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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 AGENDA

JANUARY 19, 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 Present: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei
2.2. Board Members Absent: Matthew Pacheco

3. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins moves to approve the agenda with the addition of 13.2 and 14.2 discussion / action items regarding PTO and Booster approved vendors, Todd Blum seconds. All approve, motion carries.

5. Approval of the Minutes

5.1. Approval of the previous Regular Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2020

5.1.1. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins moves to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2020, Todd Blum seconds. All approve, motion carries.

5.2. Approval of the previous Special Meeting Minutes, December 28, 2020

5.2.1. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins moves to approve the Special Meeting Minutes, December 28, 2020, Todd Blum seconds. All approve, motion carries.

6. Positive Observations

6.1. Deann Barnett acknowledged how good it is to be in person again.

6.2. Alexandra Tomei acknowledge Mrs. Dietrich for going above and beyond in her care for her students and her families. She is an amazing asset to this community and we are blessed to have her

6.3. Todd Blum acknowledged the seamless start from the community to get students back in person and the phenomenal job of admin and staff for getting kids back in school and started on second semester

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

7.1. None signed in

8. Program Highlight

8.1. None for presenting tonight

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

- 9.1. Stallions Parent & Teacher Club – Email sent; Gigi Stangle presented on the PTO. December was a fantastic month and a personal donation from one family. 120 BLA staff teacher gifts were able to be provided. Online fundraising is providing support but Box Tops are lower. Valentines Day has an event planned for “Loving Up Our Teachers”. PTO website through google is working well.
- 9.2. BLA Booster Club – Email sent; Krisell Creager-Lumpkins presented on behalf of Caydee Bell. Financial statement was sent via email. They have been allowed to do concessions during basketball session as a fundraiser.
- 9.3. Boy Scout Troop 228 - Email sent; Krisell Creager-Lumpkins presented. Haven’t been super active because they have been restricted to online meetings. Christmas tree fundraiser was good.
- 9.4. Cub Scout Pack 228 – Keith Kramer reported on cub scouts. Krisell Creager Lumpkins summarized the report – activities will hopefully pick up now that weather is improving and with rates lowering / the vaccine.
- 9.5. Civil Air Patrol – Email update sent.
- 9.6. Girl Scout Troop – Email sent; Patty Hunter presented on girl scouts. Meeting weekly online currently with small projects in person for community. Getting calls to do community service which is wonderful. Cookie sales are coming up and want to do drive through cookie sales at the schools. Building robots which is an exciting project.

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

- 10.1. Finance Committee Report Chair: Matthew Pacheco
 - 10.1.1. Kristen LaMay presented on financials on behalf of Matthew Pacheco who is not present
 - 10.1.2. Paid at 1469 per student
 - 10.1.3. All funds at this point are showing a deficit but is on track for this year per when additional funds come into the accounts
 - 10.1.4. Overall revenue is at 48% of the budget which is close to the planned budget
 - 10.1.5. Expenditures are right at 50% as a marker halfway through the year
 - 10.1.6. Debt service payments are at a loss until the expected revenues come back in the accounts
 - 10.1.7. Coverage ratios can cover the liabilities multiple times over

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

- 11.1. Representative: Heather Zambrano
 - 11.1.1. Report emailed to the board; current contract has ended but this is the current update
 - 11.1.2. Stated she was working on the “get a scoop on 6th grade” – drive through at Ritars
 - 11.1.3. “Taco bout 9th grade” is in the works for tomorrow night – coupons sent out already for the at home event
 - 11.1.4. Enrollment applications are coming in – K / 6 / 9 are the higher enrollment applications showing movement at those transitional ages. Goal is 1576 students for next year

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

- 12.1. Supporting documentation BLR Admin Report
 - 12.1.1. Emailed report sent

12.1.2. Rick Dahlman reported on SAAC

- 12.1.2.1. New water heater approved for the ranch
- 12.1.2.2. Retaining positions; funding for virtual teachers funded through MLO and approved
- 12.1.2.3. Financial emphasis areas provided to the district

12.1.3. Shannon Molnar reported on BLRA

- 12.1.3.1. 2 new teachers hired to replace the original teachers hired
- 12.1.3.2. DIEBLs progress monitoring is occurring
- 12.1.3.3. Testing window is open for testing online students and will begin testing on campus students in February
- 12.1.3.4. Everyone is excited to have students back on campus
- 12.1.3.5. Capturing Kids Hearts traction plan visit occurred on the 13th / 14th
- 12.1.3.6. New students both from online as well as from other schools

12.1.4. Rick Dahlman reported on BLPA-middle school

- 12.1.4.1. MTSS Math position is working to be filled
- 12.1.4.2. Middle school math position was filled
- 12.1.4.3. English 8th grade filled also
- 12.1.4.4. Middle school basketball tryouts are happening
- 12.1.4.5. Monthly culture club this month – staff is uploading pictures under various categories to keep the positivity up paired with a drawing
- 12.1.4.6. Learning and connection is exciting and excited to be in person
- 12.1.4.7. Sacred Zoom Sessions are occurring – teachers can focus on just a zoom class separate from the rest of the day to focus in on online students as well
- 12.1.4.8. Lunches are new and a wonderful place to connect; seating chart to keep everyone safe for close contact tracing whenever possible
- 12.1.4.9. LEAD the Herd character building is being rolled out

12.1.5. Albert Wiggins reported on BLPA-high school

- 12.1.5.1. Gained 1 student in high school since returning
- 12.1.5.2. Tryouts are underway for high school basketball
- 12.1.5.3. Moving back to the block schedule has received great feedback from families and students
- 12.1.5.4. Senior project eye – some students borderline to receive credit for that semester and is it supporting students
- 12.1.5.5. Students back on campus and went well today
- 12.1.5.6. Cap and Gowns are being ordered for graduation. Diplomas have been submitted for proofing
- 12.1.5.7. First semester cumulative GPA; 66% of the current graduating class will be graduating with honors or higher
- 12.1.5.8. Students reaching out to create clubs and working through the ways that can happen

12.1.6. Albert Wiggins reported on programs

- 12.1.6.1. 3 students in career paths through concurrent enrollment
- 12.1.6.2. 83 students in CE currently; lost 7 students due to grades
- 12.1.6.3. 550 college credits this spring with our students
- 12.1.6.4. 478 credits for fall based on students in the program and not career start programs
- 12.1.6.5. 2 students on track to graduate with their AA and HS Diploma

12.1.7. Albert Wiggins reported on facilities

- 12.1.7.1. Mechanical updates completed

- 12.1.7.2. Church at BLPA will continue to do parking lot services ;at BLRA has cut back t heir time briefly
- 12.1.8. Leanne Weyman reported on D49
 - 12.1.8.1. Continued discussion on SIS system and with more information it appears to be beneficial to BLA
 - 12.1.8.2. New laws in effect on Jan 1 regarding COVID-19 including staff leave if they contract COVID-19; working with Accel HR to address
 - 12.1.8.3. Updates from Accel schools to allow staff to access those services; including recruitment platforms for staff
 - 12.1.8.4. Onboarding students from Accel have been working on following up on leads and working with marketing to ensure the bang for the buck when marketing Focusing in on bringing in kids now as well as next school year. Many homeschool choice students state they want to be back in BLA schools once COVID is done
 - 12.1.8.5. Youtube video released over Christmas break; 18 leads from that video alone
 - 12.1.8.6. Social media and youtube are proving to be more effective compared to google search leads
- 12.1.9. Leanne Weyman reported on other updates
 - 12.1.9.1. Couple extra months for additional funds to be spent (June 1 instead of March 1)

13. Discussion Items

- 13.1. BOD Trainings
 - 13.1.1. Discussed access to the training and how to gain access
 - 13.1.2. Krisell Creager Lumpkins has been putting together board binders for each board member with the required information that is stored in our files that board members should have at their fingertips; including our board specific cheat sheets
 - 13.1.3. Todd Blum is working through a book called “Charter School Board University” – purchasing for each board member
 - 13.1.4. Discussed gathering CO state specific materials in order to increase the references for current and future board members
- 13.2. PTO / Booster Club Approved Vendors
 - 13.2.1. Gigi Stangle presented on behalf of PTO to seek endorsement to select a new vendor
 - 13.2.1.1. SS Activewear proposed; Better quality products and better timeline for PTO; 18-20% return to the PTO funds
 - 13.2.2. Caydee Bell reported on behalf of Booster club to seek endorsement to select a new vendor
 - 13.2.2.1. Beginning to look at vendors; one option is All American
 - 13.2.2.2. New designs, athletic designs as they are focused on high school age preferences
 - 13.2.2.3. Same one for letterman jackets and who designed the logo; already when through the process to become approved and have the logo ready to use
 - 13.2.3. Goal of getting parents what they need at high quality and what students want; could align on the vendors or could use different vendors
- 13.3. Open Gyms
 - 13.3.1. Basketball season has started but other sports may want to be able to use the gym to pre-season train.
 - 13.3.2. Requesting that with students back on campus that we open gyms

- 13.3.3. Increased COVID protocols and documentation ready to go out to the coaches in order to keep students and coaches safe
- 13.3.4. If kids are not in the building, open gyms are hesitant outside of planned practices. If it is safe for kids to be in the school for education, they can be in for gyms if it can be done safely
- 13.3.5. If the school is fully operational then open gyms can be provided with proper protocols. In the event school is shut down, exceptions to allow in season sports to continue but hesitate to allow all open gyms to continue
- 13.3.6. Timeline concerns about waiting for BOD to meet vs making an impulse decision.
- 13.3.7. In season vs out of season sports discussed and the potential differences
- 13.3.8. Considerations regarding D49 decisions and how we can adapt them to our specific needs for our school
- 13.3.9. Considering pairing with overall shut downs of whole parts of the building and re-openings; priority on education always
- 13.4. Date for Work Session – BOD and Administration Goal Setting Discussion
 - 13.4.1. Discussion on which date to choose and goals to review strategic plan and create subcommittees in order to further advance goals
 - 13.4.2. Feb 17 from 5:00-8:00pm

14. Action Items

- 14.1. Open Gyms
 - 14.1.1. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins Motions to approve opening the gym for off season sports, with the consideration that if the high school moves to remote learning as a whole open gyms cease for the duration of that closure, Todd Blum 2nd,d
 - 14.1.2. Discussion
 - 14.1.2.1. Making considerations that in season sports can still practice
 - 14.1.2.2. Responsibility on the athletics staff to not allow students who are actively quarantined to participate in on or off season practices
 - 14.1.3. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei
 - 14.1.4. Vote No: None
 - 14.1.5. Motion carries
- 14.2. PTO / Booster Club Approved Vendors
 - 14.2.1. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins Motions to approve the authorization of Booster Club and PTO to seek out new vendors for their respective spirit wear, Todd Blum 2nd,d
 - 14.2.2. Discussion
 - 14.2.2.1. Once selected can be approved by the BOD; Booster Club will select and come back to the BOD
 - 14.2.2.2. PTO already selected a vendor; new motion needed
 - 14.2.3. Krisell Creager-Lumpkins Motions to approve the use of SS Activewear as an approved vendor for spirit wear, Todd Blum 2nd,d
 - 14.2.4. No Discussion
 - 14.2.5. Vote Yes: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei
 - 14.2.6. Vote No: None
 - 14.2.7. Motion carries

15. Executive Sessions

15.1 An executive session has been requested on C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (b) (I)

15.1.1. Executive session was moved into at 8:24pm

15.1.1.1. Present: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Alexandra Tomei,
Leanne Weyman

15.1.2. Executive session was exited at 9:42pm

16. Future Business

16.1.

17. Board Member Communication

18. Adjournment

18.1. Deann Barnett adjourned the meeting at 9:46pm

DATE: January 19, 2021

//Signed//

Alexandra Tomei, Secretary

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