

# Boosters Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Called to order at 6:01pm

**Attended by** Lynnette Duncan, Kati Leigh, Brooke Ransom-Burr, Jana Adams, Arianna White, Harmony Harvell, Kenny Hamilton, Andrea Nielsen, Leonna Beccio, Kandice Rose, Lizzy Allan, Lorraine Cayllahua, Tasha Lopez, Jaima Finn

## Admin

- Arianna motioned to approve previous meeting minutes, Leonna seconded, all in favor
- Arianna motioned to add the following board members, Kandice seconded, all in favor
  - Kati Leigh as Ambassador
  - Elly Irby as Events (will be working on Dine and Donates)
  - Andrea Nielsen as Events

## Treasurer's Update - Tasha

- Bank balance is \$2,651.81
  - Typically a little low this time of year
  - Teacher stipends and Binkley check have been written
  - Anonymous donation allowed us to write full teacher stipend checks instead of splitting them (half now and half closer to the holidays) as we previously thought we'd have to do
- Spirit Wear sales at Back to School night made \$621.81
  - Good start, sold a lot of sweatshirts (all that had arrived so far from this year's orders) plus stuff from previous years

## Principal's Update - Harmony

- School has been in session 21 days
- Three big school focuses for the year:
  - PBIs
    - Behavior intervention and support program
    - Currently working on volume zones, Harmony is making videos with students
    - Positive office referrals, get read out during announcements on Terrific Tuesday
    - EduClimber system is used to track behavioral events and times so we know when the pain points are help solve them
  - PLC (Professional Learning Communities)
    - This is how teachers are spending their time on minimum Mondays, working together within grade level groups
    - Teachers also get more time during Push PE time
      - Twice a week kids get PE, two grade levels together with 2 teachers and 2 paras, other 2 teachers get 45 minutes to work in classroom, switch which teachers each time
  - UDL (Universal Design for Learning)
    - First full year at Binkley, not implemented yet, will be implemented next year
    - Not aimed only at students with disabilities, goal is to take down all obstacles that are impeding learning for all students
- Has been doing principal read alouds, read books about character traits of the month in classrooms
- Field trips are up and running
- Camp Binkley coming up

- Hispanic Heritage Month is coming up September 15 to October 15
  - Mr. Gustavo wants to run a Loteria night
  - ELAC parent will reach out for prize donations and ask us to sponsor the event

### **Camp Binkley - Harmony**

- Friday, September 20
- Community building and school beautification day, kids spend the whole day with their buddy class, afternoon “camp fire” singalong, popsicles for the whole school
- Projects this year include repainting wall ball, canvases for bathrooms (helps cover graffiti and dress it up), fairy garden and acorn garden under the oaks, paw prints to the garden (mark the walkway next to the shed), neighbor project (decorating pots with succulents, garden club will drop off at houses), digging out two garden beds to make space for teachers to use garden with students, painting rainbow bench
- Not all students will do all projects, Mrs. Prosser makes schedule to balance active and relaxing, etc.
- Lynnette will provide breakfast (12-15 volunteers), cafeteria will provide lunch

### **SPAC - Arianna**

- Talked about teacher stipends
  - Teachers at Binkley got \$150 each for years, was lowest in the district
  - Last year we raised it to \$200 but it’s been a struggle, had an anonymous donor last year and this year but that’s not sustainable
- Raised the issue again about making stipends equitable across the district
  - Will bring in budget for each school and compare what each school makes, would like to all schools donate a percentage of their budget, pool, and divide among all teachers
  - Tasha will be going to next SPAC meeting to discuss budget
- RVP classrooms are done differently because they’re not all on school campuses, we include our RVP teachers but offsite ones are “sponsored” by different schools (which means they would get different amounts of money currently)
- RVEF may be dissolving, not enough involvement or board members
  - Money raised last year went into a district bucket for STEM, currently only applies to 6th graders
  - Hilary Kjaer will be coming to talk to SPAC about this issue
- Prop 28 will be on ballot to bring more money for art and money to schools
  - Money can only go to new programs, not funding current programs
- Lynnette to potentially take over attending SPAC meetings

### **Bubble Boogie – Arianna**

- September 27, 5-7pm
- Asking Ambassadors to reach out / forward Signup Genius, need people to run stations, help set up, and donate dish soap and corn starch
- Kandice will do Costo run that week, \$500 budget, sell snacks and drinks

### **Yearbooks – Jaima**

- At the end of last year we said we wanted to reevaluate relationship between yearbook, school, Boosters
- Jaima has done yearbooks with Mrs. Prosser for years, has been in yearbooks for 10 years, we get a good deal through her company
- Approximately half of students bought yearbooks, but we want all students to get one (also company provides a free digital copy to all students)
- Try to presell as many as possible, ask for donations, sell student ads to raise money to sponsor everyone getting a yearbook
  - Can also sell ads in yearbook to help cover, have business sponsorships
  - Can also “donate” a yearbook when you buy one but there was an issue with this feature last year

- Boosters have budgeted \$1000 a year to yearbooks for everyone, prioritizing outgoing 6th grade class
- Last year ordered yearbooks to cover 400 people, after pre-orders and sales after school, didn't need the full \$1000, used about \$900
- Ongoing discussion will be how involved do Boosters want to be, maybe separate yearbook committee, Jacob was going to reach out to other schools and see how they handle yearbook fundraising

### **Paint Night – Lynnette**

- Talked to someone from Art Excursions
- She runs paint nights for 8 to 30 people, usually \$40 but could do \$30 for us, adults only
- We could charge \$50 and make \$20 per person, could add a wine night or raffle, etc.
  - Andrea can donate wine
- Andrea and Lynnette will work together, pick a date, host at Binkley (can have wine as long as there are no kids present)
- Maybe do a happy hour wine tasting/buying before the event
- Lorraine's husband is a sommelier, could do a wine tasting event on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening

### **Spirit Wear – Lizzy**

- Can sell spirit wear after school next Thursday if someone can help
- T-shirts arrived, have been sorted out
- Company said we can make smaller orders, could do another one toward the holidays
- Will offer teachers and staff youth prices on sweatshirts

### **Playground Projects - Priscilla**

- Lots of changes to the under the oaks space already! Total spent so far is \$1,523 (\$500 has already been reimbursed)
- Other things for under the oaks and kinder yard have been purchased but need to be installed
- This project needs to be put on pause for now because we're waiting on things to be installed still and the maintenance staff doesn't have time to get to all of it right now
  - If we want to install things ourselves we need special permission from maintenance because they are unionized
  - If we get approval could have a work day around campus?
- Can still add items that don't need installation, like art cart items (game cart is requiring too much intervention right now, Harmony would like to focus on art cart)
  - Harmony would like to review before items are purchased or wish listed because some materials are not working out (crayons and glue have melted in the heat, things with caps have been getting lost, etc.)
  - Stencils, paper punches, paper, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks would be good
- Ask Priscilla to put together a wish list on Amazon and review with Harmony, maybe we can get families to donate items instead of fundraising for them

### **Trunk or Treat – Arianna**

- Friday, October 25, 5:30-7pm
- Trunk or Treat in the parking lot like usual
- Haunted House
  - Set up by 6th graders, fundraising for camp
  - 5:30-6pm no scare, 6-7pm some jump scares
  - Set up behind stage in cafeteria
  - \$3 each, as many trips through as they want
  - Can have a fog machine but no strobe lights
- Pumpkin contest

- Needs to be run by someone else this year because Arianna will be working on haunted house

### **Turkey Trot**

- Thursday, November 21, morning (early dismissal day but we're done by lunch)
- Harmony will figure out times
- Lynnette will set up 99Pledges

### **Witner Festival**

- Friday December 6 (sixth grade camp is the following week), 5:30-7pm

### **Dine and Donates - Elly**

- Avid coffee doesn't do Dine and Donates, but has offered some coffee
  - Harmony would like to bring back for Coffee with the Principal, add Coffee with the Counselor, etc.
- Will reach out to Fruta, Lepe's
- Chipotle coming up in December

### **Other Upcoming Events**

- Dine & Donate at Mountain Mike's, September 30
- Next meeting, October 10

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm