

Boosters Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Called to order at 6:01pm

Attended by Arianna, Kandice, Daniela, Lynnette, Harmony, Tasha, Leonna, Jana, Kati, and guests Amy Jones, Jeff Gospe

LCAP – Jeff Gospe & Amy Jones

- Local Control Accountability Plan
- Three-year plan, updated each year
- Last one has expired, working on draft of new one
- Local Control Accountability Plan, determines where we want money to be spent, improvements, etc.

RVUSD Bond – Jeff Gospe & Amy Jones

- Board approved bond to be sent to voters on March 5, looking for \$66 million, eligible for matching funds of \$12 million
- Started with facilities plan, defining what a TK/K classroom should look like, what schools need updates and changes, evaluated state of each school, determine needs to ask voters for money, assessments over 18-24 months, board approved to put on ballot
- School board has to be neutral about bond, but make a campaign committee separately to promote
- CA underfunds schools, only way schools can get money for long term improvements is bonds
 - Last bond was 2014, with inflation is comparable to what they're asking for now, passed by 65%
 - Parcel tax in 2016
- If bond passes, added to property tax for homes and businesses in the district, based on assessed value of property, maximum of \$30 per \$100k of assessed value, about \$150 average per household
- What is needed to get this passed?
 - Want PTO to endorse yes on G
 - Volunteers to walk the neighborhoods and get the word out, put lawn signs out
 - Donations (school funds cannot be used, though school PTOs can)
 - Hoping to raise \$70k over all 8 sites
- People who live or work in district have vested interest, keep schools in good shape helps property values
- www.YesonGforRVSchools.org
- If passed, proposed improvements to Binkley include replacing portables with permanent classrooms, updating office for safety, additional restrooms
- Money would be allocated according to need on various campuses, equitable but not exactly equally divided
- Put on website with link to donate (school can't push out but PTO can)
- Timeline for improvements is long, 2014 bond was spent over about a 10-year period

Admin

- Arianna motioned to approve previous meeting minutes, Lynnette seconded, all in favor

Treasurer's Update

- \$11,612.95 in bank account
- Doesn't include \$400 deposited today
- \$450 to Get Movin' for early bird pricing for Read-A-Thon

Principal's Update

- LCAP is written by focus groups of students, parents, staff
 - Three-year plan, is updated every year, controls how money is spent
 - Some goals from previous years haven't been met, but others are the reason all sites have full time counselors and student advocates now
 - Change "All learners will achieve at grade level or higher" to something about growth for all learners (student who grows from 2nd to 4th grade standards even in 5th grade is growth)
 - Need more parent involvement in making the plan, 2-hour meeting once a month at district office or zoom
 - Tuesday, January 16, 3:15-5:15pm, LCAP partners meeting
- Youth Truth survey runs January 16th to 23rd
 - Survey is for all families, students in 3rd to 6th grade, and all teachers and staff
 - In competition with other schools for participation
 - All anonymous
 - Rank different aspects of the school, can put in comments
 - Many of our current programs came from Youth Truth survey in previous years (conflict managers, Stop Walk and Talk, etc.)
 - Takes about 15 minutes
 - RVP gets all lumped together across all schools, district should fix it but respondents can put "Binkley" in comments so it's obvious which reviews and comments apply to Binkley
- No school Monday, January 15th (MLK day) and Friday, January 26th (teacher workday)
- Jasmine (creator of equity toolkit) will be coming to work with teachers on 26th
- Boys Basketball tryouts just happened, Coach Gustavo is taking over the team this year
- Last week of January is Basketball Special Olympics, asking basketball team to help Coach J
- 100th day of school January 31st
 - Yo-yo assembly is coming back
 - K to 5th grade only, no TK or 6th
 - Need help with yo-yo sales the 30th, 31st, 1st, 3 people before and after school, Miss Lily can be point person
- Booster money helped revamp playground equipment
 - Each grade level now has an assigned color
 - TK and K balls are rainbow, other grades have a single color for balls, hula hoops, etc.
 - Each grade has a few equipment managers who are in charge of checking equipment in and out
 - Goal it to improve kids' respect for the equipment, not lose or break so much, can buy higher quality things because we don't need as much quantity
- Mrs. Crawford is back from maternity leave
- Working on a Be Binkley song with Mrs. Garcia-Norris
- Probably no school April 12th, 15th (unused emergency days)

SPAC

- Measure G
- RVEF
 - Paradise Ridge gala will be March 8
 - Aftercare at one site will be providing free child care for the event (students only)
 - Want people to sponsor a table, cost will be \$115 per person (unknown how many people at a table yet)
 - Lynnette has another meeting with them tomorrow
 - Suggesting that PTO sponsor a table, attend ourselves or for some teachers

- Silent auction and dessert auction (bid by table to share)
- Sponsoring a table would be in lieu of donating money to RVEF for this
- Someone will be coming to each school site to look at water bottle filling stations
 - We don't have a filling station
 - Could be part of Measure G?
- Santa Rosa has a hydration station that will come for events, instead of us having to hand out a bunch of water bottles
 - Arianna will try to get them for the Color Run
- One site had issues with a parent who didn't like the pride flag
- Wanted to know if ELAC president wanted to do an event with SPAC, we don't have a president specifically but Raquel will coordinate, Diana can help with translation
- One school got a karate studio to come do a 6-week class with all students
 - Studio then had everyone's contact information as a tradeoff

Movie Nights

- Lynnette has movies for students to vote on
 - One ballot for each class, kids vote in class
 - Lower grade (G rated):
 - Paw Patrol
 - Happy Feet
 - Elemental (PG?)
 - Upper grade:
 - Mario
 - Little Mermaid (live action)
 - Bad Guys
- Food & Drinks
 - Popcorn - have oil and salt, need bags
 - There are some drinks in the shed
- 5:30-6pm is food and drink sales, 6pm movie starts, no in and out except for bathroom

Other Upcoming Events

- Dine & Donate – Lepe's, January 19th
- Movie Nights:
 - February 2nd, Lower Grade
 - February 9th, Upper Grade
- Read-A-Thon, March 4th to 24th
- Spring Fling Dance, April 5th
 - DJ and photo booth, last year was ~\$800
 - Can sell snacks, drinks
- Color Run, May 16th
 - Thursday (but there's no school Friday)
 - Run 4:30 to 5ish
 - Snacks and food trucks until 6pm
 - Music
- Field Day
 - June 5th

Meeting adjourned at 8pm