

BVPO Minutes - April 8, 2019

Introductions - George Bosch, BVPO President, welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. A sign in sheet was circulated.

Amity - Lisa K. was filling in for Laura. They have been interviewing applicants and have two right now. The plan is to have five interns. The funding needed for Amity drives our fundraising. But, they are also looking for host families. Only had one family show up at host meeting that was held before the BVPO meeting. Three families have agreed to host but we need 10 (2 families per intern). Questions were asked about what has been done in the past to get people more involved. Every year is a struggle. A family needs to have the space - an extra bedroom. A family also has to be willing to open their home. Someone suggested publishing a list of former host families so people considering it can talk to people who have done it before. At Subasta - there will be a video about Amity and maybe have sign up or a table.

Directora Ibarra explained that one Amity Intern - Maestra Gomez - had to leave and return to Columbia. There was just things that could not be resolved.

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

Principal and Staff Updates - Maestra Ibarra noted that we were in the library not room one because room one is being used for an art project - an artist is assisting the students with making a mural that will be behind the stage. The unveiling might happen by a Subasta.

The Ems reading challenge is ongoing - kids should have gotten a bookmark. Ten is the magic number. Make sure your child's name is on it when you turn it in.

Jogging Jags - This happens from 750 - 810 - walking, jogging or running outside. Please remember another pair shoes because of the rain and mud. The students all have QR code and it will also be used at jog-a-thon to record laps. Duck Dash on April 27. About 90 students have signed up and there is still time. It is \$10 and forms are in the office.

Testing - The 3-5 graders have started testing with the exception of one fourth grade that will start in 2 weeks. The teachers are working on a bulletin board about "rock the test." It was brought up that someone was passing out flyers in the parking lot advocating that parents opt their students out from tests. Some feel there is too much testing, it is not particularly helpful but failure to have a certain number of students take the test can result in the school not receiving a good grade when schools are graded.

Volunteer Appreciation is April 9 from 3:15-4. The students have made some things to express gratitude.

Staffing update - Maestra Munson the temporary kindergarten teacher will not be returning because she does not speak Spanish. Maestra Hulse (1st grade) resigned for the district. There was a question about what is healthy turnover because it appears we are losing a lot of teachers. Maestra Ibarra indicated that this is consistent with what is happening. We don't know if anyone else will be leaving. There was a question about - What if we don't have Spanish applicants. Maestra Ibarra indicated we do.

Other updates - the book fair is coming. The coffee chat is Friday April 11 at 7:55 in the Library. Coffee chats scheduled one each month. For the June coffee chat we will be targeting new incoming kindergarten families. The next dates are May 16 and June 11.

Next week all 5th graders are doing Outdoor school. This is the first year and not doing an overnight. We are partnering with the City of Eugene and on April 15, 16, 17 - the 5th graders will not be in the building. They will be doing challenge courses and other outdoor activities.

Other events - Secretary Appreciation day is April 24. Sat April 27 there is clothing giveaway sponsored by Eugene Bible Fellowship at BV. Everyone is invited to come and get clothes. There is No school on May 3. It is a transition day and teachers will be preparing for the end of year assessment.

Grants - EEF grant window is opening up. Last year we received a Kindergarten fine motor skills grant and a first grade writing grant. Brain storming at Site Council for this year. We will be working on that and at next site Council we will rank them. Next meeting - May 1st. There are certain things grant readers are looking for. BV has been highly regarded - it often comes down to the school rankings. One thing that is hard to get widespread support for are grant requests for technology. Also difficult are behavioral supplies - like chairs that help with wiggling etc.

Teacher appreciation week. May 6-10. It is being handled by grade level reps (each grade or grades have certain dates). You will get communication this month on how to help grade level reps. If you have any ideas that your grade level would be interested in doing - contact Sydney or your grade level rep. There is a budget for this - \$500 remaining and this is the final thing school affairs is doing this year so there is a possibility of reimbursement.

Walkout - May 8 is a potential teacher walkout day to protest the issues with school funding. There will be picketing locations for each region and buses to Salem. District is discussing what to do if teachers plan to do this. If a certain % of teachers are walking out, it will be necessary to cancel school. It would be district wide not school by school. The union collected signatures tonight to get a sense of who will be participating.

Student showcases are coming up - 2nd grade student - May 1 - 545-7 and 3rd - May 10. Kinders at end of year. 1st grade - April 26. 4th grade is a doing a wax museum. 5th grade is solar system.

Art Sparks Auction - District and EEF and Lane Arts Council work to make sure every school has arts education. Arts-sparks is the auction to make the program sustainable. \$20-30 for open seating and \$100 for seat at the table.

Coffee chat - Friday April 11 – if someone wants to donate juice or donuts for this one or the future, contact Sydney.

4J parent leaders meeting is happening on April 15 at the District Office. It is a smaller group.

OBOB - Amy - The 5th grade made it to the top 16 in the state which is hard to do. All 4J teams made it to top 16. As a reward, 140 kids participated in the OBOB swimming everyone. Everyone had good behavior. Thankful for the last minute volunteers. They are always willing to listen to feedback. Our program is unique - we have 32 teams while some schools have 3-5. Melissa paid for school registration. But we need to reimburse for the pool fee - 155. There is about \$145 left after that. They would like the flexibility to use that money to purchase a set or more of the books for next year. It is about \$500 for 5 copies. There was talk about an EEF grant, but there was a consensus that they left over money should be used for books.

Motion to Approve \$155 for OBOB Swim Party Pool Rental –A motion was made to approve \$155 for OBOB swim party pool rental and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. Resolved – \$155 for OBOB Swim Party Pool Rental was approved.

Motion to Approve \$145 to Purchase OBOB Books –A motion was made to approve \$145 to purchase OBOB books if necessary and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. Resolved – \$145 to Purchase OBOB Books was approved.

Treasurer Update - There is 69k in account. We will discuss the budget for next year at next month's meeting.

Fundraising - Subasta is an auction and a big fundraiser- ticket information is going home. There are a lot of prizes - people really came through and it is going to be a fun night. We need to people to come. It is \$ 40 a ticket and \$320 a table - seating is first come first serve so if group wants to sit together buy a ticket. They would like all teachers come and are asking for people to cover those costs. Anyone is welcome - not limited to BV parents. We have to sell 200 tickets to make budget, but could have up to 400 people attend. Each class does a plate and they will auction those off.

Coin drive this week. Box tops is coming up. Supper club in April is Mod Pizza on 4/16 - we are competing against Cal Young. Which ever school gets the most sales will get an extra 10%. Also in April, there is supper club at Hot Mama's Wings on 4/23. We made \$300 at Mucho Gusto.

Amazon Smile is up and running - your Amazon purchases can be used to support Buena Vista.

Read-a-thon - Tiffany did not have the totals but the \$\$ goes to library staffing. Winning classes get rewards.

There was a general discussion about fundraising - given the amount of work vs the amount of money it doesn't seem to be working and Joanna was thinking maybe there should be a group that looks at fundraising- what can we do differently. She is totally willing to do different things, but she needs ideas. Do we need to rethink fundraising - we are looking at less involvement and a lack of enthusiasm from parents and teachers. There are no assemblies, no talking about the importance of fundraising etc. What we are doing is not sustainable. One person brought up the lack of individual prizes and how students and parents are frustrated with the lack of recognition for students who fundraise a lot (it is now to class). There was a suggestion that we should consider a direct drive and provide more information about what the money is being used for and if it is being spent effectively. The bank account balance is 69k and there is some question of whether parents believe we are really lacking funds. We need to be more clear about what money is being used for and more transparency about the use of the money for everyone. The way we fundraise is we raise money in one year to use in the next year. We try not to spend what we don't raise. Some years we raised more than we needed/used. This created

a surplus which was used for capital improvement projects. Not all of them were successful or came to fruition. At the time, the feeling was that prior years fundraising should not fund shortages in current year fundraising but should be used for more permanent improvements.

Costa Rica trip - there was a request for support for the community service project in Costa Rica which is done by the students that are traveling to Costa Rica. There are 10 students going this year. In the past, BVPO has provided some funds -\$700. After the split between BVPO and the trip group, there was a 2 year commitment for \$700 but that ended last year. There was some confusion about whether we had agreed to it for this year so it was tabled until May.

There was a question about the 4th and 5th grade dessert dash at Subasta. It is unclear whether 4th grade is doing anything.

Next meeting is May 13.