

**In attendance:** Ben Temple, Juan Cuadros, Sarah McKee, Sydney Koh, Amy Birney, Sam Tazumel(?), Jose Torres, Lisa Kovacevic, Julie Noll-Klarr, Geraldine McCarty, Alicia Pesiri, Erin Couture, Keri Pape, Tracy Potter, Kelly Fenley, Autumn Christopherson, Brandi Smith, Enda Pierce, Tiffany Wright, Ricci Huling

**1) Board Member Introductions** – Board members in attendance identified themselves during introductions of all in attendance. Tim introduced the others in absentia and announced the open position for Subasta Chair. [Later in the meeting, Ben Temple volunteered to Co-chair with responsibility for Operations, coordinating with Kim Darden, TJ & Shannon Richard and Amy Tocco, who had already volunteered to be responsible for solicitations.]

Jose Torres, parent of 2 kindergarteners and freelance translator/interpreter, announced that he will be available to translate both school and BVPO materials during the school year.

**2) Reviewed Draft Calendar** – Tim distributed and reviewed a draft calendar and led discussion to decide on specific dates for the major events and identify unknowns and next steps to arrive at a final calendar. Once updated, the calendar on the BV website will be the master calendar for the school year. (See attached full **revised** calendar.)

*Discussion of key events:*

- Site Council meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month (4pm)
  - o Site Council is the governing body for curriculum and related school issues. Members include the principal (Juan Cuadros), 2 parent reps (Ben Temple, Sarah McKee), 3 teacher reps (Jacobson, Field, Henderson) and 1 classified staff person.
- BVPO meetings on the following Monday (the Monday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday) at 6:30-8:00 for Oct and Nov (time TBA on future meetings)
- Lunes Luminoso – Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays
  - o Will include school spirit activities and BV spirit wear to Lunes Luminoso
- Coffee chats
  - o Opportunities for parent to interact with the School Affairs class reps
  - o Better attendance when paired with other events, like Curriculum Night and Jog-a-Thon
  - o Discussed with no final decision on whether to do them
- Artist-in-Residence program – Fall/Winter semester (begins 9/9/14)
- District Music – Winter/Spring semester
  
- Sept 23 – Curriculum Night
- Oct 9 – Carnival
  - o Decided on the date (10/9)
  - o Discussion indicated challenge will be identifying 36+ parent volunteers on a short timeline
  - o Suggestion to have volunteer sign-up sheets and an announcement at Curriculum Night
  - o Decision to charge for admittance again; Coordinators will decide on price
- Oct 17 – Jog-a-thon
  - o Coordinator: Cindy Feldman
  - o Decided on the date (10/17)
- Oct 18 – EWEB Parking Lot fundraiser
  - o Coordinator: Renee McCullough
  - o Oregon/Washington game
  - o \$2000-3000 opportunity
  - o Could also sell water, etc.
  - o Will need 10-12 parent volunteers starting 4 hours prior to kickoff

- Oct 29-31 – Conferences
  - o No school for students Oct 30 & 31
- Nov
  - o Box Tops?
    - Checking on dates the program accepts them
    - May pick 2 months and/or may set up system for them to be continuously dropped off
    - Need a volunteer to coordinate this effort
  - o Thanksgiving food boxes for BV families in need
    - Coordinator: Autumn Christopherson
    - Solicit parent donations (and local farm donations?)
- Dec
  - o Considering Parent Shop child care night in the gym
- Jan 12-23 – Selling sheets of Papa’s coupons
- Feb
  - o Considering Valentine’s Date Night childcare in the gym
- Mar 2-12 – Read-a-Thon (kickoff on Dr. Suess’s birthday)
- Mar 16-20 – Scholastic Book Fair
  - o Critical need for parent volunteers for supervision
- Apr 10 – Subasta
  - o Live and Silent Auctions and Dinner (every other year)
  - o Coordinators: Ben Temple (Leah Hyland assisting) for Operations and Kim Darden, TJ & Shannon Richard and Amy Tocco for Procurement
- May 8 (tentative) – Fiesta Cultural @ Hult Center
  - o Juan will check with teachers regarding conflicts with preparation for testing
- May – Direct Drive

### 3) Overarching goals

- **Fundraising**
  - o Focus on fundraisers that involve things already spend money on. Examples: childcare nights in the gym.
  - o Identify the amount we want to raise and then plan to that amount and celebrate when we reach it.
  - o Identify and communicate a per-student annual fundraising goal with ways for families to make monthly deposits and encourage lump sum payments during the Direct Drive
  - o Offer a variety of opportunities so that all families can contribute
  - o Suggestion to identify the BVPOs top funding priorities and make those funding goals transparent to parents through communications
- **Communications**
  - o With coordination between Juan, Joyce and the Communications coordinators (Website – Travis Rogers and eNews – Amy Birney), BVPO communications will focus on:
    - Website: Up-to-date and dynamic BV website (including calendar)
    - eNews (regular biweekly)
  - o All communications should encourage parents to turn first to the website for up-to-date calendar and other school and BVPO information.
  - o Facebook pages will continue as is
    - No official BVPO page, but grade-level pages and misc. other pages
    - Please help direct parents to the BV website

### 4) Childcare at BVPO meetings

- Discussed briefly with decision to offer childcare
- Increases accessibility for meetings
- May need to limit numbers and have a sign-up system

**5) BVPO & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Committee**

- Forming a committee to define the relationship between the 2 groups and their fundraising efforts
- Clarified that only 5<sup>th</sup>-grade trip fundraising efforts that will be announced to the school community need BVPO approval

**6) Amity Program update (Ricci Huling)**

- 4 interns – all doing well
- Host families and teacher liaisons also doing well
- Ricci encouraged parents to introduce themselves to the interns and consider including them in activities
- Interns will be featured at the October BVPO meeting
- Suggestion to update their photos in the hall and to feature their pictures in the first eNews

**7) Site Council update (Ben Temple, Sarah McKee)**

- Targeting Math as a core subject school-wide this year
- Anticipating new testing
- Artist in Residence program – will prepare and share a calendar

**8) Principal's update (Juan Cuadros)**

- Plans to be full time at BV this year
- Reiterated that Math is core this year
- Fully staffed despite an August resignation of one 5<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher
  - o Filled position with highly recommended English-only teacher
  - o Using a morning/afternoon rotation to achieve 50% Spanish/50% English immersion
- Have already begun recruiting bilingual teachers for anticipated openings next school year (3<sup>rd</sup> grade expansion and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Other Announcements:**

Brandi Smith will coordinate updating photos in the hall for: Board Members, Amity Interns and Teachers/ Staff.

**Adjourned 8:10 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Amy Birney