

BVPO Meeting Minutes Monday, May 11, 2015 6:30-8:00PM BV Library

In attendance: Tiffany Wright, Amy Birney, Ricci Huling, Ben Temple, Autumn Christopherson, Rosa Chavez, Gerardo Sandoval, Enda Pierce, Gail Spinks, Sarah McKee, Sydney Koh, Carmel Lakhani, Laurie Burke, Dan Howard, José Torres, Enrique Macias, Kristi Hess, Kim Darden, Keri Papé, Jesús Leon, Juan Cuadros, Deborah Havel, Tim Bruegman, Chris Young, Beth Junge.

Call to order/group intros. - Tim

1. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ricci made motion, Autumn seconded, to approve April meeting minutes. Motion passed.

2. Vice President/Amity Update - Ricci

a. planning a farewell/thank you party for Amity teachers on May 30.

3. School Affairs Update

a. Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week - Update Juan reported that it went well and everything was appreciated, especially Renee's cookies.

b. Staff Appreciation Brunch (June 5) - Please check e-news to sign up to bring specific food items.

c. School affairs meeting on Friday, May 15 at 8:30AM

4. Fundraising Update

a. Subasta Update - Ben reported a net profit of between \$39,000 and \$40,000.

b. Spring Bookfair Update - Tiffany reported earnings of \$8500 plus \$1300 in Scholastic dollars. Spring Bookfair raised more than December Bookfair: adding a Sunday time slot as well as a Grandparents Cinnamon Roll function on Friday morning most likely contributed to the upswing.

c. Grant Writing - ongoing process. Tim invited anyone who might be willing to help to do so.

5. Fiesta Update - Autumn reported a smooth and safely run evening. Dismissal still needs some adjusting but the photos being taken in the lobby after each performance saved a lot of time and trouble. Heidi G. is taking DVD orders.

a. Burrito/Hot Dog Dinner Update - not a great money maker

b. School made \$3000 in donations ruing the event. Dr. White made a \$3500 donation.

Combined, our Hult Center rental is virtually covered. Chapala donated part of the food for teachers during rehearsal and Shamrock made a donation of flowers for the flower sale.

Jesus volunteered to help with Spanish translation for performance. Special note was made about 4th grade (Llamas) performance and the demonstration of literacy! It was noted that an effort be made to have Fiesta before Spring Break next year.

6. Treasurer Update - Enda made the request to get all reimbursements, expenses, etc. turned in ASAP. June 10 is deadline. Amy will post this announcement in e-news. Fundraising to date = \$86,941. Fantastic!

a. Tim made a request on behalf of the 5th grade for a \$1500 gift for promotion and associated activities.

Motion: Kim made motion, Sydney seconded, to gift \$1500 to this year's 5th grade for promotion expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Question of BVPO providing \$500 cash gift for host school in Costa Rica. Fewer students going = higher cost per student; gift is an expectation but out of reach for participants to pay.

Motion: Autumn made motion, Carmel seconded, that BVPO provide a \$500 cash gift for host school in Costa Rica from this year's trip class. Motion passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstaining.

7. Communications Update

a. E-News Update - Amy announced deadlines and releases. May 13 deadline for May 18 publication; May 27 for June 1 publication. Amy would like to consolidate dates for a "look ahead" in the last e-news including standard annual events. She will also post a Field Day heads up to solicit volunteers.

Juan requested a volunteer for Field Day coordinator. Field Day is June 10 and final day for ALL Kinders is June 9.

b. Website Update - Deb - visual presentation of BVPO website. Site costs \$80/year to maintain. Deb is requesting photos for site. In cooperation with BV (Juan) and 4J, the site aims to take some of the burden off of the office by posting BVPO business on their own site. Deb would like to include a calendar with links and perhaps a "donate here" button. Any other ideas should be emailed to Deb.

9. Site Council Update - did not meet last week, nothing to report.

10. Principal & Staff Update - Juan

a. Thank you for Teacher/Staff appreciation Week, especially the kind gesture including all staff.

b. Juan sent a note to 3rd and 4th grade families regarding blended classrooms for next year and the fact that the District provided BV with .5 more FTE necessary to avoid blended rooms. He noted that we are still in need of more staffing in the form of counseling/psych.

Next year PE will be offered all year, 2 days/week.

Music will be offered half of the year. Juan prefers 1st half so that teachers can collaborate during PE class time to improve teaching methods in classroom.

c. Staffing: A strong candidate from AZ has been offered a job for next year. Juan is still looking for 3 more teachers to fulfill needs.

d. Assessments are ongoing: OAKS, ESTAMP (3rd & 5th grades) measuring Spanish fluency.

e. Peer observations: feedback surveys have been sent to teachers.

f. In collaboration with teachers, Juan is working on Academic Mission and Vision so that they can reach out to families for feedback.

11. Cultural Immersion Trip - no report

12. 2015-16 Budget Discussion - Tim facilitated discussion for ideas of what to include in next year's spending budget.

~ Amity teachers = \$7000 per teacher. Hope to obtain 5 teachers for next year but we need 6 more host families.

- ~ Artist in Residence
- ~ \$ towards non-subasta year
- ~ Library
- ~ Classroom Grants
- ~ Biz Town
- ~ Skate World - all school "paid for" skate party
- ~ 5th Grade courtesy gift for promotion expenses

Adjourned: 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Beth Junge