

BVPO MEETING - FEBRUARY 6, 2017

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Ben Temple, President, welcomed everyone and everyone shared how many children they have. The following members were present: Gretchen Ruddick, Colby Huling, Amy Potter, Melissa Ibarra, Nicole Wilson, Kelly Fenley, Amy Peterson, Tiffany Wright, Autumn Christopherson, Ben Gese, Heidi Gese, George Bosch, Ben Hinde, April Colgrove, Heidi Grigsby, Gail Spinks

Ben mentioned the open positions – he will discuss this more later in the meeting but the library continues to need more help.

Motion to Approve December 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 December Meeting Minutes were approved.

AMITY – the applications for next year’s interns should be coming soon. They need ten families to host the five interns and they would like to see new families. The BVPO needs to approve the funds for next year’s Amity interns. \$35,000 was requested. Some raised issues about the stipend and questioned whether we pay more than other schools. They explained that we pay more than is required but we have been at this number for quite a lot of years. This is what it takes for them to live in Eugene, Oregon. We potentially could reduce monthly stipend but it is not where we want to go. We do not think we pay more than almost everyone. The minimum is probably about \$300. We are above the minimum (\$450) but that reflects cost of living. Some of the schools that offer less provide breakfast and lunch.

Motion to Approve \$35,000 for 2017-2018 Amity Intern program: A motion was made to approve up to \$35,000 for the 2017-2018 Amity Intern program and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. ***Resolved*** – The request for \$35,000 for the 2017-2018 Amity intern program was approved.

FUNDRAISING – We are finishing up the Papa’s Pizza coupons - last year we sold \$8000 and this year we sold \$10,200. There are still a few left that we can keep selling. To date, we have raised about \$6000 from the Supper Club and \$16,000 from Jog-a-thon. There are two small fundraisers (coin drive and box tops) coming up. We have raised \$36,000 to date with subasta ticket sales. There was a significant expense for Jog-a-thon – the t-shirts for students – and they are looking at trying to defray that cost next year or only doing t-shirts every other year.

Subasta is going really well - basically sold out. Donations are also really great. Nicole volunteered to lead raffle. The raffle winner gets to claim a live auction prize - \$20 a ticket - all but 2% purchased \$25 worth of tickets. 2 additional prizes so three total winners - 200 to sell - \$4000. The team is working together really well.

Someone raised the issue of whether we should do it every year – but others noted that it is a lot to ask to get donations etc. every year.

FIESTA - Fiesta is March 17 and several dads will carry buckets with the Fiesta Flags to collect donations to defray the cost. Teachers have volunteers and the kids are practicing their dances. Fiesta is at the Hult Center. There will be a parking fee. Also, there is another show there so there will be a concession stand that serves alcohol, but 4J put a damper on alcohol sales where students are present. So, there so there will be signs indicating no alcohol for Fiesta. There are two new Fiesta co-chairs – George Zoesch and Victoria Palacios who will be in charge next year.

There will be flowers for sale at the Hult center - Ricky is in charge of flowers and sales go to support the 5th grade experience (for this year's 4th graders). There will be a Fiesta flyer that explains everything including parking. If you want an individual photo of your student, you need to order in advance and arrive early but group photos can be purchased anytime. Melissa is going to invite the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. There will be reserved seating for the Amity Interns and the host families.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS - School tours and the school showcase are happening. They talked to 20-30 at showcase and over 30 parents at each tour. Melissa had PowerPoint and the parents got to see lots of classrooms. There was discussion of Subasta tickets for the teachers – School Affairs take donations but maybe next year they just ask for a \$5 purchase at the time of ticket purchase toward teacher tickets.

SPRING BREAK FOOD DRIVE - Sydney and Victoria are in charge and it is much like the Holiday Food drive. They will also have barrels in cafeteria for kids to donate. Information will go out in backpacks in March 1 and there will be an online signup for donations.

OBOB – There were 33 OBOB teams and finals were today. One issue with OBOB is there are only 5 copies of each book and access to the books is hard. We have had EEF grants to purchase some books but we may need additional copies. There were some suggestions including listing OBOB books as books to donate during the book fair. Someone wondered what happened to the money that was allocated to Biztown and where that money is going to be redistributed. There has not been a specific redistribution because other things have come up.

OPEN POSITIONS – The following positions are open next year: Vice President, Fundraising Co-Chair, E-News (if we want e-news to return), Grade Level Reps (depending on desire to return). Fundraising CO-Chair is the most significant

position that needs filled but while it is a big positions, many things like Jog-a-thon and Subasta have their own coordinators.

The following people are continuing: Ben – President, Colby - Treasurer Amy – Secretary, Site Council, Ben Hinde - TBD - waiting to see, Elizabeth - will continue as fundraising co-chair, Lisa, Gail and Gretchen - do Amity again, George and Victoria - take over Fiesta, Ben will do website, Kristin – school spirit, Tiffany - Library

CULTURAL CHAIR - Ben Hinde indicated that he raised beds for garden and he would like to order about \$100 of seeds to do two gardens - one raised bed is Spanish with Spanish items and Spanish flags and the other one Columbian items - with Columbian flag. There will be a planting party but her wants to get the seeds and start them at home. He requested the money for the seeds. There was a question about current spending and it was noted that we are not spending everything that was allocated including the money for the bully program from Ophelia's Place because no one has volunteered to coordinate the program with the teachers.

Motion to Approve \$100 for seeds for school garden: A motion was made to approve \$100 for seeds for school garden and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. **Resolved** – The request for \$100 for seeds for school garden was approved.

Melissa mentioned that they are looking at some cultural development through the family nights. They would like to potentially add small snacks for those who attend – chips and salsa etc.

SITE COUNCIL - Two grants were approved by the EEF –\$1000 for the kindergarten teachers to have a social skill building curriculum in Spanish and \$1000 for more xylophones for the Music program.

There was a question about why the 5th grade Costa Rica trip was not allowed to hand out flyers or fundraise on campus. Ben explained that there has been an extensive discussion about this over the past several years and the decision was made to allow no fundraising at school. The short answer is there are limited fundraising resources and one of those is bandwidth - how many times can we say we are doing a fundraiser when we just did another one and there are a limited number of donations from parents. The focus for school fundraising is programs that serve more students. Right now the trip is a small group. The BVPO wants the trip to thrive – this is the purpose of Ben Hinde’s position. The students going on the trip are able to fundraise and for example, use Facebook but there are no fliers. One parent noted that when more people go, the trip becomes less expensive - from 3 kids to 9 kids drops price \$1200. There was also a question about the 5th

Grade experience – they will be going to Harlow but there will also be a Spanish theater experience and hopefully, so Spanish immersion at Harlow. Once the footprint is there, it will be easier each year.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE – Melissa indicated that the Fiesta practices are going well and they are working on getting buses for the Friday dress rehearsal. There are costumes available. Classified appreciation week is March 6-10 and they are working with the classroom teachers to recognize the classified staff. She also provided an update on the collaboration process. BVPO helped cover the costs. Starting in February, they are going to be working on writing. There is a K-12 immersion task force and there is additional professional development through district. Allocation of staffing is in the works.

Looking ahead April 11 is science and engineering night and May 19 is Bingo. There will be school on May 5 – the no school day is cancelled. No school grading day is June 16. The last day of school is Thursday June 22 and it will likely be Field Day. A parent asked if, since school is going later, heat could be an issue – Melissa indicated they will handle it like they did in September – bring in fans, ventilate rooms and remind students to have water bottles.

Kindergarten Round up will occur after families are notified of selection – the district wants them done before April. The roundup allows parents to meet the teaches, ride the bus, and get more information on the school and BVPO.