



Banning Lewis Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time: August 20th, 2024 at 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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Vision: Every student. Every day.

Mission: Create a safe environment where students thrive academically and develop the skills, character, and mindset to engage the world.

Agenda

1. Opening Items

	Purpose (vote discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time (start):
Pledge of Allegiance Reading of Mission Statement Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leigh Bolton• Guin Leeder• Tiffany's Blagmon• Kimberly Whitten-Chung• Chris Thompson• Kevin Clark (Virtual)• Roland Rainey (arrived at 6:20)	FYI	Leigh Bolton	6:08
Call the Meeting to Order	FYI	Leigh Bolton	6:09
Approve Minutes from July 2024 Guin motioned to approve the minutes for July 2024. Kim seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.	Vote	Leigh Bolton	6:10
Amendments to Agenda - Vote on Allocation of Funds for Snack Shack	Discuss/Vote	Leigh Bolton	6:10
Good News	FYI	Board	6:11

Public Comment - Jill Foster. 2 students at BLPA. Advocated to grow and strength the arts program. Well educated in this area. Concern that double blocking is preventing students from obtaining additional elective opportunities. - Leigh to email connections to Curriculum Committee.	FYI	Public	6:11
Board Spotlight: Testing Data Review	FYI	Cassie Brauner	6:16

2. School Organization Updates

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reps in attendance. • SAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reps in attendance. • Athletic Booster Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Been working on the Snack Shack • Built a list of 33 volunteers • Run into an issue where we have minimal coverage over the insulation. Works for now. But we need a long term solution for the walls and a ceiling. • Eagle Scout Project Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building of garden beds • Est cost of \$500 - \$1000 • ETA Late Aug 	FYI	Representatives	7:00

3. Finance Review

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:

<p>Financial Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Financial Package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating surplus of \$628k • Through the first month, BLA is ahead of budget for expense. • \$424k remaining of gift spending • Roland asked for a summary of the process for replacing computers at the next Board meeting. 2. Finance Committee Update 3. Update on Stretch Pay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff survey to be sent to determine level of interest. • Will follow up on survey and vote on Stretch Pay at September Board meeting. 4. ACH Processing with The State Bank Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, The State Bank can do this. • They would like to look into fraud protection first. 5. Kim motioned to allocate funds for the ceiling and walls in the Snack Shack. Roland seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries. 	FYI	Finance Committee / ACCEL	7:13
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4. School Updates

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<p>Principal Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leigh asked if disciplinary reports can be added to future reports. 	FYI	Principals	7:43
<p>Teachers Paying for School Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process is in place to get supplies. - Teachers can generally get reimbursed. - Encourage teachers to utilize this process. - PTO also has a channel to raise funds for teachers. 	Discuss	Chris Thompson	7:45
<p>Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting on the calendar for an expansion to the Prep 	FYI	Principals	7:48
<p>Decision on Ballot Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign Creation of MOU • Guin motioned to proceed with the Ballot Box at the Prep and the creation of an MOU. Roland seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. • Kevin to draft MOU. 	Vote	Leigh Bolton	7:50

Safety and Security Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity to add Security Film to school windows. - Uses a heavy duty polyester. - Not bullet proof. Slows people down from getting into the building illegally. - Leigh requested info for future needs. 	FYI	Tiffany Blagmon	7:52
Update on Decommissioned Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update. - Leigh asked Andy to follow up on decommissioned equipment. 	FYI	Leigh Bolton	8:02

5. Committee Updates

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Policy and Governance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met last week - Cassie will be on the Committee. Along with Guin and Emily. Will interface with D49. - Reviewed 5 documents. - Sent Title IX over to legal and got back a template. - Recommend approving 4 non-discrimination documents. - Guin motioned to adopt D49 Title IX Policy based on 2020. Kind seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Kevin was not in attendance for this vote. - Guin motioned to approved draft ACBLA-Non Discrimination Policy, the AC-BLA-R1 Investigation Procedure, AC-BLA-E1 Complaint Forms, and the AC-BLA-E2 Notice of Non Discrimination. Will remove definitions from the policy. Kim seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Kevin was not in attendance for this vote. - Next items on Policy Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft of org policy - Start student chosen name policy. D49 will not adopt a separate policy. Already have a means to address. Also need legal advice. 	Vote	Guin Leeder	8:03
School Management Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of an RFI or RFP • Roland motioned to create an RFI to assess the future of Banning Lewis Academy management. Kim seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Kevin was not in attendance for this vote. • Chris to create the RFI. 	Vote	Chris Thompson	8:26

6. Board Admin

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:

<p>Board Officer Positions for 2024/25 School Year Kim nominated Chris Thompson as President. Roland seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leigh Bolton - Yes • Guin Leeder - Yes • Tiffany's Blagmon - Yes • Kimberly Whitten-Chung - Yes • Chris Thompson - Yes • Roland Rainey - Yes <p>Kim nominated Leigh as Vice President. Roland seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leigh Bolton - Yes • Guin Leeder - Yes • Tiffany's Blagmon - Yes • Kimberly Whitten-Chung - Yes • Chris Thompson - Yes • Roland Rainey - Yes <p>Kim nominated Tiffany as Treasurer. Roland seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leigh Bolton - Yes • Guin Leeder - Yes • Tiffany's Blagmon - Yes • Kimberly Whitten-Chung - Yes • Chris Thompson - Yes • Roland Rainey - Yes <p>Guin nominated Kim as Secretary. Roland seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leigh Bolton - Yes • Guin Leeder - Yes • Tiffany's Blagmon - Yes • Kimberly Whitten-Chung - Yes • Chris Thompson - Yes • Roland Rainey - Yes 	Discuss / Vote	Leigh Bolton	8:33
<p>Liaison Positions - Will discuss in an upcoming work session. - Vote in September.</p>	Discuss / Vote	Leigh Bolton	8:40
<p>Board Training - Guin to review spreadsheet and notify those that need training.</p>	Discuss	Guin Leeder	8:44
<p>Assurance of Compliance</p>	Discuss	Leigh Bolton	8:45
<p>Board Communications to Stakeholder 1) Snack Shack - open and want volunteers (Vanessa's email) 2) Non Discrimination Policy 3) Welcome back to school 4) Updated Board Positions 5) Ballot Box</p>	Discuss	Chris Thompson	8:47

7. Closing Items

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Work Session - 9/10 at 5pm at Ranch Library Next Board Meeting • Sept 17th	FYI	Leigh Bolton	8:51
Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Leigh Bolton	8:52