to fundraise more.

For fundraising this year, there will be a direct drive and we will be trying to tell people what we are going to use the money for. We will also be more specific about the fundraising opportunities in the building and Joanna Palmer will be sending out more information. We will maybe have a video of the Amity interns to sell that program which is our biggest expenditure.

No final vote on the budget was held. A more detailed description of spending would be circulated in advance of the next meeting in order to have a better discussion.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 6:30 PM