

BVPO MEETING – APRIL 10, 2017

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Ben welcomed everyone. The following members were present Ben Temple, Nicole Wilson, Tiffany Wright, Melissa Ibarra, Laura Lee, Sydney Koh, Victoria Palacios, Todd Grigsby, Heidi Grigsby, Colby Huling, Sara Grace, Neil Callahan, Leah Callahan, Maestra Baker, Maestra Bradley, Heidi Gese, Ben Gese, Keri Pape, Amy Birney, Jose, Amy Peterson, and Lisa Kovacevic. Ben let everyone know that there is a lot to cover so some topics may have to be tabled for next month.

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

AMITY - There was a host interest meeting before BVPO and only one family showed up. They currently have two host families signed up and they need ten to support the five interns next year. The interns are young adults who need a place to stay and access to food. This is the time of year to recruit host families. Please email Lisa if you are interested or know someone who might be interested. One major issue is space - the interns must have a separate room. The interns that are here this year are doing a great job.

SITE COUNCIL - ALICE training is coming up and there are parent information nights on April 17th from 7-8pm and April 26 from 5:30-6:30pm at the District Office. There will be a school open house May 1-5 when parents can come to Buena Vista and preview the slide show and video the children will see on ALICE training. It is called "I am not scared, I am prepared." Spirit Week is next week (April 17-21) and the theme will be emailed shortly. The school dance is June 9. There was an update on EEF grants. The EEF grants were announced last week and they have to be submitted by May 15. We have used them in the past to buy books for OBOB, Kindergarten curriculum, and music equipment. This year there is a little more funding but shorter turn around. We can apply for up to five grants and request up to 5k per grant. Priority is being given to impacting large number of students and meeting education goals. They would really like requests to have teacher involvement and for the grants to show how the request will be used in classroom. Site Council is thinking of pairing writers with teachers to apply for grants. Site Council is looking for ideas and people to help draft those ideas. They hope to have a solid list by April 24. Teachers are being approached for ideas but they wanted ideas from parents as well. In the past, we have requested \$500 for OBOB books but EEF is looking for more innovation and grants that have been given three or more times need to explain how it benefits. Also, EEF wants to create new capacity and the question with the same grants over and over if how the grants create new capacity. A suggestion was made about requesting funds for the library remodel

but there were questions about whether EEF grants can be used for physical space. Another suggestion was STEM kits. Grants for curriculums and kits will be better received. Another idea was a multicultural event or Artists in Residence (on a smaller scale - a four week program for example). There is also a Spanish theater group that is coming in for the 5th graders this year (\$1000) and whether a grant could be used for that in the future. A question was raised about grants for technology. EEF is reluctant to do grants for technology because (1) there was a bond measure for that and (2) there is concern about upkeep. Any technology request would need to go through the district first. The Gilham PTO spends money on tutoring so that could be an option. Ongoing continuing grants would all be considered as long as there is a portion of the grant that explains the benefit - i.e., Here is what happened, here is level engagement, circulation of books, supporting English, still not meeting every student need on OBOB equity, access.

TREASURER UPDATE - Todd passed out budget information that detailed current spending and fundraising for next year. For current spending out of the operating budget, we are on track for spending on Amity, teacher collaboration (invoice in June), Fiesta, and classroom grants. BizTown and the anti bullying program was dropped so that can be rolled over to next year. The Woodburn field trip is still happening. We also have administrative costs. A question was asked about why the anti bullying was dropped. No parent volunteered to schedule and manage so the decision was made not to go forward. Maestra Baker, who is in charge of positive behavior support, indicated that the school climate survey (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade) indicated a need to beef up teaching about bullying - specifically what to do to prevent and what to do if you see it. The data is interesting because kids are confused. It would benefit us to look at programs and maybe bring it to you for the future. Older students are confused so can only imagine what younger kids think. This was added to the list of possible EEF grants.

For the Capital Budget, which was funds that were allocated for large projects, the Garden and fencing project is ongoing and some payments made, the library remodel is in progress, the PE equipment has been purchased. The Go kits are supposed to be funded by 4J. The PV for BV Solar Panel Project has had some struggles because 4J has not been willing to sign certain documents and now an RFP will have to be done. It should eventually happen.

For fundraising, there was a question about the money raised at Fiesta. Fiesta is an expense, but if we get donations it is offset. It is not meant to be a fundraiser and must be budgeted for in the next year. This year's donations will be added to the total pool of money for next year. The donations do not cover the costs. Also, there is an additional expense for Fiesta - \$800 for buses that Melissa had to take out of her budget.

So right now, we have roughly \$54,447 in fundraising. This is 7-8k short of last year. We raised about 16k from Jog-a-thon after expenses, 36k from Subasta (which is split over 2 years), 15k from Supper Club/Papa's Pizza and about 100 from EScrips and 338 from Box Tops. We need to plan a budget for next year - we will discuss in May and vote in June. Todd recommended that every person that has a committee and/or program contact Todd and Colby and they will work with you to help you build your budget. Tonight is just to give an idea how much money we have. Here are potential expenses for next year:

2945 - Administrative Costs (must be spent)

35,000 - Amity - (already approved) - we are getting an assistant teacher for 7k each

6500 - Fiesta (but may need to reimburse school for an additional \$800)

1000 - Woodburn

10000 - Teacher Collaboration (we pay for half of substitutes - staff)

700 - Costa Rica Service Project (already approved for next year)

5000 - Classroom Grants (400-500 to each teacher for classroom)

1000 - School Affairs - spend on teacher appreciation

That totals - 62,145. With what we fundraised and what we didn't use, we are at 54,447 so we need to reduce spending by 7,500. Not going to discuss tonight how to do that, but we will discuss it in May. We should discuss among ourselves and be prepared to discuss options.

Ben went over the open positions for next year. Certain positions will be voted on. There are essential positions that are needed: Fundraising Co-chair to work with Elizabeth, School Affairs Team Coordinator, and Fiesta Chair. There is a Site Council position, but Abe Ricon has agreed to do it and Ricki Huling has agreed to be Vice President. Amity (Lisa) and Secretary (Amy) are technically open but Lisa and Amy have agreed to return. Myram needs a partner for jog-a-thon. Nicole Wilson volunteered. School Affairs Coordinator is important - Ben and Ricki will have to do it if no one volunteers. Also in need of certain school affairs representatives. Ben is proposing having one person do communications and one person do activities. There is also need for a bilingual representative. These positions do not need to be voted in. There is also a need for a Library Remodel Project Coordinator and a Book Fair co-chair.

BOOK FAIR - The Book Fair is April 24th-29th. Starts on Monday and then will be open on the 29th for dia de los ninos celebration at the end of the book fair. This is a Latin celebration for children. There will be a book walk, have some chips and salsa and maybe Senor Llamas' band or karaoke. There will also be crafts for kids.

They are also looking for a taco cart that maybe could sell tacos at the event. If anyone has any ideas, let Tiffany know. Tiffany is also going to set up an account through bottle drop for fundraising.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS - Teacher Appreciation week is coming May 1-5 and the committee is planning for each grade will take a day to treat the teachers. Since the 3rd grade did Classified Appreciation week, other grades are doing this week. Sydney needs help with Carnival next year. She needs three to four people and have one or two take over after next year. Have three to four people and have one or two take over. It was suggested that a school wide email or Remind notification go out listing all open positions.

FIESTA - Victoria indicated she is willing to be the Fiesta chair, but she needs at least 4 people to assist. She can do the phone calls but can't take more than just the day of Fiesta off. She would like it to be more culturally appropriate and to look seriously at an alternative venue. The cost and attitude of staff at the Hult was very hard to swallow. There was a question about pushing Fiesta to late spring. That timing will not work because it goes into testing. It is not only the testing time but also the weeks before testing in which teachers are cramming for tests. There is an entire month for State testing and a week for district testing. The only chance for Fiesta to survive is if it is when it is or earlier, not later. There was a question what the issue is - is it the class time that pulls them out or coming up with a dance. Maestra Baker indicated that it is both. This year she had a great volunteer but it didn't save much time. There was a lot of lost instructional time particularly this year with the missed class days from weather. They are just not seeing the benefits for the students when considering the amount of teacher time spent on this, the friction between volunteers and teachers, the amount of time outside regular planning and the time not spent of rigorous language instruction.

SPRING BREAK FOOD DRIVE - 27 families received food over Spring Break. Victoria got barrels and the reminder was nice. It went well. The Weekend backpack food is also going well - 34-35 kids are receiving the food. In the fall, we need to revisit what we want to do. We think we have enough to get to another packing event next spring.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE - There will be a Promotion Ceremony in June. Family Engineering Night is April 11. This is a chance to do hand on activities with your family. The Smarter Balanced Assessment tests start on the 17th and goes until May 20th. It starts with Science. Trying to coordinate so that the tests are in the morning. Going to try and have parents bring snacks on a rotating basis so kids are not hungry during testing - trying to ensure success. The collaboration sessions are continuing. The focus is on writing. They are trying to determine what we are looking for in our emerging bilingual writers. They hope to generate a Spanish

writing rubric to help them be ready for middle school. The school is also looking at Bullying prevention. On April 24, to kick off the book fair, she will be having coffee chat that morning in the computer lab. The school is also planning a volunteer appreciation gathering on April 27 from 3-4 in the cafeteria. This is for all volunteers whether they volunteer at home, at BVPO, and in the classroom.

There was no update on staffing. She is still waiting to hear on the .25 to make sure we have 3 fully funded 3rd grade classrooms. People have been accepting school choice. Staying with proposal of 3 classes per grade except 4th grade, which will have two classes of 35.

OTHER UPDATES/ISSUES: School Dance is scheduled for June 9, OBOB Swim is next Friday and they need 15 volunteers. 5th Grade Graduation Experience - The experience is evolving. They have raised 3000 for the kids - \$1000 is Spanish theater and \$ 2000 for Camp Harlow. They are trying to bring in Sheldon High School Seniors to do team immersion experience. More information to follow.

Ben Temple announced that he wants to see what people are looking for in the meetings and to discuss things parents are most interested in. Please let him know before next meeting if there are topics that could be discussed.

Ben also announced that Bingo Night is in May and Mucho Gusto will cater chips and salsa for \$ 61.50. Ben asked the group consider funding this request.

Motion to Approve \$61.50 to Mucho Gusto for Chips and Salsa for Bingo Night: A motion was made to approve \$61.50 for chips and salsa for Bingo Night and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. ***Resolved*** – \$61.50 to Mucho Gusto for chips and salsa for Bingo Night was approved.

Maestra Bradley came and requested \$50-100 for a set of Spanish paperback books for the 5th grade class to read. She had purchased books but they were in English. Directora Ibarra indicated that because of the \$800 for the Fiesta busing, she doesn't have the funds in her budget. There was a discussion of whether we should reimburse the school for the busing or half the busing and then let the school buy the books. After some back and forth and discussion of the need for books vs. cost of busing/Fiesta, the motion was made to pay for the books up to \$100 and the busing will be discussed next time.

Motion to Approve \$100 for Books for Maestra Bradley: A motion was made to approve \$100 to pay for a set of books for the 5th Grade class and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. ***Resolved*** – \$100 for Maestra Bradley to purchase books for the 5th Grade was approved.