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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 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 at Banning Lewis Ranch Academy at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

1.1. Deann Barnett called to order at 5:30pm

2. Roll Call

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

3. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins motions to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion and action items for adding Leanne Weyman as a signer on all accounts and fall football start up, Todd Blum 2nd,
4.2. All approve, motion carries

5. Discussion Items

5.1. BLPA Athletic Booster Club

- 5.1.1. Amended by laws discussed for the second reading
- 5.1.2. Will focus on athletics
- 5.1.3. By laws edited for formatting and removal of the liaison positions
- 5.1.4. No other questions presented at this time

5.2. AMP to Schoology transition options

- 5.2.1. 3 options presented; on campus, AMP, and Schoology
 - 5.2.1.1. Schoology will be available for 3-12 only; re-vamp of AMP will be conducted for K-2
 - 5.2.1.2. Re-vamp of AMP would be able to be completed by middle of next week
- 5.2.2. Document will be sent out to inform of the options and changes; survey (learning path change) will also be sent out as well as a timeline for turn around / requests of the changes – Sept 23
- 5.2.3. By Friday the 25th communication will occur on the changes and changes will begin on the 28th - second first day of school
- 5.2.4. Shannon Molnar acknowledge the 3-5 team who stepped up to make this plan work without hesitation
 - 5.2.4.1. Live zoom session in the AM with their homeroom teacher as assigned
 - 5.2.4.2. Schoology format will be used like previously with recorded sessions throughout the day

- 5.2.4.3. Live aide will do 1 zoom session per grade level to check in with each grade and keep them connected
- 5.2.4.4. Specials still in discussion
- 5.2.5. Re-Vamp of AMP needs to be communicated well for elementary
 - 5.2.5.1. Will connect with parents that have been vocal directly
 - 5.2.5.2. Live teacher interactions with engagement and camera on (50% of the lesson)
 - 5.2.5.3. Live time will be direct instruction not reviewing assignments
 - 5.2.5.4. Graded student work – all assignments will be graded within 72 hours
 - 5.2.5.5. Offline time – will be transitioned into “can do” not “must do”
 - 5.2.5.6. Curriculum – worked with our IT person to get an extension on chrome that will read aloud anything on the page so they can be read to and is being uploaded on all BLA chromebooks. Speaker buttons being potentially added as well
 - 5.2.5.7. AMP teachers have been requested to spend time with the K-2 teachers on campus so that those standards are aligned
 - 5.2.5.8. Morning meeting every morning and everything will be listed within the morning meeting for ease of access. One page checklist each day to keep track of assignments
 - 5.2.5.9. Parents should contact the teacher directly with issues
- 5.2.6. Rick Dahlman reported on the plan for the middle school
 - 5.2.6.1. Have been conducting this since the onset of school and teachers are getting themselves ready to be able to provide the live zoom sessions
 - 5.2.6.2. Mentor teachers will be supporting other teachers in navigating that
 - 5.2.6.3. Remain on the 4/5 schedule throughout the semester; utilize the afternoons in order to meet the specific needs of students and increase rigor of that at home work as well / accountability
 - 5.2.6.4. Tech is looking at access points to ensure the bandwidth does not cut out
 - 5.2.6.5. Estimating about 50-60% will transition into schoology or in person; counseling staff will be working hard but it seems feasible with the timeline presented
- 5.2.7. Albert Wiggins presented on the plan for high school which is similar to the middle school
 - 5.2.7.1. Discussed capacity issues that may be addressed with the switching or staying on zoom / schoology
- 5.2.8. Question was presented about strategically placing students with the confident online teachers if possible; is possible but cannot be worked out in every instance
- 5.2.9. Swivl is on back order; will still be followed up on to get tracking information
- 5.2.10. Accountability to the re-vamp of AMP discussed and keeping track of the promises made and that they come to fruition on the timeline presented
- 5.2.11. Acknowledged the amount of work being asked of teachers and the absolutely amazing product they have continued to provide in an uncertain time
- 5.2.12. Sending to staff over the weekend to address questions and then to families by Monday morning
- 5.3. Fall Football Plan
 - 5.3.1. Appreciation for the read ahead on the plan
 - 5.3.2. Question presented on the time for 345-6pm for practice.
 - 5.3.2.1. Coaching staff are teachers and are required to be in office hours thus the 345 time selection as well as families who are at home for AMP / schoology will be able to get to there on time
 - 5.3.3. Harrison is opting for spring football and we can utilize the field to run games / practices when needed
 - 5.3.4. Question presented on the locker room usage
 - 5.3.4.1. Players come prepared ready to go and leave after practice; CHSAA has minimal guidance on locker rooms but the goal is that there is less mingling and can keep social distancing
 - 5.3.4.2. May have to store equipment when in person but can remain socially distant

- 5.4. Add Leanne Weyman as a signer on BLA accounts
 - 5.4.1. As the new RVP we feel she should be on the accounts

6. Action Items

- 6.1. BLPA Athletic Booster Club
 - 6.1.1. Motion to make the BLPA Athletic Booster Club bylaws creating them as a sanctioned organization made by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, 2ndd by Todd Blum
 - 6.1.2. No Discussion
 - 6.1.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei
 - 6.1.4. Vote No: None
 - 6.1.5. Motion carries
- 6.2. AMP to Schoology transition options
 - 6.2.1. Motion to approve Your Student Your Selection options as presented made by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, 2ndd by Todd Blum
 - 6.2.2. No Discussion
 - 6.2.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei
 - 6.2.4. Vote No: None
 - 6.2.5. Motion carries
- 6.3. Fall Football Plan
 - 6.3.1. Motion to approve the presented plan to run football in the fall season made by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, 2ndd by Todd Blum
 - 6.3.2. Discussion
 - 6.3.2.1. Until school starts locker room will not be used; if when school starts it is deemed as a necessity communication is requested
 - 6.3.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei
 - 6.3.4. Vote No: None
 - 6.3.5. Motion carries
- 6.4. Add Leanne Weyman as a signer on BLA bank accounts
 - 6.4.1. Motion to add Leann Weyman as a signer on BLA bank accounts made by Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, 2ndd by Todd Blum
 - 6.4.2. No Discussion
 - 6.4.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei
 - 6.4.4. Vote No: None
 - 6.4.5. Motion carries

7. Adjournment

- 7.1. Deann Barnett adjourned the meeting at 6:19pm

DATE: September 18, 2020

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Alexandra Tomei, Secretary