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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

AUGUST 18, 2020 AT BANNING LEWIS RANCH ACADEMY at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

1.1. Deann Barnett called to order at 6:08pm

2. Roll Call

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

3. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1. Motion to approve the agenda with an additional action item to make recommendation to fill the RVP position made by Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins 2ndd

4.2. All approve; motion carries

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1. Approval of the previous Regular Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2020

5.1.1. Motion to approve by Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins 2ndd

5.1.2. All approve; motion carries

5.2. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2020

5.2.1. Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins 2ndd

5.2.2. All approve, Deann Barnett abstains; motion carries

6. Positive Observations

6.1. Alexandra Tomei commented on how safe and loved the staff make children feel in the building and the effort that is put into that experience for children in the building

6.2. Todd Blum and Krisell Creager-Lumpkins commented on the fact that we are open and serving our students and acknowledge the hard work that went into opening this year earlier than most other schools

6.3. Deann Barnett acknowledged the hard work of the administrators and teachers to get the school open and serve our students

7. **Public Comment** - *Speakers are limited to 3 minutes and must sign in at the beginning of the meeting.*
 - 7.1. Daniel Hendren spoke on the experience that has been positive thus far and asked questions to know more specifics about the plans to open for 3-5 in addition to k-2 in addition to the CDC / El Paso County Health guidelines.
 - 7.2. Christina Book spoke about the vagueness and the fear of no answers both on there not being available answers. Looking for guidelines on what will shut us down both at the prep and at the elementary. Presented concerns on the mental health of the students in addition to the health risks.
8. **Program Highlight**
 - 8.1. None at this time
9. **Sanctioned Organizations** - *Speakers are limited to 3 minutes when presenting in person*
 - 9.1. Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) – email has been sent
 - 9.2. Boy Scout Troop 228 - will reach out via email
 - 9.3. Cub Scout Pack 228 – will reach out via email
 - 9.4. Civil Air Patrol – will reach out via email
 - 9.5. Girl Scout Troop – reached out via email
10. **Standing Committee Reports** *Speakers are limited to 10 minutes when presenting*
 - 10.1. Finance Committee Report Chair: Matthew Pacheco
 - 10.1.1. Eric Dinnel reported on the audit that occurred onsite today. All documents were able to be provided. District is funding the school at 7721 at 1500 students. Budget was 7509 at 1521. In line with what had been anticipated. SAAC is meeting August 31 and will begin to tackle the MLO funds.
11. **BLRAF, Fundraising and Marketing Updates** *Speakers are limited to 10 minutes when presenting*
 - 11.1. Representative: Heather Zambrano
 - 11.1.1. New counselors will be pushing resources out to the community to provide support. Enrollment is 1491 currently. Looking at spending some marketing money to capture parents who are currently undecided. Reasons for losing students include moves, private school, homeschool, new district, etc.
12. **BLR Admin Reports** *Speakers are limited to 10 minutes when presenting*
 - 12.1. Supporting documentation BLR Admin Report
 - 12.1.1. Report emailed
 - 12.1.2. Eric Dinnel reported on enrollment and the impact on funding
 - 12.1.3. Eric Dinnel reported on staffing; looking for custodians to assist with COVID-19 cleaning per the CARES funds act
 - 12.1.4. Shannon Molnar reported on the BLRA
 - 12.1.4.1. K-2 open; working to communicate what is necessary to continue opening grades and staying open
 - 12.1.5. Rick Dahlman reported on BLPA-middle school
 - 12.1.5.1. Increased training for teachers

- 12.1.5.2. Transitions in roles and responsibilities is uncovering holes in roles that need to be re-distributed so that communication is clear and streamlined
- 12.1.5.3. Processes for cleaning and maintenance are working
- 12.1.6. Albert Wiggins reported on BLPA-high school
 - 12.1.6.1. Herf Jones meeting for graduation cap / gowns; accounts being set up for seniors so they can order at the end of the month
 - 12.1.6.2. Getting sport fall seasons going and open gyms discussion per guidance from D49
 - 12.1.6.3. 4/5 schedule that would be proposed if students returned to in person learning is working well for teachers and teachers are enthusiastic about the teaching they are currently able to do
 - 12.1.6.4. 1:1 devices are available but on roll out
- 12.1.7. Rob Wilkinson reported on CE
 - 12.1.7.1. Working on coordinating all the schedules
 - 12.1.7.2. Interesting classes continue with diesel mechanics and welding
- 12.1.8. Chuck Shaw reported on facilities
 - 12.1.8.1. Many projects but hi-lighted a BiPolar air purification system
 - 12.1.8.2. Would cost 77k for all units across both campuses and 10 year life

13. Discussion Items

- 13.1. 2020/2021 School Year
 - 13.1.1. Discussions initiated around timelines / dates for re-opening at various levels
 - 13.1.2. Concerns about the incubation period (14 days) which would put it at August 30
 - 13.1.2.1. Shannon proposed 3rd grade on the 31st and 1st, 4th grade 2nd / 3rd, Sep 4 professional development day and 5th grade on the 8th.
 - 13.1.2.1.1. Must be mindful of the cohort process and the ability to keep kids separated and cohorted.
 - 13.1.2.1.2. Reviewed how to communicate the restrictions that are present behind the decision
 - 13.1.2.1.3. Concerns over how to stay open and how cohorts will be forced to shut down due to exposure
 - 13.1.3. Concerns presented over losing staff both teachers, aides, administrators due to exposure or illness
 - 13.1.3.1. Full time substitute is hired and on site – started yesterday. Administrators would also be filling in when staff members are exposed or sick
 - 13.1.4. Reviewed what would shut down the school – 2 cohorts with confirmed cases in 2 or more different households
 - 13.1.5. Reviewed concerns related to middle school / high school compared to elementary
 - 13.1.5.1. 4/5 schedule proposed
 - 13.1.5.2. Would have to work on numbered periods not just subjects
 - 13.1.5.3. Concerns with CE and a hybrid schedule and having to have HS on site when MS on site
 - 13.1.5.4. Concerns over time periods
 - 13.1.5.5. Reviewed options for getting all in seat including one way traffic, hand sanitizing, one room online, etc
 - 13.1.6. Addressed options to continue with synchronous learning for middle high school as they open for families who are not ready to go in person but want to stay with the current choice. Also

considered the need to jump immediately to synchronous in the event of a shut down and not have students lose instruction days

- 13.1.7. Lunches are an extra consideration – 25 minutes and the current schedule does not allow for easy cohorting but would be longer
- 13.1.8. Proposed middle school returning on the current 4/5 schedule M-Th with online stampede schedule Friday; continue synchronous learning for sick kids, preparation for a potential shut down, easing back into in person options as they are comfortable
- 13.1.9. Proposed the 8th as the option for a date to return fully for the middle school, in line with the full return of all elementary proposed
- 13.1.10. Considering a timeline for opening high school around quarter 2 (October 5) dependent on data from middle / elementary, county health, etc
 - 13.1.10.1. Considerations regarding fall conferences and fall break estimating a goal for end of fall break
 - 13.1.10.2. Considerations of what schedule to bring them back on, favoring 4/5
 - 13.1.10.3. Consideration of after labor day and comparing to other school districts
 - 13.1.10.4. Considerations of how middle school compares to elementary on the data collected given it is in the same building with a similar structure

14. Action Items

- 14.1. 2020/2021 School Year
 - 14.1.1. Motion to approve the following plan:
 - 14.1.1.1. Elementary school: continue with K-2 in person as has already been implemented; 3rd grade resumes in person learning on August 31st, 4th grade resumes in person learning on September 2nd, and 5th grade resumes in person learning on September 8th.
 - 14.1.1.2. Middle school: will resume on the current 4/5 schedule with in person learning M-Th with a remote learning stampede day F, beginning on September 8th,
 - 14.1.1.3. High school: will resume on the current 4/5 schedule with in person learning M-Th with a remote learning stampede day F, beginning September 28th
 - 14.1.1.4. Dates chosen to allow 14 day incubation period and 1 week for analysis before officially resuming
 - 14.1.2. Motion made by Todd Blum, 2ndd by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins
 - 14.1.3. Discussion
 - 14.1.3.1. Want to be sure in the communication that the accommodations for synchronous will be utilized
 - 14.1.4. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Matthew Pacheco, Alexandra Tomei
 - 14.1.5. Vote No: None
 - 14.1.6. Motion Carries

15. Executive Sessions

- 15.1 An executive session has been requested on C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (V) (b) (I)
- 15.1. Entered: 9:12pm
- 15.2. Exited: 10:19pm

16. Action Items

16.1. Recommendation for the RVP Position

16.1.1. Proposed motion to recommend ACCEL to move forward with the hiring process. We are confident in both presented candidates for the open RVP position and are confident in the decision to be made by ACCEL, motioned by Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins 2nd,d

16.1.2. Discussion

16.1.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Matthew Pacheco, Alexandra Tomei

16.1.4. Vote No: None

16.1.5. Motion Carries

17. Future Business

17.1. Meetings every two weeks proposed tentatively

18. Board Member Communication

19. Adjournment

19.1. Deann Barnett adjourned the meeting at 10:27pm

DATE: August 18, 2020

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Alexandra Tomei, Secretary