

Boosters Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Called to order at 6:03 pm

Attended by Harmony, Kandice, Arianna, Leonna, Elly, Lynnette, Jaima, John, Lizzy

Admin

- Arianna motions to approve previous meeting minutes, Lynnette seconds, all in favor

Treasurer's Update & Budget Approval

- Tasha couldn't make it tonight but sent the proposed budget based on discussion from previous meeting
- Outdoor Education is listed at \$0, but \$6000 for field trips covers this as well (less restrictive to say field trips in general rather than earmarking for one specific field trip)
- Welcome Back Teacher Lunch is unnecessary this year because new superintendent is buying them lunch, but Harmony is asking Boosters to get dessert on August 14
 - Jaima will get this, will be below the \$750 we've allotted for lunch
- Yearbook is owed about \$2000 from invoice not paid last year (yearbooks for 6th grade, etc.)
- Wrote yearly check to Harmony last week, \$10,000
- Movie license \$550 still outstanding
- Current balance after paying what we owe will be around \$4500
- Kandice motions to approve proposed budget, Jaima seconds, all in favor

Admin

- Jaima motions to vote in new members, all in favor
 - John Irby as Ambassador
 - Elly Irby as Events

Principal's Update

- TK and K orientation was this morning
 - New TK teacher, Mrs. Lopez is new to Binkley from Sequoia
 - New K teacher, Mrs. Freeman is new and coming from Bodega Bay
- School starts on Wednesday next week
- Monday is district welcome back, new superintended Amy Jones
- School goals this year:
 - Multitier systems of support
 - PBIs
 - Equity work
 - Continuing equity work
 - Last year was pod and outdoor installations, this year is more focused on classroom libraries
 - Be the marigold
 - Staying positive, teachers who have been here a long time helping out new teachers
- First three days are early dismissal at 1:55
- Welcome back assembly on Friday
 - Parents are invited to assemblies if they want, don't do explicit invitations (e.g. for Bobcat of the Month) anymore because many parents couldn't make it

- Last Monday of the month will be Bobcat of the Month, music, new character trait kickoff
- Two Monday assemblies a month, morning announcements the rest of the time
- Theme this year is Be Your Binkley Best
- Common Ground assembly on August 21
 - Not coming out of our budget, district is paying for them to visit each site
 - CGS's 500th presentation!
- Playground rotations will be happening August 23, 24, 25, to help teach and reinforce expectations for recess behavior (part of PBIs)
- Specials start August 28
 - Library for all grades
 - TK to 5th get music
 - 6th gets STEM
 - Other classes have access to STEM lab with their teachers

Back to Binkley Multicultural Night

- August 29, 5:30pm-7pm
- District has shifted from “sit and get” model for back to school night to this model for all schools
- Purpose of Back to School night is to let parents see the campus, meet teachers and other adults on campus who interact with their kids (lunch staff, yard duties, librarian, music teacher, counselor, etc.)
- Schedule:
 - Food samples, 5:30-5:45pm
 - Food will be outside the cafeteria, long stretch of folding tables to hold samples, lunch tables for sitting to eat
 - Divide food by type (appetizers, main dishes, desserts) and have a sign for country of origin, etc.
 - If possible, Medy could also serve cafeteria food so parents can try it
 - Principal's Message, 5:45-5:55pm
 - In MPR
 - Welcome speech, explaining the evening
 - Teacher & Staff Meet & Greet, 6:00-6:30pm
 - Teachers will be in classrooms this year, but what they are doing is up to each
 - Harmony will create a checklist for where else kids should take their parents, different order for different grades to avoid crowding (6th grade to STEM lab first, TK to music room first, etc.)
 - Phrase as “students show your families around” to try to get kids to stay with them
 - Maybe hide Bobcat cutouts in the music room, library, etc. for kids to find
 - No prizes/scavenger hunt this year, too much admin and chaos
 - Multicultural Performances, 6:30-7:00pm
 - Outside in outdoor theater behind the library
 - Use portable speaker and microphone to play music
- Arianna will do Signup Genius for food and performances

Pasta Feed / Welcome Back Party

- September 15, 5:30-7pm
- Pasta Feed
 - The Pasta King proposal costs \$875 (plus tax) for 97 people, \$9 per additional person
 - Need accurate head count ahead of time
 - \$15 per plate, all portions same size but kids can share plates

- Sell tickets ahead of time, in office and online
 - Arianna will make tickets for people to pick up in office, sell after school a few days
 - Lynnette will set up online, have printed out list at event to check people off
 - Be clear about no refunds if you pay and don't show up
- Served out of the cafeteria, pay a lunch staff member so we can use the oven to do garlic bread
- People can eat at lunch tables, bring picnic blankets
- Music, arts and crafts area, raffles
 - 50% raffle, regular raffle with donated prizes too
 - Raffles set up in MPR
 - Can come to the rest of the event without paying for the pasta meal
- Kona Ice will be in staff parking lot
- We will also provide snacks & drinks table

Redwood Empire Food Bank Event

- September 7, 5-7pm
- Volunteer with other families from Binkley
- Looking to make this a quarterly event

Room Parent Program

- Some teachers want room parents, some don't
- Room parents are basically a go-to list of volunteers for teachers
- Would like to have room parents come to at least some meetings if possible, send them meeting minutes after meetings and have them share out to other parents (so they know what's going on)
- Parents can communicate with each other via directory which was part of first day packet
 - People who opted out won't get emails
- Lynnette will make a flyer, Harmony will talk to teachers at staff meeting on Monday

Breakfast with Boosters

- Like coffee with the principal, but just the first day of school
- Connection with parents after drop off, emotional support for new parents
- Lizzy will pick up 2 regular and 1 decaf boxes of coffee
- Lynnette will get fruit and mini muffins
- Have plates, napkins, utensils in the shed

Lunch with Loved Ones

- Loved ones (family, friends, etc.) can sign up ahead of time to come onto campus and have lunch with their student on specific dates
- Maybe do two a month, spread out by grade level
 - Some classes are larger and would have to space out, e.g. one grade inside MPR and one outside at the lunch tables
- Have to check in, get name tag, check against list of sign ups
- Be clear that loved ones have to leave when the lunch bell rings, no staying for recess etc.

Bowling Event

- Was a success, want to run a couple more throughout the year
- \$350 check coming from Epicenter

Movie Night

- First one will be Friday, October 13th
- Arianna will fill out the facilities request form
- Movie, snack bar, maybe popcorn, no pizza

Trunk or Treat

- October 27th, 5:30 – 7pm

Spirit Wear

- Orders will run from second week of school until beginning of September
- Pay \$150 up front for setup
- Minimum of 36 adult and 36 youth items
- We can order extra small and small t-shirts to have stock for new students
- Adult and youth sizes, t-shirts and sweatshirts, nicer and cheaper versions of each available
- Can be shipped to people's houses or free ship to school and we parcel out
- Lizzy will find out specifics
 - When do we have to pay the \$150
 - Can we set up a discount code for teachers
 - If not, we can buy them for teachers and resell them at youth price
- Arianna will make flyer
- Jibbitz
 - Lynnette will look into selling Jibbitz as a fundraiser, maybe around holidays

Upcoming Events

- Kona Ice – August 17, 1:55-3pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm