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Mission Statement:

Create a safe, positive environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and a thirst for discovery where students and staff succeed through exceptional programs

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020 at Banning Lewis Ranch Academy at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

1.1. Called to order by Deann Barnett at 6:02pm

2. Roll Call

2.1. Board Members: Deann Barnett, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Treasure Davis, Alexandra Tomei, Matthew Pacheco, Todd Blum

3. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1. Motion to approve agenda by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, 2ndd by Matthew Pacheco, all approve

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1. Approval of the previous Regular Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2019

5.2. Motion to approve minutes by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, 2ndd by Matthew Pacheco, all approve

6. Positive Observations

6.1. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins wanted to acknowledge Rob Wilkinson for his work supporting enrollment of her daughter in concurrent enrollment despite difficulties due to age.

6.2. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins wanted to acknowledge Dr Wiggins for his support of the basketball team during an unpleasant situation and his unyielding support. The coach reached out personally to each student about the issue and emphasized that the school is supportive of them and protective of their experience in sports and at tournaments.

6.3. Deann Barnett wanted to acknowledge the middle school girl teams and seeing teachers and students supporting their teams.

6.4. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins acknowledged that the older teams are supporting the younger teams

6.5. Matthew Pacheco acknowledged the 3rd grade celebration night, awesome projects and videos highlighting programs at the school. – Todd Blum seconded the acknowledgement

6.6. Matthew Pacheco acknowledged the cub and boy scouts and pinewood derby and support from the school community

6.7. Matthew Pacheco acknowledged the administration for addressing a disciplinary issue in a respectful and supportive way.

7. Public Comment - *Speakers are limited to 3 minutes and must sign in at the beginning of the meeting.*

7.1. None signed in for public comment

8. Program Highlight

8.1. CKH and BRICKS updates

8.1.1. Rick Dahlman presented updates on Capturing Kids Hearts, BRICKS, and PBIS and how they are working in the school presently

8.1.2. National Showcase School in 2018-2019, and nominated again for 2019-2020 school year

8.1.3. Provided an overview of the Capturing Kids Hearts program. Board members were asked to engage in certain portions of the program including affirmations, social contract, and BRICKS launch video

8.1.4. Deann Barnett inquired about integration regarding the topic of bullying. Mr Dahlman discussed the history of bullying intervention in school, definitions of bullying, and current practices at BLA in order to address. Restorative practices are in place for bullying including parent involvement and student involvement. Reinforced that bullying and other student relational struggles are always addressed and intervened on quickly and intentionally. The counselor does preventative educational lessons regularly.

9. Sanctioned Organizations - *Speakers are limited to 3 minutes when presenting in person*

9.1. Stallions Parent & Teacher Club – No update emailed; will be invited to next board meeting in February

9.2. Boy Scout Troop 228 - No update emailed; will be invited to next board meeting in February

9.3. Cub Scout Pack 228 – Emailed an update

9.4. Civil Air Patrol – No update emailed; will be invited to next board meeting in February

9.5. Girl Scout Troop – No update emailed; will be invited to next board meeting in February

10. Standing Committee Reports *Speakers are limited to 10 minutes when presenting*

10.1. Finance Committee Report Chair: Matthew Pacheco

10.1.1. Beginning January 2020 using revised budget that was approved in December 2019. Preliminary discussions beginning for 2020/2021 budget.

11. BLRAF, Fundraising and Marketing Updates *Speakers are limited to 10 minutes when presenting*

11.1. Representative: Heather Zambrano

11.1.1. New folders are being distributed to schools; will be useful across many modalities to advertise the entire school all in one

11.1.2. Enrollment night went well; interest was high from those who attended

11.1.3. Rising party for upcoming 6th graders from 5th grade

11.1.4. Current enrollment at 163; 73 families from the lead program demonstrated interest and follow up will be occurring

11.1.5. Check arrived from Oakwood

11.1.6. Enrollment nights will continue for both campuses

12. BLR Admin Reports *Speakers are limited to 10 minutes when presenting*

- 12.1. Supporting documentation BLR Admin Report
 - 12.1.1. Report was emailed last week
 - 12.1.2. Eric Dinnel reported on SAAC, next meeting in February
 - 12.1.3. Eric Dinnel reported on staffing updates
 - 12.1.4. Eric Dinnel reported on IT updates
 - 12.1.5. Shannon Molnar reported on BLRA
 - 12.1.5.1. January PD days included a data dig and expectations regarding communication
 - 12.1.5.2. Formal evaluation and feedback sessions continue
 - 12.1.5.3. Examining literacy curriculums
 - 12.1.6. Albert Wiggins reported on BLPA
 - 12.1.6.1. Let's Taco Bout 9th grade was a success
 - 12.1.6.2. Varsity letters have been distributed to 10 students
 - 12.1.6.3. Staff get together in December was successful
 - 12.1.6.4. Examining curriculum resources for courses that have been added for next year
 - 12.1.6.5. Updated potential mascot logo examples provided; vote will be needed at later meeting to make the change official
 - 12.1.7. Rob Wilkinson reported on concurrent enrollment
 - 12.1.7.1. High turnout for interest in the program; likely have 80 students enrolled in the fall
 - 12.1.8. Chuck Shaw reported on facilities
 - 12.1.8.1. Praised the care in the budget for taking care of the facilities and keep a high standard in our facilities for all events
 - 12.1.8.2. Contacting all renters for insurance and commitments
 - 12.1.9. Rob Wilkinson added to the technology report
 - 12.1.9.1. Kuddos to the new staff added, Jace Lauterbach
 - 12.1.10. Eric Dinnel reported on D49 updates
 - 12.1.10.1. Continued request for information on SPED program options
 - 12.1.11. Eric Dinnel reported on ACCEL and Powerschool updates
 - 12.1.11.1. D49 requires a nightly file upload; still processing the ins and outs of how to get the information where it needs to be nightly
 - 12.1.12. Eric Dinnel reported on the UK cultural exchange; 4 teachers from BLPA, 2 from BLRA will be attending with Dr Wiggins and Mr Dahlman
 - 12.1.13. Eric Dinnel reported on legislative issues; new link to easily access updates on the legislature provided.

13. Discussion Items

- 13.1. 2020/2021 Elections
 - 13.1.1. Will review the packet over next month for changes; when changes are made will present to full board and decide on timeline at February meeting
- 13.2. Accel schools management agreement renewal
 - 13.2.1. Not due for approx. a year but looking ahead to beginning the discussions. Consent requested for Deann to begin conversation with Accel about renewal, needs that we can access including via admin. Discussing admin reading the entire agreement to also assist with feedback for discussions

- 13.3. BLPA modulars
 - 13.3.1. Quotes provided for modular possibilities. 24x60 installed for \$121,602 and 36x60 installed for \$189,118. Prices do not include prepping the site, ramps / stairs, and cost of running utilities to the units.
 - 13.3.2. Fire systems need to be added as with other security equipment but can be added.
 - 13.3.3. When considering which unit to go with, looking at other needs including dividing wall in media center
 - 13.3.4. Insurance would be 1.07 per 1000 of the modular building
 - 13.3.5. Chuck discussed pricing options including restrooms. 25k for ADA approved ramps and steps
 - 13.3.6. Quotes for other utilities and site prep are coming but not yet provided; would run electric in order to eventually use the same trenching to put up scoreboards etc
 - 13.3.7. When looking at the budget there is looking to be enough money to make modulars work.
- 13.4 D49 annual charter board retreat (April 18 or 25 at RMCA)
 - 1.1.1. Was it beneficial and would our board like to participate again?
 - 1.1.1.1. All agreed that it was beneficial and would like to participate again
 - 1.1.2. Which dates are preferable?
 - 1.1.2.1. Those who had a preference preferred the 25th
- 1.2. Middle School and High School Principal hiring timelines / process
 - 1.2.1. Goal is to finish it sooner rather than later ahead of typical administration hiring timelines
 - 1.2.2. Posting is from Jan17-31; applications come into BLA HR department
 - 1.2.3. 1st round will involve Heidi and admin for a paper screening
 - 1.2.4. From there set up review committee; video submitted based on questions with rubric to be evaluated by this committee including performance demonstration team. Should include teachers, community members, admin, etc
 - 1.2.5. Candidates from those 2 screenings will be sent to initial in person interview with admin, specials teachers, grade level teachers, etc in a committee
 - 1.2.6. Second round of in person interviews will be in 2 separate committees with parents, teachers, potentially some students and each candidate will interview with both committees
 - 1.2.7. Foundation director and SAAC chair will then be engaged in the community interview by community members; this will only conducted with finalists. These same finalists will then be evaluated by the board to include the reports of the community member evaluations
 - 1.2.8. Goal is to be done by the 18th of February.
- 1.3. Star 360 fall/winter updates.
 - 1.3.1. General update provided by Eric Dinnel; would like to include more academic reporting in future board reports. Every teacher in every grade level that did a reading or math test went up from fall to winter.
 - 1.3.2. Data is proving useful in supporting those academic performance increases

14. Action Items

- 14.1. Accel schools management agreement renewal
 - 14.1.1. Motion to approve Deann Barnett to conduct the negotiations with Accel Schools by Matthew Pacheco, 2ndd by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins
 - 14.1.2. No Discussion
 - 14.1.3. Voting:
 - 14.1.3.1. Yes: Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Treasure Davis, Alexandra Tomei, Matthew Pacheco, Todd Blum
 - 14.1.3.2. Deann Barnett abstained
 - 14.1.3.3. No: none
 - 14.1.3.4. Motion carries

- 14.2. BLPA Modulares – need additional information on budget points so will not vote tonight, add to next month’s meeting
- 14.3. Mascot Change
 - 14.3.1. Motion to change the current mascot to the mascot image presented by Dr. Wiggins, replacing the previous image however old image grandfathered in for currently existing spiritwear and athletic gear by Matthew Pacheco, 2nd d by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins,
 - 14.3.2. No Discussion
 - 14.3.3. Voting:
 - 14.3.3.1. Yes: Deann Barnett, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Treasure Davis, Alexandra Tomei, Matthew Pacheco, Todd Blum
 - 14.3.3.2. No: none
 - 14.3.3.3. Motion carries

15. Executive Sessions

- 15.1. An executive session has been requested
 - 15.1.1. C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (b) (1) - student

16. Future Business

- 16.1. Modular Discussion / Action Items
- 16.2. Election 2020/2021 Updates

17. Board Member Communication

- 17.1. BLA Board Retreat Jan 31 – Feb 1. Both days will be in the media center times TBD
- 17.2. Alex Tomei will be missing February meeting, Treasure Davis will be taking minutes at February meeting

18. Adjournment

- 18.1. Meeting adjourned by Deann Barnett at 9:01pm

DATE: January 21, 2020

//Signed//
Alexandra Tomei, Secretary