

Boosters Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Called to order at 6:11pm

Attended by Jaima, Kandice, Harmony, Heather, Daniela, Arianna, Lynnette, Jim

Admin

- Jaima motions to approve minutes from previous meeting, Kandice seconds, all approve

Principal's Update

- Spring break countdown!
- 2nd trimester ended, report cards will come home on the 11th, teachers will have conferences with students as necessary the following week, week of 14th is 1:57pm dismissal to accommodate
- No school March 18th, 28th because we didn't use any emergency days
- Read a Thon kickoff will happen tomorrow (March 2nd)
 - Didn't go in Monday video because of technology issues, video will go out tomorrow
 - Mrs. Johnston has set up display in library
- Social emotional learning survey soon
 - Teachers in TK-1 survey class in person, older kids take survey online
 - Questions are about how they feel about learning, do they have a safe adult in their life, etc., just for in-district use
- Youth Truth survey results are back
 - Binkley comes in 2nd in district for having a good culture, positives about teachers and programs
 - Staff will dive in and take specifics
- Blacktop will be re-slurried over the summer
 - Some teachers and students will be on re-design committee for where to put sensory paths, etc.
 - Kindergarten yard will be getting umbrellas, seating, sandbox, etc. from universal TK funding
- P4 (last portable) will be removed, remaining portables will be day care only
- RVEF summer program is hosted at Binkley this summer
- PBIS team (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support)
 - First goal was getting kids to walk in hallways, go calmly into office, etc.
 - Handed out 280 tickets for kids "caught" doing it the right way in February
 - Next goal is lunch table behavior

SPAC Update from Arianna

- Still working on proposals for field trips to be equitable across schools
 - How do parent clubs collect money for field trips (we ask parents for each field trip)
 - Some schools ask parents (tier 1) for funds at the beginning of the year for the whole year's field trips, then (tier 2) Boosters pay what they can, then (tier 3) we can ask for Intervention Funds from principal
 - Can allow parents to sponsor another kid as well
 - Finding out at the beginning of the year would also help take some of the pressure off teachers so they don't have to deal with collecting money
 - Better for parents to know ahead of time rather than getting surprise field trip fee requests
 - Currently some schools get to do field trips other schools can't, trying to make it the same across the district
- Next meeting March 8th

Treasurer Update

- Currently have about \$12,000
- Would be good to keep \$3-4,000 in the bank for next year to start with
- Fundraising has gone well
 - Passive fundraising has been about \$700 each from Amazon smile and Scrip
 - Welcome Back party, See's candy sales, spirit wear sales all good
 - Our fundraising tends to go best when we're raising for something in particular (like the gaga ball pit), but have to be careful with our wording ("raising funds for the gaga ball pit AND other items") or we're locked into spending the whole amount on that
- Miscellaneous fee of \$739.74 was an accounting fix to balance books
- We should better publicize what we've fundraised for, how much we've raised, what we do
- Do another run of spirit wear
 - Might go with another company next year, there were some quality issues with a few items, but let's stick with Halls again for ease for this run
 - Need minimum 24 print run, Boosters can commit to saying we'll cover up to 24 if we don't meet that (have some shirts on hand for new staff, new students)
 - Last call for spirit wear, don't frame it as a fundraiser, just giving people a chance to grab stuff if they want (don't want to compete with read a thon fundraiser)
 - **Jaima** will call Halls to set up, then we can push out announcement
- See's Easter sales
 - March 7th-25th
- 6th grade camp / outdoor ed
 - 6 students are asking for scholarships, would be \$1800
 - This is in addition to the \$1500 we already donated which covered the bus
 - Daniela made motion to donate \$1800 for this, Jaima seconded, 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Color Run & Festival – May 13

- Some kids have requested a more interactive jumpy, like an obstacle course, maybe additional bounce houses (split kids by age so the big kids aren't jumping on the smaller kids)
- Dunk tank, Harmony volunteers and maybe some teachers will too
- We have money left over we didn't use from the Welcome Back party, so we can afford to bump up the budget some here and splurge on more/bigger rentals
- Daniela made motion to budget \$2000 for the Color Run, Lynnette seconded, 8 in favor, 0 opposed
- Have a table of Boosters at the entrance to spread awareness for next year
 - Dispel misinformation about Boosters (PTA stereotypes, it takes a lot of time, etc.)

Read-A-Thon – March 2 to 18

- Announcement with clickable links will be pushed out on Wednesday via Facebook, newsletter, etc.
- Prizes will be handed out for people who signed up on Friday
- Big thermometer will be put outside office and updated with fundraising amounts each morning
- Would still like to use Reading for Education funds to get books into hands of students
 - Teachers are on board with pooling gift cards to get books for all kids
 - **Jaima** will draft an email for **Harmony** to send out saying teachers can choose their own book (one per class or grade level) by Friday or we'll choose one (have librarian help)

Jaima motioned to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm