

Binkley Boosters Town Hall November 15, 2018

Call to Order: 6:12 pm

Introductions

Principal's Report: Some of us had questions regarding the fluctuating air quality and wondered whether we would be open tomorrow, as neighboring schools have decided to close. Hilary is unsure at this point if we will be closed but is keeping in contact with the Superintendent and DO. Teachers are busy getting report cards finished and those go out tomorrow, Friday the 16th. Goals so far have been social/emotional success among students – mindfulness: helping students understand what this means and how to achieve it. Hilary says the mantra is: regroup, rethink, recharge. Zones of regulation: this is a program that the counselor is currently working on – it's a color chart that involves self-regulation through a color chart. Kindness Week: kickoff right after Thanksgiving Break. Advocacy Day: first day tomorrow (16th), this has been an integrated program at Binkley for many years and allows students who may need a "person" to connect with a specific adult on campus and develop a special relationship with them throughout the year. Teachers identify which students may need an advocate based on social or emotional needs. 4th graders just got back from camp at Coloma and that was a great, fun success. On the data side, the instructional leadership team is continuing this year and several more teachers have joined that this year. This team seeks to identify who among the students may be struggling and develops goals to help them succeed. In the past, the means of identification has been data-driven but this year they are going to be looking more specifically at students themselves in order to hopefully support the students in a more comprehensive way. Gigi asked if any of the funds set aside in the Boosters account have been used yet to support the 6th grade camp (as scholarships) and Hilary advised she has been in touch with Daniela about that but they have not yet dispersed anything (not there yet).

Mike Cook – School Board Liaison: Superintendent Search – Tony left last month, interim was hired last week Diane Morosi (will be interim through July). Scott Mahony has been hired as the search consultant and he has been working over the last few months to create surveys, talk to staff members and parents, in an effort to find a new Superintendent. Mike said we should have all received an email with a link to a Survey Monkey survey to give input regarding this search. The link to the survey is: www.surveymonkey.com/r/rvusdsearch If you would like to get in touch with Dr. Mahoney personally, his email address is: mahoneysearches@gmail.com and his phone number is: 707-953-3434. One parent asked how the Survey Monkey results were used. Mike let us know that there will be a Board meeting 12/12, and all of the data from the survey and meetings will be pooled together and taken into account when creating a job description for the new Superintendent. There will be a special meeting 12/18, after which the job description will be created and then posted 12/19/18. There is still some discussion about whether the interview process will be closed or open; Mike feels that some qualified candidates will not feel comfortable applying and interviewing if the process is open/not confidential. Denise Rose pointed out that there could be a concession made where representatives from each school could be present but required to sign confidentiality agreements; this would allow some transparency and valuable input from staff and parent representatives. There is the issue that any qualified candidates are going to be mid-contract and the need for confidentiality is more urgent when they may not want their current employer to know they are looking at leaving; several parents pointed out that there are ways to

mitigate any possible fallout from that, including only bringing in site reps when the search has been narrowed down to the last three (or so) candidates. Once interviews happen in March/April/May, the new Superintendent is scheduled to start as of July 2018. Mike stressed that he and the board have heard – and feel themselves – that feedback, transparency, and openness are of utmost importance in general, and especially regarding this search, so our feedback is valuable and highly desired. There will be a Parent/Community Input Session: 12/05 at Madrone 6:30 – 8 pm. The Spanish Only Input Session will be at Matanzas on 11/27/18 from 6:30 – 8 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Daniela was not able to attend as she is sick, but Denise attached a copy of the most recent report for everyone to go over. The Read-A-Thon did better than projected, and the Halloween Party also came out ahead in profit as well as under in budget. We are currently in the middle of fundraising with See's, which is a big Winter fundraiser for us. We are hopeful we will meet or exceed our goal for this event this year! This was supposed to launch on Tuesday with an assembly but school was closed due to smoke, so we just sent home flyers yesterday. They will be due the Monday after we get back from Thanksgiving Break. There have been some difficulties in communicating about this event due to school closures but we still anticipate that it will be big success. Denise explained some of the fundraising events that are "pass-throughs" for Boosters: things we handle the funds for and process them through the Boosters account, then turn around and write out a check to the responsible individual or entity.

Winter Holiday Party: Last year we held a Craft Fair where children made their own crafts, and this year we are hosting more of a Holiday Party. This will be a free event and there will be lots of activities for families to enjoy: raffle baskets, activities on the stage, a bake sale, a cake walk, scavenger hunt, photo booth, and some craft tables as well. Tickets will be purchased and can be used for the raffle baskets and crafts. We do need volunteers for this event, so any interested parents are encouraged to sign up to help out. This event will run from 6 - 8 pm on Friday, December 7th. We are also looking for raffle basket donations; we have some mason soup jars, hot chocolate jars, but are happy to accept any donations. There was a question about wine baskets – these are allowed so long as the wine stays sealed on campus.

Dine & Donates: It's still too early for results from the Ozzy's event (which was yesterday), but the McDonald's event profited over \$1100! We have some fun events coming up: Rebounderz, Shuffles, and some other fun places. Those are doing very well so far this year.

Adult Paint Night: This will be a fun guided painting night for Binkley parents, coming up in January. Danielle Willis (who will be doing the painting instruction) can take 40 adults and the Ale Works space that we are using can hold that many of us. Danielle's cost is \$15 per adult for supplies and anything we make over that we get to keep as profit. We don't yet have a cost for tickets, but we will include beer/cider and an appetizer. Danielle will also be sending up the image attendees will be painting soon so we can create the flyer. The event will run from 7 – 9 pm.

General Discussion

Food Event: In past years we have done a Pasta Feed, but we have decided to let go of that in search of something new and exciting. Ideas we've had so far: food trucks, cook offs (kids and adults), chili competition, inter-district cooking event. Hilary mentioned the RVEF has a new President and this might

be a good opportunity to reach out and start a competition. Crock-Pot Cook-Off? This would allow people to do sweet and savory. We could charge an entrance fee for all participants and drinks could be charged separately.

Book Swap: At first we had imagined doing this around the holidays, but we thought about it more and decided that Literacy Night (2/15/19) would be a more appropriate time for an event like this. The Boosters already provides cookies and milk for this event. What we would like to do is ask parents to drop off their books throughout the week beforehand so that we have time to sort them and get them ready for Literacy Night. Logistics to consider before we can set into motion: physical space for sorting (this is at a premium currently and we may require a lot of it, especially if the weather is bad and the gym is in use) as well as setting up.

Disney Tickets: We would like to get Disney Tickets for a raffle item to have on hand for the Color Run at the end of the year, but Disney has changed their requirements for how these are distributed. Denise said that Village was able to get tickets by participating in a Kindness event, so we would like to look into this and set something up for our own campus. Ideas: perhaps we could do some outreach with another school to do cross-campus cleanup days; reaching out to sister schools in Butte County to help fundraise for families in need due to the Camp Fire (this would allow us to gather specific donations for individual families/people). Principal Kjaer suggested that our Bobcats could create little tokens of kindness – painted rocks or door-hangers with messages of kindness and cheer – to distribute throughout our immediate Binkley neighborhood.

Adjourn 7:32 pm