

Boosters Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Called to order at 6:01pm

Attended by Arianna, Lynnette, Kandice, Tasha, Lizzy, Kati, Harmony, Andrea, Elly, Lynnette, Angela, Jaima, Carrie, Amy

Admin

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

Treasurer's Update - Tasha

- Waiting on Read-A-Thon check, will basically double amount we have in the bank
- \$7,083.81 current balance (\$378 missing because it was eaten by the ATM from Spring Fling deposit, will get it back after they count the ATM in a week)

SPAC - Arianna

- Bond update – measure G passed, will be going back to the schools to review what each school needs, make sure we're getting to the most important updates
 - Will get potentially \$33 million in June, rest to come later
 - Not all schools get the same amount, schools that need more work get more money
 - Superintendent should be coming back, either come to a Booster meeting or organize a separate parent meeting
 - Should be before the end of the school year since the money is coming in June, can potentially get some things fixed up over the summer while the kids aren't on campus
- More classrooms will be getting flexible seating arrangements like we're currently trying in 3rd grade
 - Current items were purchased from Amazon, Ikea, etc. but new kits will be from a company doing this specifically, should be sturdier
- Class sizes are capped at 24 for lower grades (up to 28 if there's an aide), and 32 for upper grades (38 with an aide)
- Boosters write stipend checks to each teacher, but other schools give more or less based on how much money they bring in
 - Not equitable from school to school
 - Arianna brought up this inequality and SPAC agreed, need to be on the same page regarding amount, possibly pool money across district and divide evenly
 - We used to give \$150 a year, this year we voted to raise it to \$200, some other schools do \$250 or \$300
- Attendance issues are causing schools to lose money
 - If we can standardize a home study packet by grade level that kids could get when they're out sick, can get paid for that day
 - Because Binkley is a charter, only have to be out one day, other schools have to be out three days, but can send the packet electronically on the third day
 - Can have a standard packet for each month, so work isn't duplicated from month to month
 - All absences, excused or not, mean the school doesn't get paid, excused only determines whether student is considered truant or not

- Some families don't know that school isn't paid for a student's absence, should include in first day packets, TK and K orientations, maybe include the amount of money the school loses (\$70-80 per day)

Principal's Update - Harmony

- Read-A-Thon rewards started today, Enzo was principal for the day, Jasmin will be principal next Tuesday, Principal Cafe will be happening next week
- Next year one Monday a month will be 90 minute early release, teachers and staff currently working on how to use that time, only time teachers can collaborate across grade levels, will dive in on May 17th in-service
 - Teacher's union brought the idea to the district, to give them time to dive into student data and make adjustments to teaching, two year trial
 - Teachers can dig into testing data and see where each student needs help
 - Will also stop the situation where teachers are leaving sometimes on Wednesdays for meetings
- Feedback from Youth Truth Survey said families don't feel like students are being academically challenged, talking about how can we standardize routines across grade levels so kids can come in and dive right into grade level material instead of learning all new classroom routines first
- State testing coming up April 22nd to May 16th, learning lab is provided for students who need quiet space to test, library will have to be closed for three days (less than last year)
- Volleyball for 4th, 5th, 6th grades is happening, tournament coming up
- Special Olympics May 3rd, track and field
- Bike Rodeo coming for 4th grade April 30th, Safe Routes to School turns half the blacktop into an obstacle course, teach about safety, how to ride if necessary
 - 4th/5th grade combo class gets to participate but other 5th grade class doesn't, Carrie raised the point that this isn't fair, Harmony will go back to Bike Rodeo team and see if other 5th grade class can be added, or if there can be another activity for all 5th graders instead (need supervision since teacher will be outside with 4th graders)
 - Maybe offer up to both 5th grade classes to be able to help out at the bike rodeo or stay in class, one teacher can take kids outside and other teacher can take kids who don't want to, or rotate through stations
- Folklorio dancers will perform May 6th for their last performance (after Cinco de Mayo)
- Talent Show coming back May 31, auditions coming up in May
- District Board made a commitment to no combo classes next year, Binkley currently hiring for new teacher, will require some classroom shuffling around, district needs nine new teachers next year (because of retirements), Binkley just needs one

TK Orientation & Playdate – Leonna

- Boosters typically help, hand out cookies and juice to students, but may or may not need us this year
- Saturday, July 20th Leonna is hosting a TK play date
- Monday, August 12th 10am Boosters host a play date at school
- August 14th first day of school
- Harmony will make a flier to go out

RVEF Update – Lynnette

- Meeting was postponed to April 15th
- Gala earned \$30k, had \$10k in the bank already so have \$40k
- Will try to get district to match
- Will ask for STEM night dates ahead of time so we can try to raise money there

Bylaws Update – Arianna & Tasha

- Bylaws will be posted on Booster website for review, vote on them next month
- Biggest changes are
 - Event planning details, process for how that works
 - Communication and code of conduct is new
 - Money handling policy has been folded in (was separate document)
- Translation should be done by Diana, but sometimes we don't know if she's out
 - Tahryn sends out calendar updates in the morning, Boosters should get added to that list so we know when she's out and can reach out to someone else if necessary (ask Tahryn to get this added)

Color Run – Arianna & Lynnette

- May 16th, 4:30-6:30pm
- Kona Ice, taco stand, Dino's Greek food truck
- Have 67 pairs of sunglasses already, Tasha will order 300 more
- Lynnette will order more color powder bags, 20-30 pounds
- We have bottles, Madrone said we can borrow theirs if we need to

Teacher & Classified Appreciation Weeks

- Teacher appreciation week of May 6th
- Classified appreciation week of May 20th
- Budget for whole thing is \$1500
- Costco run
 - Snacks, drinks, coffee pods
 - \$350 budget
 - May 6th Lizzy, May 20th Andrea
- Teacher lunch May 17th
 - In-service work day
 - Wooden Petal does sandwich platters, Arianna will reach out to them, 24 people, noon (time to firm up with Harmony)
- Maybe have chair massage people come in Wednesday or Thursday of one week
 - Elly suggested we reach out to massage school students who might need hours
 - Harmony can go around and relieve teachers for 15 minutes at a time so they have time to get a massage
- Fix up wall in the lounge behind the sink where the backsplash is falling down
- For May newsletter include half sheet kids can turn into a card for a teacher or staff member

Principal Appreciation

- May 1
- Sarmentine breakfast

Other Upcoming Events

- Field Day
 - June 5th
- Next meeting May 9th

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm