

BVPO MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 2017

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Ben Temple welcomed everyone. The following members were present: Ben Temple, Tiffany Wright, Amy Birney, Victoria Palcios, Joanna Palmer, Sydney Koh, Amy Potter, Maestra Jacobson, ebbs Corletta, Lili Henderson, Heidi Gese, Ben Gese, Chris Young, Angeline P, Laura Lee, 2nd grade Xx, Abraham Rincon, Colby Huling, Ricki Huling, Keri Pape, Joanna Palmer

BUDGET – Ben announced that he wanted to get final approval of the budget that was tentatively approved in June. The funds we raised last year go to this year's spending. The biggest thing BVPO supports is Amity and it has already approved for this year. This impacts all the kids. There are also administrative costs (which are required), Classroom grants which have already been provided, the Costa Rica donation which we agreed to last year, School affairs which includes the ice cream social and other events, and backpack food assistance. The other major spending item is teacher collaboration. This totals \$56,475. This leaves \$4446 because we took some things off like OBOB because we got a grant.

Ben wants to discuss teacher collaborations because we rushed through it last year and because in the past we have contributed 10k and the Principal has contributed 10k from her budget to have the teachers collaborate and meet for 30 minutes with Melissa every other week. This year, Melissa is required to use the 10k for something else so, if BVPO funds the collaborations, they will only happen once a month. Ben invited the teachers to talk about it. Maestra Henderson (3rd grade) indicated that it is worth the money because the grade levels are able to meet with Melissa and have targeted, specific discussions on how to improve in certain areas. Maestra Jacobson echoed that she found it very helpful and it helps improve the continuity in the grade levels. This is focused time for teachers to concentrate on certain areas and look at data to see how to improve. Much of the professional development offered by the district does not apply because it is not for immersion programs. This is targeted to this program. A parent asked about doing the meetings at a different time. Because of committees and meetings with parents and other obligations, these meetings cannot happen after school. The teachers reiterated that this is structured time that allows them to focus on areas of concern and collaborate on solutions. When this started at BV, it was fairly unique and now it is expanding to other schools. Some parents questioned then why the school district was not funding it and why Melissa was not matching the funds. Others noted that it would be nice if the district were to fund it, but at this point, the question really is – do we want this program and if so, we need to fund it because there does not appear to be another funding source. Other parents mentioned concerns about substitutes and how that leads to behavior problems and results in

regular interruptions. Others offered that they did not know how results were measured and though it may not be worth it. But, other parents indicated that in order to make improvements in the school and given the teachers support, it seemed worthwhile.

Motion to Approve 10k for teacher collaboration: A motion was made to approve 10k for teacher collaboration and there was a second. A vote was called. A majority of those present voted to approve (13). ***Resolved*** –10k for teacher collaboration was approved.

The next question is what to do with the \$4446 that remains. There are a lot of things that we could spend on: field trips, curriculum supplements or school wide curriculum on things like bullying, it could go to teachers, Amity recruitment, family/community nights. The groups and topics were:

- Community/family
- Student enrichment
- Amity recruitment
- School wide enrichment
- Teacher needs

A discussion was held on how to allocate the funds. After the meeting everyone would place post it notes (everyone was given 4 - Vote with these post it notes - each one worth about 1112 (1/4 of 4446)) by the item or items they felt were most important. The money would then be allocated based on those votes. Then proposals would be made to the BVPO board who could vote on whether to approve the spending requests if they were not made at a meeting.

FUNDRAISING – Papa’s Pizza made \$1200. The next dinner night is Oct 17 at Chipotle. There is a holiday photo fundraiser on Nov 5. The PE teacher is considering an equipment sale to raise money for new equipment.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS – Carnival is Friday from 6-8. It is free with suggested donation of \$5 to cover costs. Curriculum night went well and parent teacher conference coming up – they will sponsor dinner.

SITE COUNCIL – Site council is looking at data about how the classrooms look and how data looks for fall tests went. Need to look at school supply fee - some teachers got funded and others did not. Need to get funded for all.

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

WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD ASSISTANCE – This program started on Friday and 14 families (with 2 more to come) received rice and beans and granola for the weekend. Food donations are appreciation – you can bring them to the office.

FIESTA – There is a parent letter regarding disappointment over Fiesta ending circulating – you can sign the letter if you want. The teachers know it is coming and BVPO does not want them to see it as a threat. It does not mean that we are not there to support them.

SUBASTA – Ben reminded everyone that Subasta will be here in one year and 4 months – time to get planning.

ADDENDUM TO MINTUES - At the BVPO meeting, each person present was given 4 post it notes to vote for the spending areas they felt the extra \$4446 that was not allocated in June would be spent. The votes were counted after the meeting and the results circulated by email. The following are the results of that vote:

Family/Community Enrichment: \$877.50

Student Enrichment: \$1755

Teacher Needs: \$1229

Amity Intern Program Host Family Development: \$409.50

School Wide Curriculum Needs: \$175

We agreed that the BVPO Board (the 12 elected members) would work together to determine/approve the specific expenditures within each category listed above.

Any BV parent is invited to email Ben any specific recommendation you have about how to spend the money in each of these categories. The board will discuss your recommendations and approve the spending accordingly.