

BVPO Meeting – June 5, 2017

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Ben Temple welcomed everyone. The following members were present: Ben Temple, George Bosch, Melissa Ibarra, Keri Pape, Colby Huling, Brian Keedy, Ricci Huling, Kelly Fenley, Jill Hudson, Amy Birney, Abe Rincon, Pamela Leuck, Victoria Palacios Cronin, Leah Callahan, Natalie Scott, Sarah Garcia, Nicole Wilson, Sydney Koh, Todd Grigsby, Heidi Grigsby, Joanna Palmer, Lisa Kovacevic, Autumn Christopherson, Tiffany Wright, April Colgrove, Amy Potter, Brian Keedy, Rosa Chavez, Ebba Corleto

Motion to Approve May Minutes: A motion was made to approve the May minutes and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. ***Resolved*** – The May Meeting Minutes were approved.

Motion to Approve \$100 for evening custodian Martin: A motion was made to approve the purchase of a \$100 gift certificate for Martin and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. ***Resolved*** – The purchase of a \$100 gift card for the evening custodian Martin was approved.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE: Ben announced that he expected Andrea, from 4J, to be present to explain a new 4J fundraising policy. As Ben understands it, the policy will require that money raised at fundraisers that happen at school during school hours go into the Principal's budget. Others fundraising dollars will go into the BVPO budget. Ben thinks the big fundraiser this will impact is Jog-a-thing, If those funds go to the principal, then there are certain things the BVPO will probably stop funding (the 10k for collaboration and the 5k for classroom grants). The BVPO would not have a say in how the money is spent, but the principal would likely seek opinion if BVPO is putting it on. There was some concern raised that the principal cannot pay for Amity Interns (because of district rules and paying for staff), but Jog-a-thon is the big fundraiser for Amity and what would we replace it with. There is some question about whether this rule will go into effect next year or not. The issue is not giving the money to the principal but there is some question about keeping Amity going if the principal can't use funds for that. There was a question asked about why there is this change. Ben was not sure but others noted there might be liability issues. Ben will send an email to the group when he can set something up with Andrea. Long term the group may want to reconsider whether to do auction more frequently and whether someone wants to take on that.

OPEN POSITIONS: Ben announced that additional people had indicated a willingness to take on open positions. Ricci Huling agreed to be Vice President and Joanna Palmer agreed to be Fundraising Co-chair. As Board Position, these need approval.

Motion to Approve Board Positions: A motion was made to approve the following board positions Ricci Huling as Vice President and Joanna Palmer as Fundraising Co-chair. A majority of those present voted to approve. ***Resolved*** – The following members were elected to the board for 2017-2018: Ricci Huling as Vice President and Joanna Palmer as Fundraising Co-chair.

Some additional positions also remain open including Library volunteer and grade level reps. George Bosch and Keri Pape agreed to be third grade reps

FIESTA - Principal Melissa Ibarra discussed the decision on Fiesta. She sat down with Ben and Colby who pitched a proposal to have Fiesta on school grounds and later in year. The teachers felt that having it on school grounds did not address the concerns about the number of hours lost to instruction (and that there is no dance standard) and created a new stress of coming up something new in end of year. The teachers felt the proposal did not keep their concerns in mind. The teachers could not see doing a dance. Melissa announced that Fiesta will no longer be held.

After the announcement, there were a lot of questions and concerns were raised. Many present asked if there was going to be a replacement. Some expressed that other elementary schools have performances which takes additional work from teachers. At Site-Council, it was shared that all teachers have a project that enhances area study and they want to have evening component whether that is an art gallery walk, a talent show or some type of culminating event. There was a question about whether we will be keeping a space to have someone teach dance and one parent noted that there are dance standards for elementary school. There were questions about what a new event would look like – would it be day or evening, would it be the entire school or focus on grade level. Some parents noted how many things have been removed – BizTown, the Woodburn field trip, Maude Kerns, pumpkin patch. Melissa noted that there are various reasons certain things have ended. For example, this year the Second Grade did not want to plan the Woodburn trip. One parent noted that if some wanted me to do less, I would. Others countered that the teachers are doing a lot, much of which is outside standard hours including translating lessons and other things. It was noted that there is going to be a lot of hurt people because it is such a big deal. Some mentioned that parents are going to this school for the cultural experience. Another person who supports Fiesta noted that she wants to support of our teachers and respect all opinions but we keep losing more and more of what creates community. Others noted that so much has been lost and what has been lost is the sense of fun and the ability to bring people together. Others noted the options to do something fun keep getting taken away. Others noted how long Fiesta had been around. Others noted that Fiesta is great but it is not an event that allows a lot of connection. Many felt the school could develop something else that would provide the community and fun but wanted something set for next year. Others noted that they were disappointed but understand the teachers' point of view. Some asked

whether this decision could be reconsidered in the future and suggested a small group or committee to look at alternatives. Another person mentioned Artists in Residence and how that did not take from instructional time and could we look at other options – for example certain grades have three recesses, could we use that time? Some expressed surprise at suddenness of decision. Another parent mentioned that this has brewing for a while – teachers have been unhappy for a while but this may be the first time someone is listening. We have lost the spark of the teachers, but we should not let any new event be unplanned – it needs to be set. Others continued to mention that Fiesta is the thing that sets us apart. Other parents mentioned that the teachers are not reaching out to the parents in advance to assist to lessen the burden. But, it was made clear that teachers were asked if it was a lack of volunteers and the teachers indicated it was not. Ben offered that he was surprised because did not realize zero was on the table and did not see it coming. The idea that was proposed was a dance event on the playground in June and one rehearsal a month. The issue of informing other parents came up – that is up to Melissa and complaints should also be directed to her. Some present mentioned that there should be a positive spin.

AMITY: There is a farewell at Dickie Jos on June 15 from 6-8 pm. Teachers have been really happy about the collaboration and the feedback from teachers and interns better this year. This is our 9th year and we have accepted our 27th intern. We have 4 of 5 interns but we still need host families.

TREASURER REPORT -Todd provided the update on current spending. He needs receipts - if there are expenses let him know. The garden and fence projects are ongoing. Some capital projects haven't started yet, but will roll over to next year. Todd provided charts to show fundraising and expenditures. The funds available for next year is 60,921. Next year's spending is based on this year's fundraising. Here are proposed expenditures:

Expenditures

Already approved:

Admin	2975 (these are fixed expenses and must be spent)
Amity	35000 (this has already been approved)
Costa Rica.	700 – (Trip gives gift and this was agreed to last year)

Other expenses in past years:

Staff collaboration	10000 – This pays for substitutes so teachers can meet with Melissa to collaborate on grade level issues.
Classroom Grants	5100 – Money for teachers to purchase items for classroom
School Affairs.	1200 – This pays fir ice cream social, coffee chats, teacher luncheon

This adds up to 54975

Other proposals:

OBOB 500 - We have made grant request, but we may not get it and this will purchase paperbacks in library

Weekend Backpack Food Program (WBFP) - 1500 – This is half the amount to purchase beans and rice packets to place food in backpacks of children in need for weekend. Last year it helped 33 kids. Previously, there was private funding but would like school support.

Amity Recruitment- 500 – For Amity to spend more on recruiting host families.

There was a discussion about these proposed expenses. The Amity expense was discussed and it was determined it was not necessary. For staff collaboration, this is if district doesn't give the money. With Fiesta ending, there is money available. Everyone seemed to agree on classroom grants, but it is just a question of how much. With School Affairs, there is a budget that does not include carnival which supports itself. Someone asked if there was a way to use the school garden or other food for the WBFP program. The issue is that the rice and beans can be stored easily and for a long time.

Everyone seems to agree that all the proposed expenditures (except the \$500 for Amity) should be support. If we make all the typical expenditures plus the WBFP and OBOB, it is \$56,975. This leaves a surplus of \$3946. The question is what to spend that on.

This is possible money for a community event. This could be the expanded carnival. More of a community event. There could also be an end of the year BBQ. Also, there could be funds if teachers came up with a viable field trip. The discussion continued regarding approximately 4000 in funds that could be part of the community event – there is a tentative agreement to spend or have a plan to spend by November 1. Some other thoughts were a DreamBox license or other educational programs.

There was some question about what would happen in Jog-a-thon went away. For example, should we fund collaboration. The recommendation was to approve the proposed budget with the contingency that if Jog-a-thon goes to the Principal's Budget, we will revisit budget.

Motion to Approve 2017-2018 Budget: A motion was made to approve the proposed 2017-2018 of expenditures of \$56,975 with the remaining \$3946 being reserved for a potential community event or other expenditure that will hopefully be proposed in the Fall. This budget is contingent on BVPO retaining control on all fundraising. If Jog-a-thon is directed to the Principal's budget, this budget will be revisited. ***Resolved*** – The following budget was approved:

- Admin 2975
- Amity 35000
- Costa Rica. 700
- Staff collaboration 10000
- Classroom Grants 5100
- School Affairs. 1200
- OBOB 500
- Weekend Backpack Food Program (WBFP) – 1500

With \$3946 reserved for a community event to be proposed in the Fall. This budget is contingent on the fundraising rules not changing next year

UPCOMING DATES: Some upcoming date - Triathlon is June 12, 5th Grade graduation June 14 - 5th grade graduation, Field Day June 22. The Dance has been postponed.

PRINCIPAL AND STAFF UPDATE – The students have brought home intent to return forms. This is to try to get enrollment numbers and make it easier to make staffing decisions. Library books are due Friday, We were second in the electronic waste competition. Next year, instead of a school supply list, there will be a school supply fee of \$30. The only thing families will need to provide are backpacks, headphones and lunch boxes. In terms of staffing, Maestra Fields is retiring and Maestro Verdugo is not returning. The math projectors have been installed and there is a voice enhancement system with a microphone to speak into.

GARDEN – There have been a lot of things going on . Ben Hinde broke his leg but others have been trying to salvage the plants. The garden received a \$3000 grant which will be used for a greenhouse and composter. They have a design for an outdoor classroom to apply for another grant (10k) and they hope to make that happen in the next few years. They are trying to make it easier for teachers to use without a ton of time commitment. The picking of the food is the hardest part. They are working on a plan for the summer.