

## Meeting Minutes for November 2 BVPO Mtg.

In attendance: George Bosch, Lydia Harlan, Jordan Blair, Alyson Florendo, Colby Huling, Ashli Keyer, Ben Moseley, Randy Mendez, Inger Fox-Huston, Amanda Svejcar, Esteban Montero and Auriana Koutnik, Joe Peck, Stephen Johnson, Dietra Lomeli, Devyn Adams, Johanna Clemente-McNutt, and Melissa Ibarra

1. If anyone would like to mail a check to help with the Emergency Family Fund you can mail it to our BVPO PO Box, Buena Vista Parent Organization, 1529 Coburg Rd #422, Eugene, OR, 97401. Paypal charges a fee, whereas 100% of the amount that comes in checks is made available to BVPO.
2. Votes for new officers: motion by George Bosch, seconded by Inger Fox-Huston, unanimous vote in favor.
  - a. Joe Peck, Jordan Blair as Co-Presidents
  - b. George Bosch as Vice President
  - c. Lydia Harlan as Secretary
  - d. Nora Newman as Cultural Development Coordinator
  - e. Alyson Florendo for Fundraising Coordinator
  - f. Randy Mendez as Tech / Website Coordinator
3. Explanation of business vs. community meetings
  - a. George will translate.
  - b. Less business during BVPO mtg, more community focus during the meeting, business behind the scenes.
  - c. Committee heads, please prepare a five-minute update to be presented at future BVPO meetings going forward, as needed.
4. Updates from the committees and officers
  - a. Prior minutes: motion to approve by Ben Moseley, seconded by Ashli Keyser, unanimously approved
  - b. Fundraising: brainstorming phase, looking into Christmas tree sales, virtual trivia night, more frequent, smaller events, community involvement. Meeting Monday, November 9 at 7pm. Zoom info coming from George to Alyson.
  - c. School Affairs: talking with bakeries like Metropol for donations to teachers, to be completed before Thanksgiving. Jordan would like help with the School Affairs committee, please contact her to help.
  - d. Cultural Development: Nora not in attendance.
  - e. Site Council: Do we have a rep? Sam Tazumal and George, Nate Klarr had expressed interest. Site Council is not currently meeting, so nothing has been missed. There is a new process with Eugene Education Foundation this year, working out the kinks. Need more information from EEF and then a date can be set.
  - f. Treasurer's Report: Direct Drive for Emergency Family Fund, thanks to Ashli and Amy McCormick. Goal is \$10K, primarily for rent assistance. We've raised \$5800, Colby will begin cutting checks for rent this evening. (From Melissa: Hallways are filled with stations of materials for families expressing need.) Motion to approve by Jordan, seconded by Alyson, passed unanimously.

- g. OBOB: Vacant position. Regional competitions are not taking place this year. If a creative, flexible person would like to take this on, please do. Amy Peterson is a good person to connect with, and her daughter is in fifth grade, so this is the year to connect for maximum institutional information transfer for this year or beyond. The website has mixed messages on whether registration is still open. Melissa will send out a survey to teachers to see if anyone is interested.
  - h. Website: We have access to three email addresses, so we could send emails out from a more official BVPO account. Randy is looking into setting up a list, current limitation is only 50. George will call GoDaddy to see if the upgrade to get a larger, more functional list, to be affordable. The website expires in April, renews for five years at \$150.
  - i. Book Fair: Jordan ordered a book for every kid, in Spanish. Virtual Book Fair starts on November 9. Orders are free shipping on books over \$25 total. Melissa will be sharing the link soon and Jordan will post on FaceBook.
  - j. Grants: Ben Moseley will research applicable grants to help Buena Vista families' emergency fund, or Amity. Rose Peck offered to help write them.
5. Teachers' Time Slot: Stephen Johnson
- BVPO: How can we help?
- Stephen: Feedback is good.
- BVPO: Please spread the word to other teachers.
- BVPO: Would a request form be helpful?
- Stephen: Possibly, but might get lost.
- Stephen: Perhaps Melissa could mention this at a staff meeting.
- BVPO: What kind of sweets should we put together to thank the teachers?
- Stephen: Anything is great, we appreciate the thought.
- BVPO: Parent / kid dancing Maestro Johnson-style as a fundraiser?
- Stephen: Notes from students are really powerful to get us through these tough times.
6. Ask Melissa Anything
- BVPO: Please post your question in chat and give Melissa a moment to think on it. Even better, email your question in advance to Melissa, Joe, or Jordan.
- Melissa: It is likely that what is most on everyone's mind is the announcement from the Governor about loosening COVID metrics so that more schools can open. Buena Vista will not be opening November or December, the earliest is January. Our community is not yet meeting the metrics. 4J is working out scenarios and communication for a hybrid model.
- BVPO: Are all the teachers working remotely?
- Melissa: On a daily average there are 10-12 people working onsite and the rest are working at home.
- BVPO: Have you been able to sit in on classes to see how things are going? What are you doing as a team to support each other?
- Melissa: Yes, have been able to sit in. Engagement is a frequent conversation. The teachers are trying to teach content, rather than introductory lessons, and some children are having difficulty remaining engaged. Limited resources in

Spanish, so BV teachers have additional workload. Wednesdays are a time for collaboration among teachers, which is part of why the school day is shorter for students.

Stephen: Is there a need for more understanding from the parents on the technology that it being used by the students?

1. There was an email from 4J about a parent / technology training:

Thursday, Nov. 5,

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar Link

Passcode: 546577

<https://zoom.us/j/95696579716?pwd=akVUQ2F5MDM3UFpOZ28rYnRHdnFWZz09>

- a. Stephen offered to help with a BV-focused technology session.

BVPO: ELD kids don't have Imaging Learning in their iPad. Can we get it?

2. The app is almost ready.
3. More information will be out soon.

BVPO: Is there a way to get the newsletter / schedule by Sunday night so families can plan their weeks before they start?

4. We are at our regular schedule right now so there shouldn't be many surprises about the schedule at this point.

Melissa: We have a sub shortage, especially a shortage of Spanish teachers, so if there is a positive case cluster at BV there will be exceptional challenges to continue teaching and learning.

7. Goals for this year
  - a. Fundraising for direct community support, teacher appreciation, and future Amity (mini-Subasta.)
  - b. Connect with our community
    1. Cultural Development Programs
    2. Bring in Spanish-speaking people into BVPO
      - a. Bilingual Meeting
      - b. Other ideas? Please reach out!
  - c. Communication
    1. With Director Ibarra
    2. With teachers
    3. On FaceBook
      - a. What is the best ways to get your post to Ashli: you can email her an idea, bullet points, an image, etc. It's flexible.
      - b. Ashli will hook up with the Cultural Development Team for future posts.
    4. BVPO Updates via Director Ibarra's newsletter
8. Topics of the Month

- a. We have Grade Reps who are ready and willing to help. Will it be okay for BVPO to ask teachers directly or should we go through Director Ibarra?
    1. Not sure, can bring it up at a staff meeting.
    2. Emails are not best for communication right now because there are so many.
  - b. We are going to have a coffee bar for teachers on the morning of November 13 at 8am. Please donate pastries, fruit, creamer, or coffee and Melissa will make the coffee. Drop off by 7:30 on the day or at Jordan's house - 1710 Norwood St. – ahead of time. Ground coffee will need to be dropped off at the school at least the day before.
    1. Is there something we can do to appreciate the remote teachers?
    2. Jordan included gift cards along with the pumpkins.
    3. Many teachers need to pop into the building from time to time so even remote teachers may be able to pick up a non-perishable item from time to time.
  - c. What else can we do to be the best BVPO? Jordan explained her tree / root vision and Joe teared up.
    1. Email Joe [jpeck@terrafirmafs.com](mailto:jpeck@terrafirmafs.com)
    2. Email Jordan [jordan@blairadventures.com](mailto:jordan@blairadventures.com)
9. Next meeting Monday, December 7. Wear BV colors!