

# Boosters Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Called to order at 6:04pm

**Attended by** Arianna White, Kandice Rose, Tasha Lopez, Leonna Beccio, Lynnette Duncan, Lizzy Allan, Harmony Harvell, Brad Ledger, Alison Carrington-Tardiff, Amy Lyle, Priscilla Lowenthal

## Admin

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

## Elections

- Arianna White – President
- Lynnette Duncan – Vice President
- Kandice Rose – Secretary
- Tasha Lopez – Treasurer
- Jaima Finn, Amy Lyle, Priscilla Lowenthal, Leonna Beccio, Alison Carrington-Tardiff - Ambassador
- Lizzy Allan – Events

## Treasurer's Update - Tasha

- We have \$4000 budgeted for Binkley general
  - Can move \$1000 to “playground improvement”
  - Kandice proposes, Lizzy seconds, all in favor
  - Can fundraise specifically for this project as well in the future
- We have \$14,698.53 in our account
  - Have not written check to Binkley yet, will be about \$10,000 total
    - Will hold back part of check for now so we can bulk order spirit wear
- Teacher stipends will be \$200 each this year, ~21 checks
  - Would empty the bank account, so we'll do \$100 checks now and \$100 checks just before Christmas after we fundraise some more

## Principal's Update - Harmony

- School starts next week!
- TK
  - New teacher Kenneth Hamilton
  - Did a TK play date in July
  - Second play date on Monday August 12, Boosters sponsored
    - Will provide lemonade and cookies
- Teachers came back today
- Class lists will come out at 3:30pm on Monday
- First day of school Wednesday August 14
- Welcome back assembly Thursday August 15
- Compost
  - Had an issue with trash company because trash was mixed in with compost and they wouldn't take it
  - Will start with focus on compost, lunch only
  - Add snack recess composting later, add recycling milk cartons mid-year
  - Cole from Recology will be coming to do presentations
- Breakfast in the classroom

- 3rd through 6th grade will have breakfast in the classroom, cafeteria provides enough food for all students and they can choose to eat or not
- Tested with 5th and 6th grade last year, showed better progress in classroom when they were fed extra in the mornings
- Classrooms have refrigerators, school budget covers yogurt and string cheese, etc.
- PE
  - Piloting “Push PE” with Manzanita
  - Teachers currently have access to Sparks binder with PE lessons
  - Before and after lunch, two grades at a time will go out together with their aides and half the teachers, 40 minute lessons, twice a week
  - Teachers will trade off getting extra professional time in classrooms
  - District bought program, still need equipment kits (would be about \$4500 for two kits) but we have some equipment already
  - Will start in September
- Budget cuts have hit hard
  - Messaging to parents is buy your kids a backpack and a water bottle, don’t need other school supplies
  - Save money for special things your classroom teachers ask of you and field trips

### **Back to School Night - Harmony**

- Same plan as last year to combine with multicultural night
- Tuesday, September 3, 5-7pm
  - 5-5:30pm food samples, taco truck? Kona ice?
  - 5:30-6pm Performances under the oak trees, Principal announcements
  - 6-7pm Teacher classrooms open
- Split up food lines into different sections, serve cafeteria food samples so families can try what their kids are eating
- Taco truck and Kona Ice funds could go to playground improvements
- Harmony will be cutting out Bobcat shapes to hide around school for scavenger hunt
  - Could have kids color them

### **Tears & Cheers - Lynnette**

- For 30 minutes after school drop off (8:30-9am), first day of school
  - Will set up table outside cafeteria, brew our own coffee
  - Preorder from Tan’s, donut holes

### **Boosters Welcome Back Party - Arianna**

- Friday, September 27th, 5-7pm
- Past events have been pasta feed (didn’t make much money), carnival inflatables (no longer covered by insurance), movie night (prohibitively expensive outdoors)
- Binkley Boosters Bobcat Bubble Boogie
- Water/foam/bubble party
  - Stations:
    - Foam
    - Sprinklers
    - Dump bucket on principal’s head
  - Tickets for each station, wristband for unlimited
  - Bubble station will be free
  - Sell bubble wands
- Also sell snacks, drinks at ticket table

- Taco truck, maybe also Jam's Joy Bungalow?

### **Camp Binkley - Harmony**

- Friday, September 20
- Painting projects will be ball wall, signs for "fairy land," table/spools in oak area, stumps
  - Have leftover paint from bench project, can also get donations of paint and sealant
- Garden improvements
  - Will ask Robin Graefen's husband for ideas to remodel
  - Want an archway over the garden entrance, but the sheds would have to move and will not be reusable
  - Trellises for archway and to cover fence behind house

### **Spirit Wear - Lizzy**

- Socks would be \$7.95 a pair for 100 or a bit less for 120, would have to buy them all and then sell them, sample is too large for small children, let's pass for now
- Sonoma Design Apparel is more expensive per item, charged us a \$3 per item fee for selling online
  - Minimum order is 36 for kids or adult sizes
- Your Logo Wear(?) is cheaper per item but shipping from East coast is potentially higher
  - Minimum is 144 pieces
- Arianna and Lizzy will set up order from cheaper place and try to get them in time for Bubble Boogie

### **Playground Projects - Priscilla**

- Priscilla has experience with the children's museum, wanted to give kids a dignified space for calmer activities (not just big movement spaces like the big toy)
- TK Yard
  - Has gotten two play houses
  - Replacing "Bee Kind" mural with magnet wall, installing a ball drop/maze
  - Adding a race car track
  - Adding shade along the fence wall
- Bark under oak trees
  - Part will be stones and materials for building fairy houses, with a sign
  - Toy kitchen for acorn play
  - Part will be spool tables and natural space with stumps, wooden houses
  - Also got trays for tables so kids can do art (current tables have holes/bumps)
  - Art cart and games cart
  - Pallet table with astroturf for kids to sit on to play games
- Will reimburse Priscilla for \$500 already spent
  - Future spending can be allotted via subcommittee up to amount already budgeted

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- TK Play Date, August 12, 10-11am
  - Lynnette will get lemonade and cookies
  - Lynnette will make a flyer
- Kona Ice, August 16, 2-3pm
- Next meeting, September 12

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm