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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

DECEMBER 15, 2020 GO TO MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING LINK BELOW at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

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

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. Matt Pacheco motions to approve the agenda without an executive session, Todd Blum 2nd'd
4.2. All approve, motion carries

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1. Approval of the previous Regular Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2020
5.1.1. Matt Pacheco motions to approve the agenda, Todd Blum 2nd'd

6. Positive Observations

6.1. Matt Pacheco acknowledges the e-learning environment and how they engage in the schooling with the students. Huge shout outs to the teachers and the teams
6.2. Deann Barnett is proud of how it is moving along as best it can
6.3. Alex Tomei acknowledged the creativity with the car parade and keeping kids and teachers connected
6.4. Matt Pacheco acknowledged the football program for finishing strong and looking forward to next season

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

7.1. Deanna Voss discussed online learning – just wants to thank everyone and say the online is going amazing. Much better than the spring.
7.2. Penelope Hazinakis Swainston discussed return to school. Wanted to say thank you to all the teachers and their hard work. She has 2 children – one in BLRA who is doing wonderful and the teacher is engaging and communicative. Her other child who goes to BLPA is struggling greatly and she has observed a disconnect and went from being in the gifted program to failing. She received a letter about

63 missing class periods and 22 tardies sent from the principal and vice principal. There are struggles with working from home and assisting with the technology to get her on the meetings. Ms. Berry communicated but others have not.

8. Program Highlight

8.1.

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

9.1. Stallions Parent & Teacher Club – Still out doing things for the school and working on fundraising to provide gifts for the school. Restaurant night tonight and just finished an Original Works fundraiser that raised 800 dollars. Graphic designs for a new club at BLPA middle.

9.2. BLA Booster Club – Sent an email update

9.3. Boy Scout Troop 228 - No email sent, will continue to follow up

9.4. Cub Scout Pack 228 – Sent an email update

9.5. Civil Air Patrol – Sent an email update

9.6 Girl Scout Troop – There is not a current girl scout troop but will be one in the future.

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

10.1. Finance Committee Report Chair: Matthew Pacheco

10.1.1. Acknowledged the administrator interaction on the calls and Accel acknowledged that as well.

10.1.2. Moving forward is positive 424k in the account. Revenue and expenses were at 21% and 45% - somewhat due to inflation due to CARES act and spending.

10.1.3. Finalizing invoices for CARES act funds currently with Mr. Dahlman; total of 759k was provided in CARES funds

10.1.4. Leanne Weyman addressed the concerns regarding the AMP billing concerns that were presented last month and alerted Accel to the inconsistencies. One was the discrepancy in charges per student per month. There were also errors in accounting for who was enrolled to correct the total number of students. Clarification and restated that payments should not be required for when teacher was not showing up – credit was provided. Aug-Dec bill was requested; D49 confirmed that credits due would be paid by end of December. Transition plan is in place to move students from AMP to schoology learning for second semester.

10.1.5. Deann Barnett discussed that she has had meetings with the financial advisors in advance of refinancing Bonds in the spring and the various steps that are coming up next year. Oakwood and BLRA Foundation is working together to support paying for that process

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

11.1. Representative: Heather Zambrano

11.1.1. Reminder that we were paid at 1492 and magic number for next year is 1575. Applications are coming in at K, 6, and 9 showing an increase since last year.

11.1.2. Starting on Monday will begin trying on integration into youtube – targeted at middle and high school families

11.1.3. Santa Sprint is in full registration mode – Oakwood sent text messages to over 900 individuals including radio ads.

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
 - 12.1.2. SAAC did not meet this quarter, report will be provided next meeting
 - 12.1.3. Shannon Molnar reported on BLRA
 - 12.1.3.1. One second grade teacher is moving and is taking over the K-2 position and an aid from the prep with a teaching license is doing 3-5 – both hired
 - 12.1.3.2. Middle of the year assessments went well and showing progress
 - 12.1.3.3. Shout out to parents and teachers figuring this out.
 - 12.1.3.4. Working on step challenges to get up and move while teaching on zoom
 - 12.1.4. Rick Dahlman reported on BLPA-middle
 - 12.1.4.1. Enrollment update at 435 currently
 - 12.1.4.2. Staff changes have occurred – math and ELA teachers have accepted offers to replace.
 - 12.1.4.3. Reported that staffing changes is in line with national reports and teaching is hard this year overall nationwide
 - 12.1.4.4. Semester exams are occurring and enrollment night is this week
 - 12.1.4.5. Self-care shout out days every Friday for staff is going well
 - 12.1.4.6. Campfire coffee on site – trying for a weekly event
 - 12.1.4.7. Parents and teachers are excited for full day of courses starting in January
 - 12.1.5. Albert Wiggins reported on BLPA-high
 - 12.1.5.1. Enrollment is down two but gaining 4 9th graders likely starting in January in addition to others
 - 12.1.5.2. New SPED para through D49
 - 12.1.5.3. Honor chords for graduation have arrived
 - 12.1.5.4. Teachers are excited for the wrap up of first semester and eager for second semester
 - 12.1.5.5. High school virtual lunch bunch for social connections between staff and students
 - 12.1.6. Rob Wilkinson reported on programs
 - 12.1.6.1. Preliminary grade reports from the college are coming in
 - 12.1.6.2. Schedules are being finalized now for next semester
 - 12.1.7. Chuck Shaw reported on facilities
 - 12.1.7.1. Finishing the round of repairs on HVAC; mostly covered by MLO3B
 - 12.1.7.2. Compliments provided on the quality of the facilities was passed on
 - 12.1.8. Leanne Weyman reported on COVID changes and updates
 - 12.1.8.1. Email provided with recommendations from D49
 - 12.1.8.2. D49 SIS system discussion was provided; if we do not change to theirs it will be at an increased cost
 - 12.1.8.2.1. 18k if we do, 35k if we do not transition estimated
 - 12.1.8.2.2. SIS is being paid for in Accel and need to try to reconcile that from Accel so that it is not additional costs for not being used.
 - 12.1.8.2.3. Concerns about loss of student data in the transfer and the workload. D49 feels like they could migrate the numbers into their system except for students who transitioned from D49 to Banning and will need some extra work to make that transition
 - 12.1.8.2.4. Should be no loss of student data in this transition
 - 12.1.8.3. Accel has had a change in HR support changing to mainstream HR support which will support in all staffing issues

- 12.1.8.4. More support from Accel on the marketing side including youtube and tiktok and brainstorming student involvement
- 12.1.8.5. Working with Accel on the greenhouse program for recruiting staff and the whole department can support that process

13. Discussion Items

- 13.1. Updated Budget
 - 13.1.1. CARES section is helpful. Requests on is there anything that was moved out of CARES into other areas of the general fund or did it all land under the CARES funds along with paying for AMP
 - 13.1.1.1. Addressed that most costs were under the CARES as designed for.
 - 13.1.2. Budgeting for the audit that will occur in addition for CARES
 - 13.1.2.1. Will be in FY22 due to it occurring in that section of the fiscal year – reminder note to make sure to budget it in
 - 13.1.3. 40,000 in misc revenue
 - 13.1.3.1. Reimbursements for Pikes Peak program that used to run through the district is moving through the schools books now. Accounting for the payment and the expected reimbursement that will come
 - 13.1.4. Kristen LaMay reviewed the summary and detailed versions of the budget
 - 13.1.4.1. 1492 students, 7749 per student was put in the budget. Reviewed line items including CARES act and staffing including materials and the fluctuation changes that have occurred but have been balanced
 - 13.1.5. Last year for one portion of the MLO to be spent – MLO 3A will replenish annually
- 13.2. 21/22 School Calendar
 - 13.2.1. Spring break has been moved so no other discussion
- 13.3. Alternate and Contingency Plans for Ranch / Prep 2021
 - 13.3.1. Leanne Weyman shared plans for returning to in person learning second semester
 - 13.3.2. Suggestion: Set Tuesday Dec 29, 2020 as the date that BLA will announce the timeline for returning to in person learning – requesting conference on Monday Dec 28 to approve
 - 13.3.3. Goal of Jan 5 for Elementary and goal of all secondary on-site using block schedule
 - 13.3.3.1. Looking at roll out for K-5 with K-2 first followed by 3-5
 - 13.3.3.2. Looking at options for MS on site / HS remote or alternating days for HS and MS onsite
 - 13.3.4. Can choose to stay open until the Governor mandates schools close so choice is available to us with staff and parent input
 - 13.3.5. D49 will remain closed until Jan 19 if not longer
 - 13.3.6. Quarantine rules can allow for flexibility in cohorts and moving online due to staffing needs to keep students connected with their teachers
 - 13.3.7. Discussion on relating to the roll out – elementary feels confident that as long as staff are able to be present letting students on site K-5 starting Jan 5
 - 13.3.8. Discussion on getting students on site but struggling to meet the difficulties of transmission. For middle, they are less transmissible then high school and can bring back one grade at a time but for high school the entire high school needs to be brought back at once as well as they are more likely to transmit the virus.
 - 13.3.9. 25% HS students desiring to stay remote, 20% MS students desiring to stay remote

- 13.3.10. Discussed the need to inform families ahead of time to provide time to prepare childcare and schedules.
- 13.3.11. Discussed the plan for Dec 29 to be announced and work towards that Dec 28 meeting to determine what plan(s) are released. General consensus would be to do K-8 starting Jan 5 and roll in high school.

14. Action Items

- 14.1. Updated Budget
 - 14.1.1. Matt Pacheco motions to approve the amended budget, Todd Blum 2nd'd
 - 14.1.2. No Discussion
 - 14.1.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Matthew Pacheco, Alexandra Tomei
 - 14.1.4. Vote No:
 - 14.1.5. Motion Carries
- 14.2. 21/22 School Calendar
 - 14.2.1. Matt Pacheco motions to approve the 21/22 school calendar, Todd Blum 2nd'd
 - 14.2.2. No Discussion
 - 14.2.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Matthew Pacheco, Alexandra Tomei
 - 14.2.4. Vote No: None
 - 14.2.5. Motion Carries
- 14.3. Alternate and Contingency Plans for Ranch / Prep 2021
 - 14.3.1. Matt Pacheco motions to approve the date of Dec 29 to make the announcement for the return to school plan, Todd Blum 2nd'd
 - 14.3.2. No Discussion
 - 14.3.2.1. There will be a special meeting on Dec 28, 2020 to discuss and vote on the plans that will be announced on the 29th
 - 14.3.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Matthew Pacheco, Alexandra Tomei
 - 14.3.4. Vote No: None
 - 14.3.5. Motion Carries

15. Executive Session

16. Future Business

- 16.1. Special Meeting on Monday Dec 28, 2020 at 7pm
- 16.2. BOD Trainings – BOD Training from D49 is almost ready and could select a date. Requested to be done by January 31 and is asynchronous – can be done separately but should be a group debrief afterwards

17. Board Member Communication

18. Adjournment

- 18.1. Deann Barnett adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm

DATE: December 15, 2020

//Signed//

Alexandra Tomei, Secretary

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION:

BLA Board of Directors Regular Meeting - December 15, 2020
Tue, Dec 15, 2020 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM (MST)

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