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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
NOVEMBER 19, 2019 at Banning Lewis Ranch Academy at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

1.1. Meeting called to order by Deann Barnett at 6:04pm

2. Roll Call

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

2.1.1. Planned Absent: Treasure Davis

3. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1. Motion to approve Matthew Pacheco, 2nd Krisell Creager-Lumpkins

4.2. All approved

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1. Approval of the previous Regular Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2019

5.2. Motion to approve Matthew Pacheco, 2nd Krisell Creager-Lumpkins

5.3. All approved

6. Positive Observations

6.1. Matthew Pacheco and Krisell Creager Lumpkins acknowledged the veteran's day assembly at both campuses and acknowledging our veterans

6.2. Deann Barnett acknowledged Homecoming week and the dance – themes and participation were high and it was reported that it was a fantastic time

6.3. Alexandra Tomei acknowledged Mrs. Dietrich for going above and beyond to care for her students individually

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

7.1. Peter Jones spoke on a future vision for the music program at BLPA and provided a document outlining his proposed plan to expand the current music program and continue to create programs of excellence

8. Program Highlight

8.1. ACCEL schools marketing and enrollment presentation:

- 8.1.1. Discussed issues surrounding new enrollment and returning enrollment and how projections are created
- 8.1.2. Recommended increasing marketing and increasing interest
- 8.1.3. Pointed out the highest lead year was the year that also held the highest digital advertising
- 8.1.4. Recommended a monthly spend on digital advertising both because of effectiveness and due to changes in the area schools

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

- 9.1. Stallions Parent & Teacher Club – sent an update via email and Bre Rinkema presented on budget and upcoming events. Reported on updates and lessons learned from first year of fun run that will be put into place next year. Requested approval for partnership with Precizion 509 for a parent’s night out, approval to move forward. Discussed movie night and easter egg hunts as possible future events. Discussed opportunities to bring an in house spirit store.
- 9.2. Boy Scout Troop 228 - Email sent in October
- 9.3. Cub Scout Pack 228 – Kevin Bolke reported; thanked BLRA for cub scouts participation in veteran’s day assembly
- 9.4. Civil Air Patrol – no email sent
- 9.5. Girl Scout Troop – no email sent; Alex will follow up to have board added to distribution list for newsletters

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

- 10.1. Finance Committee Report Chair: Matthew Pacheco
 - 10.1.1. Discussion on this meeting focused on the budget revision that will be discussed later in the meeting. Budget is following close to the projections from March.

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

- 11.1. Representative: Heather Zambrano
 - 11.1.1. 1376 was the target number, 1335 was the actual number, not a large gap
 - 11.1.2. 78 new enrollment forms have come in already
 - 11.1.3. Video advertising is rolling out across social media; launching additional vieos across the next 2 months
 - 11.1.4. Postcards will go out soon, being finalized
 - 11.1.5. Dr Wiggins is coordinating with charter middle schools networking for high school as well as Taco bout 9th grade
 - 11.1.6. Ice cream social being planned for 5th grade (into middle school)
 - 11.1.7. Santa Sprint will be advertised on the 21st on Fox
 - 11.1.8. Santa Spring on the 14th of December
 - 11.1.9. Meeting with Oakwood Foundation in December

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

- 12.1. Supporting documentation BLR Admin Report

- 12.1.1. Emailed board report
- 12.1.2. Eric Dinnel reported on enrollment, attendance, and SAC
- 12.1.3. Eric Dinnel reported on staffing
- 12.1.4. Rob Wilkinson reported on assessment and camera updates
- 12.1.5. Shannon Molnar reported on BLRA
 - 12.1.5.1. Teacher trainings and DIEBELs testing and use of data
 - 12.1.5.2. 1st grade celebration was wonderful
 - 12.1.5.3. Formal evaluations on teachers beginning
- 12.1.6. Albert Wiggins reported on BLPA
 - 12.1.6.1. 8th grade student won a newspaper writing contest
 - 12.1.6.2. Homecoming was a success
 - 12.1.6.3. Cheerleaders are going to nationals
 - 12.1.6.4. Formal evaluations on teachers beginning
- 12.1.7. Chuck Shaw reported on facilities
 - 12.1.7.1. Repairs to athletic equipment completed on e-learning day; strategic needs for scheduling the projects that cannot be done with students and staff on campus
 - 12.1.7.2. 5 days of snow removal in October
- 12.1.8. Eric Dinnel reported on d49 and iconnect monthly meeting
 - 12.1.8.1. Discussed ELL meetings and the district SPED vs in home SPED
- 12.1.9. Eric Dinnel reported on the UK teacher exchange
- 12.1.10. Eric Dinnel reported on the amazing acknowledgement of veteran's by both campuses
- 12.1.11. Eric Dinnel reported on legislative updates; discussions will be held in early January on bills that are in play currently

13. Discussion Items

- 13.1. Re-charter of the Boy Scouts
 - 13.1.1. Kevin Bolke requested to be re-charted for the 2020 calendar year
- 13.2. Fencing at BLRA Campus
 - 13.2.1. SAC leadership presented on the fence and their determinations. Presented a visual of potential fencing locations. Voted on expenditures under safety and security to add a fence to the BLRA facility
 - 13.2.1.1. Unanimous vote for 55,000 to put up the fence by SAC
 - 13.2.1.2. Reference CO Department of Education Public School Facility Construction Guidelines 3.19.6 as reasoning for fencing
 - 13.2.1.3. Referenced safety concerns from the past years as additional reasoning; referenced strain on teachers during recess and other outdoor activities
 - 13.2.1.4. Examined the area competing schools who do have fences
 - 13.2.1.5. Egress gates would be put into place with teachers with keys; emergency vehicle access also being assessed into the design
 - 13.2.1.6. Addressed concerns about community members access that would be mitigated
 - 13.2.2. Cost of fence currently estimated 52,000
 - 13.2.3. Discussed access to entry at school onset and dismissal; d49 security recommends only 1 entry point during school onset
 - 13.2.4. Confirmed property lines and curvature of the fencing
 - 13.2.5. Discussed gates and locations / number

- 13.2.6. Concerns about the amount of information; may need additional information before we can approve
- 13.2.7. 6ft black fence; more information coming from the fire department and CO Springs zoning department. Are the recommending on all gates or just emergency gates? Discussion on how many gates for parent / child / teacher access and what preferences are
- 13.3. DRAFT 2020/2021 Calendar
 - 13.3.1. Eric Dinnel presented the calendar and reviewed reasoning behind choices on teacher inservice, e-learning days, breaks, assessment days, etc
 - 13.3.2. Action item added to next month's budget to approve
- 13.4. DRAFT Budget Revision
 - 13.4.1. Eric Dinnel presented on the budget revision submitted by email earlier in November
 - 13.4.2. No huge imbalances and most line items were very close
 - 13.4.3. Admin line items altered that created a surplus due to staffing changes
 - 13.4.4. Salaries budgeted based on benefits or not and proposed offers, and were close in number
 - 13.4.5. Line item for safety and security; ongoing conversation about security services but has not yet been utilized creating a surplus
 - 13.4.6. Increase in concurrent enrollment causing an adjustment of 6,000
 - 13.4.7. New IT person will adjust the budget when that position is filled; estimated to fill within that estimated number
 - 13.4.8. Request to increase PD by 25,000 to assist with new staff to BLA and new staff in general
 - 13.4.9. Based on Oakwood meeting there are items waiting to be funded per the estimate of that donation but alternate funding is available for those items pending purchase
 - 13.4.10. Reviewed adjustments to PTO and booster funding
 - 13.4.11. Additional building costs (could be modular, media center, spacing issues, etc)
 - 13.4.12. Amended budget overall went down in expenses
- 13.5. Strategic Planning Meeting & Fall / Winter BLA Board Retreat
 - 13.5.1. Discussion with Mike Walsh about coming in and presenting. 10 hours of training which would be 7,000.
 - 13.5.2. Discussion about Charter League about coming in and presenting.
 - 13.5.3. Attempted to get ahold of Center for Non-Profit Excellence.
 - 13.5.4. Decided to book Mike Walsh and Amy Christianson for board retreat

14. Action Items

- 14.1. Re-charter of the Boy Scouts
 - 14.1.1. Motion to approve Matthew Pacheco; 2nd Krisell Creager-Lumpkins
 - 14.1.2. No discussion
 - 14.1.3. Yes Votes: Deann Barnett, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei, Matthew Pacheco, Todd Blum
 - 14.1.4. No Votes: none
 - 14.1.5. Motion carries
- 14.2. Fencing at BLRA Campus
 - 14.2.1. Motion to postpone vote until December meeting pending additional information from CO Springs zoning and fire departments and final quote

15. Executive Sessions

15.1.

16. Future Business

- 16.1. 2020/2021 Calendar
- 16.2. Budget Revisions
- 16.3. Fencing around BLRA Campus

17. Board Member Communication

18. Adjournment

- 18.1. Deann Barnett adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm

DATE: November 19, 2019

//Signed//
Alexandra Tomei, Secretary