

BVPO Minutes – May 6, 2019

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

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

Amity – Principal Melissa Ibarra provided the update. There is one confirmed intern for next year. Another intern has been offered the position but has not confirmed. We had four interns this year, but one left. We are hoping for and have approved the budget for five next year. Host families are still needed.

Principal and Staff Updates – Melissa announced that Outdoor school for the fifth graders was a big success – they did rafting, ropes course, and other activities. They are looking at all the possible options for next year. BV had significant participation at the Duck Dash - 106 BV students registered, the most of any school and Max from 4th grade finished first. The mural has been completed and was in the meeting room – it will be hung on the stage soon. This was part of the artists-in-residence and based on the success of the Art Sparks auction, it looks like they will be able to support artists-in-residence in each school next year.

Staffing updates: They have hired a kindergarten teacher - Ana Olivera Powell – she is from Spain and is currently teaching in Nyssa. Maestra Mares and Maestra Kokkler have both announced they are leaving so we will have two first grades and two kindergarten vacancies (one being filled by Powell).

Upcoming Dates:

- Teacher Appreciation week is the week of May 6 and the grades will be providing lunch/snacks for teachers.
- The teacher walk-out is May 8. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided at various locations – check your email.
- May 15 is walk and bike to school and once again the buses will drop off students who want to participate at Emerald Bible fellowship. Maestra Fisher said students will be given credit for jogging jags.
- May 16 is the second to last coffee chat - Sydney Koh - bring stuff help Jog-a-thon - May 21 is Jog-a-Thon
- May 27 - no school
- June 7-Celebrando Nuestra Diversidad - there is going to be a raffle to finish fundraising and BV has partnered with Los Monarcas. It was noted that there is \$1500 in the BVPO budget for this event.
- June 10 - next BVPO
- June 14 - 5th grade promotion

- June 17 - field day – in the past all the students have been together but this year they intend to split it up by grades. Maestra Fisher is interested in leading this and has some great new ideas – look for information soon including maybe a meeting. She was thinking a possible Hawaiian theme.
- Grade level Year-End celebrations are scheduled look for a Remind alert for your child's grade.
- Jogging Jags – this is happening before school. Maestra Fisher said the students are doing awesome - some come all the time, some come a couple days a week, but they have energy and are ready to learn after- it is really having a positive impact. very well

Jog-a-thon: - Kristin White the Spirit Coordinator is coordinating jog-a-thon this year. This is a really well-attended event and a good fundraiser. Students will get fundraising envelopes. Students will get otter pops at the end and they will have their laps “scanned” using the jogging jags name tags and programs. It is going to be simple and students will be encouraged to bring their own water bottles. They are looking for other fun things - Maybe Sluggo, the Pancake, or maybe the Sheldon Band. This money will go to support classroom grants for teachers.

4J parent network meeting – Tiffany attended this meeting and there was discussion about fundraising and programs that are being used in other schools.

Fundraising- Subasta was a big success. Ticket sales are estimated at 5110 and the actual auction at 37,320. A couple things need to be addressed. First, dessert dash – in the past this have been split between 4th and 5th grade. They made about 2500 and if we are following the normal trend, the 4th grade get half but all present decided that should be worked out between 4th and 5th grade parents. Second, the auctioneer auctioned off two hotel packages and we only had one. They went for 1300 per person. The company appears to be willing to donate a second package but if not, we will need to pay for it. In terms of how much was raised, we don't have the final numbers but the gross 43000 was about and we don't have final bill but think it is about 7250 for hotel, so that is about 33k post-adjustments. Everyone is blown away by how it all turn out. They also raised \$600 for the June 7 event with a helmet auction. Someone brought up whether it should happen every year, but it was noted that many schools have gone away from a big yearly auction – there are only some many things that can get donated etc. But there could be smaller evenings – a bingo night or a wine and dessert night.

Now that Subasta is done – here is what is left - Box Tops – there will be two drop of points for the school entire school. Joanna is interested in fundraising committee ad would like to try and meet before school ends. She wants to know where people want to go with fundraising – she is not asking for people to do the fundraising just to help plan a strategy. Maybe we do want to do more of a direct drive – tell people what we need the money for and ask them to donate. Maybe have a chart showing

how much is raised etc. and then also do some of the easy things – Amazon Smile, Dinners out—but not do little fundraisers for each thing during the year – have a plan and stick to it to avoid fundraising fatigue. Some people present noted that things do just come up – like a teacher needs to buy something etc. There was discussion about including a fund for those expenses and it was noted that there are classroom grants. People also felt that asking for a specific class item was different than more general fundraising. What is needed is transparency.

Request for Funding for Human Growth Instruction – There is a requirement that the 5th grade get human growth instruction and Planned Parenthood has a program where they come out and teach the program for \$250 and the cost of printing materials. It is over two days and Maestra Bradley and Maestro Cooper are in support of it. There was a request to fund this and it was noted that we could use the money left over because one of the Amity interns left early. It was noted that we should consider including a classroom special project fund in our budget.

Update on Budget: Half of money raised at Subasta goes to next year and then the rest goes to other. Current funds for next year. \$26,703.85 - half of that Subasta. Looking at this year's approved budget we are 8600 short for next year. Our current expenditures are not sustainable at this level of spending. And we are 15k short for next year if we want have 5 interns.

There was a discussion about whether we should consider re-allocating some of the capital expenditures. There was also a discussion about library funds – there is a significant budget for capital improvements including cashed out Scholastic Funds which could be used for either improvements or staffing and then a separate \$5000 that was raised for EA time. But, before we can really spend those funds there needs to be a discussion about how to make it sustainable long-term. The teachers, students and parents want students to have access to the library but depending just on parent volunteers could lead to certain classes not getting library time. This is not equitable. How do we get the support we need and how do we continue it – for example, will the book fair continue and who will run it. we do not know who is going to take the lead next year when Tiffany leaves but we need to identify those people and maybe everyone can sit down and decide how to spend money and move forward. We need someone to step up to coordinate. Probably would be better to have two people on the library committee – this is a big job. Contact Tiffany or George if you are interested.

Sam brought up the \$700 for the Costa Rica trip. It was already approved in the budget for this year so a vote was not necessary. It will need to be addressed for next year.

Maestra Bradley was asking for \$500 for the 5th grade year end graduation, but it was unclear if she was aware of the funds raised from the dessert dash. The

discussion was tabled to determine if the money was still needed. If it is needed and a decision must be made before the next meeting, an email vote of the board will be conducted.

Motion to Approve Up to \$400 for Planned Parenthood Presentation to 5th Grade on Human Growth –A motion was made to approve up to \$400 for Planned Parenthood presentation to 5th grade on human growth and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve. Resolved –Up to \$400 for Planned Parenthood Presentation to 5th Grade on Human Growth is Approved.

Next Meeting is June 10.