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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
MAY 18, 2021 AT BANNING LEWIS RANCH ACADEMY at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

1.1. Deann Barnett called to order at 6:03pm

2. Roll Call

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

3. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

4. Reading of the Mission Statement

4.1. Deann Barnett read the mission statement

5. Approval of Agenda

5.1.1. Matthew Pacheco motions to approve the agenda, Todd Blum 2ndd

5.1.2. All approve, motion carries

6. Approval of the Minutes

6.1. Approval of the previous Regular Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2021

6.1.1. Matthew Pacheco motions to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 27, 2021, Todd Blum 2ndd

6.1.2. All approve, motion carries

6.2. Approval of the Emergency Special Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2021

6.2.1. Alexandra Tomei motions to approve the special meeting minutes from May 15, 2021, Todd Blum 2ndd

6.2.2. Matthew Pacheco abstains, all others approve, motion carries

7. Positive Observations

7.1. Alexandra Tomei hi-lighted Katie Grodsky and her fostering of inclusivity in her classroom – she teaches the students to love everyone and the characters she is building to foster appreciation for everyone’s unique personalities is incredible.

7.2. Deann Barnett hi-lighted prom and the fantastic reviews. DJ, look, the fun that was had and it was exciting to have our first prom.

- 7.3. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins hi-lighted an article that emphasized the athletic program and how our BLPA track and field program needs to be a program to look out for at the Harrison Panther Invitational.
- 7.4. Matthew Pacheco wanted to hi-light the middle school football team, currently up 26-0 in the 4th quarter. The team is great and supportive and doing well.
- 7.5. Deann Barnett hi-lighted the surgical rotation in 5th grade and how awesome of a program it is for students to expand their learning.

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

- 8.1. None signed in

9. Program Highlight

- 9.1. None for this week

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

- 10.1. PTO – Email update sent
- 10.2. BLA Booster Club – Email update sent
- 10.3. Boy Scout Troop 228 - Email update sent
- 10.4. Cub Scout Pack 228 – Email update sent
- 10.5. Civil Air Patrol – Email update sent
- 10.6. Girl Scout Troop – Email update sent

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

- 11.1. Finance Committee Report Chair: Matthew Pacheco
 - 11.1.1. Kristen LaMay reported on the finance documents that were sent for review
 - 11.1.2. Some grants are still pending reimbursement as well as the final 2 months of district and other funding to offset the remainder of the costs
 - 11.1.3. 10.9million actual vs 13.1million budgeted
 - 11.1.4. No additional questions tonight
- 11.2. Election Committee Report Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins
 - 11.2.1. 3 applications submitted – will be pursuing interviews and conversation with the applicants and determine in June.
 - 11.2.2. First interviews will be between today and June regular meeting

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

- 12.1. Representative: Heather Zambrano
 - 12.1.1. Foundation meeting next week; 1000 check that just came in
 - 12.1.2. Marketing and enrollment – still at the 1510 for current students, 1691 expected currently for next year.
 - 12.1.3. Attended the run this weekend – 800 pieces of swag were given out
 - 12.1.4. New magnets have arrived – will distribute
 - 12.1.5. Archived leads that can be used and will follow up on

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

- 13.1. Supporting documentation BLR Admin Report
 - 13.1.1. Email update submitted

- 13.1.2. No SAAC updated currently
- 13.1.3. Shannon Molnar reported on BLRA – kinder and 5th grade promotions upcoming. DIEBLS testing is completed for the end of the year. Teacher appreciation and honoring the nursing and health aides on May 12. End of the year staff breakfast to honor staff. NHS is selecting new members and celebrating the year.
- 13.1.4. Rick Dahlman reported on BLPA-middle – two new positions hired for. 8th grade promotion, WA DC trip planning for next year. CMAS is complete. Developing systems to support students, shout out to the 6th and 7th grade students in particular. Teacher appreciation week was wonderful. Getting strategic planning meetings in place. Planning for pep assemblies at the beginning of next year. Order system is planned to return – with some different barn / school mascot themed labeling
- 13.1.5. Rick Dahlman reported on BLPA – high – prom occurred. 3.75 ceremony upcoming. Graduation rehearsal as well as senior sunset is upcoming, graduation next week. Senior prank was a plus and started traditions. International tours meetings and increasing enrollment. Senior capstones are successful and many selected projects in career areas they are pursuing. Desire to bring new clubs to the students.
- 13.1.6. Jennifer Even reported on scheduling – setting up middle school to be upstairs and high school downstairs for a majority of classes. Theater class now has a physical space.
- 13.1.7. Rick Dahlman reported on concurrent enrollment – 602 credits scheduled for Fall 2021
- 13.1.8. Chuck Shaw emailed report on facilities
- 13.1.9. Leanne Weyman reported on elementary principal interviews and hopefully making an offer in the next couple of days. Thanked Shannon Molnar for all her work over the years and for supporting this school.
- 13.1.10. Parents that are interested in school online next year – 9 students from 7 families are interested in online schooling. (surveyed those who are currently doing online, 3rd-11th)
- 13.1.11. D49 breakdown of fees – suggested a presentation for a finance subcommittee
- 13.1.12. Accel representatives here and feedback was provided with multiple stakeholders.
- 13.1.13. Recruiting many open positions

14. Discussion Items

- 14.1. Bond Presentation
 - 14.1.1. Deann Barnett presented that Moody's held a presentation and ongoing meetings which determined that BLA became investment grade – eligible for lower interest rates.
 - 14.1.2. Now that we are investment grade, we are eligible for the moral obligation program through the state which would lower the interest even further.
 - 14.1.3. Considering refinancing additional bonds with these potential rates that would allow us to refinance everything despite a pre-payment penalty – more research needed into the numbers.
 - 14.1.4.
- 14.2. D49 Update on Budget Items
 - 14.2.1. Reported in the BLA admin report – D49 suggested a full presentation for a finance subcommittee at a later date. Submitted breakdown of fees for charter schools.
- 14.3. BLA Handbooks
 - 14.3.1. No questions on athletic handbook – all changes are accepted at this time
 - 14.3.2. BLRA handbook – no questions outside of state changes made. Does not need follow up.
 - 14.3.3. BLPA handbook

- 14.3.3.1. Questions about fees for unreturned items / concurrent enrollment dues – request to follow upon #6 for second reading
- 14.3.3.2. Questions on lockers – first come first serve
- 14.3.3.3. Enforcement of parking – fire lanes and handicap parking. Pay for student parking – likely needs to be enforced. Fee reduced due to carbon copies. Discussed painting spots for seniors – needs to find some compromise and doing some rendering of options. Concerns about capacity in general.
- 14.3.3.4. Dress code is being separated out and discussed later
- 14.3.3.5. Questions about planners – middle school will be using them 100%
- 14.3.3.6. 18 years and up allowing to check out of school on their own without parent consent. At 18, the parent is no longer the legal guardian and makes these issues difficult. Concerns about “advertising” it in the handbook. “prior written parent and administrator approval” in the wording.
- 14.4. Staff Survey / Accel Evaluation
 - 14.4.1. Gap in staff survey for support staff – new survey sent out and additional data will be presented
 - 14.4.2. Accel survey – information that was submitted will be utilized to do the annual accel evaluation
 - 14.4.3. Generating a board response separate from staff responses in order to get our gauge – request to keep it as a google doc so that the answers can be assembled easier and quicker.
 - 14.4.4. Need to turn in to D49 by June 1; can turn in to D49 by that date with the assembled data and provide hi-lights at the June meeting publicly.
- 14.5. FY 21/22 Budget
 - 14.5.1. Clarifications were requested on the 11,000 for 9 people – as of 2:30pm no clarification is available right now. Providing paychecks to individuals for 26 pay periods?
 - 14.5.2. SPED true-up in the final year
 - 14.5.3. Confirmation of student activity fees in the budget – set by CHSAA and clarifications on what is allocated.
 - 14.5.4. Considerations for getting questions answered that will be included in an amended budget; October always has an amended budget
 - 14.5.5. Payroll fees are not in the contract but in the budget – additional services that are billed outside of the 8%. Clarification on payroll which should be a covered service. Need clarifications on that. Reading from the contract may contradict and further understanding is needed.

15. Action Items

- 15.1. Accel Evaluations
 - 15.1.1. No action needed tonight as data will need to be compiled to present to D49.
- 15.2. FY21/22 Budget
 - 15.2.1. Matthew Pacheco motioned to approve the FY 21 / 22 budget presented, Todd Blum 2ndd
 - 15.2.2. Discussion
 - 15.2.2.1. Many moving parts that are required to be address however it seems to be normal with a school and how often it is amended.
 - 15.2.2.2. Questions that should not be left unanswered before approving any budgets should not be part of the many moving parts that do occur with a normal school budget amendment process.
 - 15.2.2.3. Attempting to get clarification and not getting answers and how that impacts the trust with the board and the high dollar amounts that are missing answers for.

15.2.2.4. Penalty periods for not approving budgets on time – supposed to submit a board approved budget and are already behind. Concerns about this being already with bonds and refinancing issues.

15.2.2.5. Any corrections that would need to be made would result in more money in our budget outside of teacher salaries.

15.2.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett Matthew Pacheco

15.2.4. Vote No: Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei

15.2.5. Motion does not carry

16. Executive Sessions

15.1. None requested

17. Future Business

17.1. Accel Evaluations Review

17.2. FY 21/22 Budget

17.3. June 15 Regular Meeting – will stay as is

17.4. Dress code committee – needs a meeting date for a work session (6/2 at 5:00)

17.5. Special Meeting for Budget – 6/1 at 7pm

18. Board Member Communication

18.1. Staff breakfast on 5/28 all at BLRA at 9am

18.2. 375 event – Monday 5/24 6pm at BLPA

18.3. Board work session for training in roles and responsibilities / onboarding– July 2021

19. Adjournment

19.1. Deann Barnett adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm

DATE: May 18, 2021

//Signed//

Alexandra Tomei, Secretary