

BVPO MEETING - MARCH 6, 2017

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Ben Temple, President, welcomed everyone and gave away Spirit Gear for new attendee. The following members were present: Ben Temple, Ricki Huling, Colby Huling, Amy Birney, Heidi Grigsby, Sydney Koh, Tammy Zepeda, Ben Hinde, Nicole Wilson, Sam T, Amy Potter, Abraham Rincón, Mike Sámano, Laurie Burke, Alex Duclos, Jill Duclos, George “Jorge” Bosch, Ben Gese, Heidi Gese, Gretchen Ruddick, Lisa Kovacevic , Todd Grigsby, Victoria Palacios Cronin, Melissa Ibarra, Tiffany Wright, Keri Papé.

Ben reminded everyone that we could still use a Vice President, library volunteer coordinator, a communications volunteer and some grade level representatives.

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

AMITY – Lisa indicated that they are interviewing people for next year and have selected two interns from Spain. They are starting to ask for host families and will be hosting an information session before the next BVPO meeting. They will send information out through the grade level representatives. They need 10 families who have a dedicated room for the intern and the ability to provide meals. This is a huge service to the school and an amazing experience for kids and families. Ideally, they like to have host families lined up by May and they connect the families with interns before they arrive. A question was asked about interest last year - Lisa said that even when people have space it is a big commitment and people are hesitant. In terms of how the interviews go, Amity sends applications 2 at a time, they interview and then they have two weeks to decided. Last year all the interns had been selected by the end of April.

FIESTA - George Bosch suggested an announcement about host families at Fiesta. He said that the programs are all ready and the sign up link for volunteers has been sent out. It takes many volunteers particularly Friday during the day to make this happen. They need at least three parents per class. Teachers will be requesting that kids bring a sack (disposal lunch) on Friday or lunch can also be ordered through school. Melissa mentioned that the Superintendent and potentially several Board members would be coming. There is a recommended \$10 donation per family - the cost of the Hult has gone up. There will be dads with flags/buckets to collect donations. Parking will be \$6 but there is free parking on the street. Parents must check in and check out their students. The Rising 5th grade class will be selling Burrito Amigos and flowers to raise money for their end of the year "retreat."

FUNDRAISING – The box top fundraiser starts 3/13. Amber Seiz is leading that. The class that collects the most gets popcorn party. Subasta Latina made about

35000 made which was that same as 2013. 2015 was an overachieving auction (\$40,000) and it takes a super concerted effort. 2015 procurement was better - there are not complaints about procurement this year, but in 2015 there were higher value and more items. It went well this year but we need to build more of a team approach or we crush the volunteers. By next February, two people need to be in place to run Subasta. Ben will coach the next people, but it his last one so he needs folks to take over

LIBRARY REMODEL - Tiffany discussed the proposed library remodel, which will happening in phases. In the first phase, there will be a change in the cabinets, new cases and carpet squares. In the second phase, they hope to repaint and eventually turn computer room into stem lab. Everything is going to be mobile. There will be a gathering area where the higher ceiling is and books in the back on movable bookcases. They are considering asking business for bookcase donations and putting the business name on a nameplate on the bookcase. The checkout station will be on wheels as well. They are also looking at padded benches and stuff for kids to sit on. The idea is for Autumn and Tiffany and Melissa to guide remodel, but what we do not have is someone who is going to get the work going. We need somebody who is going to do leg work in order to move forward. Need to work with 4J to see what we can do ourselves etc. Talk to Tiffany or Ben if interested.

BOOK FAIR is last week of April. April 30 is the Dia de Los Ninos and the starting date may depend on activities for that date.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT - The garden seeds have been ordered and Ben hopes that by the beginning of April we will have stuff to plant. There is a fundraiser on April 30 - a 5K for Costa Rica - event sponsored. On March 22, there will be an information session to learn more about trip.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS - The school tours went great. Parents got to see many classrooms. Let Heidi know if there were any concerns.

Melissa Ibarra, Principal, mentioned that the lottery is the 8th and parents have 5 days to accept the spot. The lottery is changing for all language programs. The lottery list will be created by grade level and a waitlist by grade level. They look at sibling preferences, language, and free and reduced lunch. We can take 75 kindergarteners.

The School Dance is April 21 - 6:30 - 8:00. Carnival - If you are interested in working on carnival next year talk to Sydney Koh. She needs partner as this is her last year. Classified staff appreciate week. This year we are doing a Wednesday lunch hosted by the 3rd grade. The other grades will do something during teacher appreciation.

SPRING BREAK FOOD DRIVE - Victoria and Sydney are running this and have put out barrels for donations and sent out a sign up genius. They need help packing on March 22 so we can have them ready for Friday pick up. Anything they get will go out to the families. It is hard to know what need because everyone brings at end.

OPEN POSITIONS – The biggest opening is for fundraising. April Colgrove is finished with her term as fundraising co-chair. The biggest thing she works on is the Papa’s fundraiser. Elizabeth is coming back to do Supper club. There are also openings for a Site Council rep, grade level reps and someone to lead the grade level reps. We also need someone out start learning more about the library and a volunteer recruiter.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE – Melissa started with a few calendar updates. The week prior to school dance is school spirit week. March 18 is OBOB regionals and the Fantastic 5 will be competing. Spring Break is March 23-April 3. March 21 is Kindergarten roundup. April 11 is family engineering night and May is noche de lotteria

The staffing proposal came out. Staffing is based on projected enrollment of 461. We are currently at 429. Here are the current students:

76 kindergarten

77 first

76 second

68 third

79 fourth

There are 374 students projected to remain next year. With 75 projected kindergarteners, we still need students in other grades next year. For first grade - 10-11; Second - 10; Third - 11; Fourth -19 (but no where need that number on the lottery list). We will be able to fill kinder and first grade, second will be able to backfill. For third grade, we have 7 families in the lottery and for 4th there are 2. This is only in district. The reason we would like 19 for next year’s 4th grade is because we need to add that many to get to 3 classes.

We were given 16.75 FTEs for teachers. The staffing proposal discussed was based on 17 FTEs with the hope that the district will ultimately give us the extra .25 FTE. Here are the proposed classes for next year based on the projected numbers:

Kindergarten – three classes of 25 students each

1st grade - three classes of 29 students each

2nd grade - three classes of 29 students each

3rd grade – three class - two with 28 students and one with 27 (7 families have applied and there are 11 open spots)

5th grade - three classes- two with 26 students and one with 27

For 4th grade – there are 68 student plus 2 on list. There are two options.

- (1) 5 sessions of 4-5 blend; *or*
- (2) 2 classes of 4th with 35 and 3 sessions of 5th.

The current 3rd grade classes are 21,22,23, which is a great classroom size, but we need more students to get FTEs and to support the program going forward. This class is a bubble cohort. Questions were asked about why this happened. There are a variety of potential reasons especially that kids often struggle to read in English and parents may opt to withdraw them. We try to educate parents so they don't leave in the transitional year. It is also harder to add students later, but with changes in the lottery it may get easier. There are going to be years with high attrition and years with not enough. We also need to recruit more Spanish speakers. Currently, native Spanish speakers make up only about a fourth of the school - there are only 6 in kindergarten.

Multiple concerns were made about the possible blend including how students would be assigned and whether the 4th graders would end up essentially repeating a grade the next year. Concerns were also raised about the large class sizes.

The issue was presented to the teachers and they voted overwhelmingly to have two classes of 35, not a blend. This is the proposal that was made to 4J – two 4th grade classes of 35.

There were discussions about whether more classified staff, Amity intern or volunteer time could be devoted to next year's 4th grade. These are all things that will have to be considered. Breakout groups require space but there might be ways to get extra attention to students. The issue is really not instruction but classroom management.

This staffing allocation keeps all the present staffing. This is important, as we need to slow down teacher attrition. Keeping teachers is good for the school and enrollment. Melissa ended with saying that she will bring staffing updates as she gets them to BVPO.