

BVPO MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2017

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Ben Temple welcomed everyone. The following members were present: Ben Temple, Amy Birney, Joanna Palmer, Nonie Ganakis, Joe Peck, Mo Young, Ben Gese, Heidi Gese, Angelene Parr Ramos, Esperanza Perez, Keri Pape, Sam Tazumal, Erin Sollen, Ebba Corleto, Lisa Kovacevic, Autumn Christopherson, Brian Keedy, Colby Huling, Sydney Koh, Ricci Huling, Amy Peterson, George Bosch, Maestra Bradley

TRIATHLON – Brian Keedy presented triathlon. Asked parents for input on BVPO funded or family fee funded (\$5/student + t-shirts). \$200 total costs without the t-shirts and the substitute teacher. Discussed whether teachers could double up and avoid the need for a sub. Could consider the \$5 fee as optional. Also asked about whether we need the long individual release forms. Needs to be a school field trip to get pool liability insurance. Consider BVPO funding the actual costs.

OBOB – Book sets delivered to the classroom. Battles in February. Maestra Knudsen will serve as staff liaison. Still implementing the EEF grant provisions: Spanish language books and audio books.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS – Providing dinner for teachers on Conferences night on Wed. Question about whether grade-level Facebook pages are as valuable as one BV-wide Facebook page. Lower grade parents may not need to hear about upper grade issues. School-wide group would be more efficient way to get volunteers or other school-wide communications/requests to all of the students. A moderator would need a stronger role on a school-wide. Maybe streamline process to post on all FB grade-level pages by having one or two BVPO reps that have access to all of the pages.

HOLIDAY BREAK FOOD BOXES & WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD

ASSISTANCE – Sydney updated parents on the Weekend Backpack Food Assistance program (~26 students participating now). Will be communicating school wide to solicit additional food items (batches of ~30 items). Working with Holt coordinator to set up the next food-packing event in February. Winter holiday break food boxes traditionally based on food contributions from families. Requests will go out after Thanksgiving. Food donations will be collected in Room 20. Families sign up anonymously in the office, including number of family members. Packing on December 13 and boxes go home with families on December 15.

FUNDRAISING – Family Photos event made \$887 less expenses. Made \$742.50 at Chipotle in October. Dinner fundraisers at Panera next Tuesday (Nov 14). Coin drive will start next Thursday, Nov 16 with proceeds going to Weekend Backpack

Food. Gym teacher will be putting together a list for items for a Gym Equipment Drive (January?). Jog-a-Thon date to be announced.

LIBRARY – Book Fair is scheduled for Dec 2-8 (Sat, Mon-Fri). No library that week. Volunteer opportunities through Signup Genius with communications through Melissa, etc. Ben described an idea in which we would bump up a part-time EA to volunteer in the library for 2nd semester. For \$1700, we could offer Tiffany assistance. Colby indicated that we have \$7500 earmarked for library remodel that could be used. Ben discussed a plan to start spending that money. Tiffany’s volunteer commitment, while laudable, should be a funded position. Ideally, library staffing would require a full-time funded position as well as parent volunteers. The future of library resourcing needs to be figured out when Tiffany moves on after next school year. Ben suggested an option of shifting BVPO’s fundraising priority to fund library, although it would be approximately the cost of the Amity program.

OTHER – *Motion to Approve October Minutes:* A motion was made to approve the October minutes and there was a second. A voice vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve 21 yes votes with 2 abstaining. ***Resolved*** – The October Meeting Minutes were approved.

Parent letter re Fiesta. 89 parents signed and was delivered to Melissa at Site Council.

Spirit Gear. Needs to be managed by a parent if we’re going to do it. If no parent interested, we won’t have a spirit gear effort this year.

Subasta Latina 2018. Largest fundraiser (\$35K-40K, split across 2 year). Dinner and live/silent auction. If we plan to hold a Subasta next school year, we need to start forming a team this winter, with planning starting in earnest next fall. Ben requested an individual to host a kick-off social/planning event to start building interest and energy.

SITE COUNCIL – Met on Nov 2nd. Teachers (3rd & kinder) and classified staff (kinder) reported positive reactions to on the new grade-level rotations. Maravillas curriculum has been well received by the students. Teachers are still adapting to the math curriculum. And Year 2 of using thinking maps has gone very smoothly.

Baseline school-wide behavioral data (first month) was presented and discussed. Behavioral issues (major & minor) tend to peak early in the week and level off Wed-Fri. Considering a communication to parents about behavior expectations and how to support students in and out of the classroom.

The parent letter regarding disappointment over discontinuation of Fiesta and offer to help teachers/administration design a replacement activity was presented to Directora Ibarra at the Site Council meeting (signed by 89 parents; attached to

these minutes). Council members discussed possible formation of a parent-staff working group.

Spanish Spelling Bee for 4th-8th grades (April 13th in Portland). Superintendent Balderas reached out to both BV and Monroe to participate and will cover transportation to the Portland event. Plan to have a BV Spanish Spelling Bee for 4th and 5th graders the first week in April.

Presented the budget allocations from the last BVPO meeting and discussed options.

One student enrichment opportunity is already scheduled as back-to-back assemblies on Nov 14th: Zenen Zeferino Huervo, artist/musician/poet from Veracruz, Mexico. Amy Birney made a request from the Site Council to discuss allocation of \$50 and a BV shirt from the BVPO funds earmarked for Student Enrichment be used to offer a gift to Senor Huervo for offering his time and talents to the school assembly on Nov 14th.

Request for next Site Council and/or meeting from a parent for an update on our new full-time counselor and her roles and responsibilities.

Request for next Site Council meeting from a parent about Rotary's fundraiser, matched by EEF, to support Art Spark, which pays for Artist in Residence in the schools. Preference on visual arts.

Request for next Site Council meeting from a parent to consider whether parent volunteers can provide additional support to EAs at key behavioral times (e.g., recess, open gym times).

PRINCIPAL UPDATE – Change to School Choice lottery: Moving up to January from March. Solar panel installation has begun. Donation list and Hot Mama's fundraiser announcement has gone out.