



Banning Lewis Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time: September 17th, 2024 at 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: 7094 Cottonwood Tree Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80927

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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">Chris Thompson- presentLeigh Bolton- presentTiffany Blagmon- presentRoland Rainy- presentKevin Clark- presentGuin Leeder- presentKim Whitten-Chung- present	FYI	Chris Thompson	1804
Call the Meeting to Order	FYI	Chris Thompson	1804
Approve Minutes from August 2024 Leigh motion Chris second	Vote	Chris Thompson	1805
Amendments to Agenda/ Approval of Agenda Remove Service Dog Presentation No vote on RFI, Discussion Only Policy is Discussion Only Under Board Liaison- Feedback from Legal Chris motion	Discuss/Vote	Chris Thompson	1807

Leigh Second All in favor			
Good News Stallion Sparklers went well Field day went well and was well-received Peak Cyber Symposium- Student participated in the conference and represented well Cross country team has been doing well New Concession Stand has been doing well	FYI	Board	1809

<p>Public Comment</p> <p>LeAmber Brewer- conversation about necessity of meaningful homework. Lifelong learning and the role that homework plays in the development of independent learning and development of autonomy. Suggestion of adding homework assistance as an added resource. Homework is quality, not quantity.</p> <p>Guy Matherly- conversation topics: additions of stop signs in the neighborhood. Why is there no school zone around the Ranch? Request to petition the City for a school zone. Academic rigor and standards at the Prep may not be help for admissions for all students entering the school. Prep admission may not be for everyone but may be more appropriate holding more rigorous academic admission standards.</p>	FYI	Public	1811
<p>Board Spotlight: District Performance Calculator</p> <p>Performance Excellence works with the District and the schools in D49 to improve</p> <p>The District Performance Calculator is a new tool that should be used to develop goals for the next year and identify areas of focus for resources</p> <p>Ladder tabs likely provide the most benefit</p> <p>Cut points correspond to CDE colors and helps to identify strategic opportunities. Cut points may change year to year because the CMAS exams may change from year to year.</p> <p>CDE has allowed opportunities in the framework to strategically impact test scores</p>	FYI	D49 Representative	1817
<p>Board Spotlight: Bullying</p> <p>Restorative justice practice at Banning without parental involvement</p> <p>Students involved in conflict are encouraged to work through the process together without parental involvement</p> <p>Encourage a research-based collaborative anti-bullying policy</p> <p>Bullying is a systemic issue</p> <p>Presentation ended due to anecdotal opinion presented as fact</p>	FYI	Jackie Wright	1834
<p>Executive Session</p> <p>1. C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(c) Matters required to be kept confidential by Federal or State law or rules or regulation CRS Title 22, Section 22-32-109.1</p> <p>Chris motion</p> <p>Tiffany second</p> <p>All in favor</p> <p>Motion to return to Regular Session Chris</p> <p>Kevin second</p>	Vote	Board	1846 enter Executive Session 2031 return to Regular Session

Kevin will follow up with Administration on next step			
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2. School Organization Updates

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletic Booster Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concession stand is going well • Mr. Shaw has been great with construction under way • Boy/Girl Scout Troops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Boy Scout Troop • Danston Wood Pack 228 has 131 individuals involved and maximum capacity has been reached. In 2019, Scouting America began allowing girls to join Packs. Would like to introduce a Family Pack at BLA. • BSA has space recommendation requirements. Starting Pack would be 20-30 participants. Would not expect more than 40 participants in the first five years. • Five Scouts in Troop 228 currently working on their Eagle Scout projects 	FYI/ Discuss	Representatives	2032

3. Finance Review

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:

Financial Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Financial Package <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On track with budget for expenses • Some instructional supplies came early • Enrollment 1700 students as compared to estimated 1600 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 745 students at Ranch • Prep still has room to grow • 163 days cash on hand. Down from last year because of spend out on capital projects • Foundation gift spending on budget or just below budget 2. Finance Committee Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study underway to evaluate building an addition onto the Prep to the west outside of the cafeteria. 3. Update on Stretch Pay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Andy's report 4. ACH Processing with The State Bank Update 	FYI/ Discuss	Finance Committee / ACCEL	2049
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear to begin processing. <p>5. Stadium Snack Shack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction is underway <p>6. Project Spending Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to open the document <p>7. Evaluate Insurance Coverage Against New Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Andy's report 			
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4. School Updates

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<p>Principal Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-prepared Principal report • Plan at Prep is to have 150 students per grade • Desire to add more elective courses at Prep 	FYI	Principals	2103
<p>Alternative Instruction Course Catalog</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any courses offered to students must be posted on the website. • Chris motion, Kevin second • All in favor 	Vote	Principals	2111
<p>Enrollment After Count Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will not accept new enrollees after October 1st, unless families are newly moved in priority one Banning Lewis Ranch neighborhood families if there are seats available. • Kim motion, Guin second • All in favor 	Discuss/Vote	Board	2117
<p>Updates from Head of School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on equipment that was removed from BLA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The equipment has been disposed of and was not moved into any other schools • Technology refresh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IT department oversees end of life based on recommendations by manufacturer ○ 150K of funds built into the tech line of budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opportunity in the budget to update tech ○ 150K spent in May for Tech Refresh. XP comments state that ChromeBooks were purchased, were delivered at the end of July, and are currently housed at BLA. Email correspondence August 15th. 	FYI	Andy Franko	2133

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ BLA IT is unaware of the tech purchase and does not have ChromeBooks on campus.▪ Kevin will follow up with XP• Stretch pay survey went out<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recommendation to move forward with the stretch pay○ Process is in place• Insurance coverage<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Local policy in place<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recommend working with current provider to extend current provider at this time▪ Evaluate switching policies in the future○ ACCEL does have a benefits coordinator○ Student accident coverage and activity bus coverage underway• Human Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ACCEL is open to exploring hiring position for BLA			
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5. Committee Updates

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Policy and Governance Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chosen name policy update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Significant decision to be made b. Draft being drawn based off other Districts c. Per Legal, Colorado is leading edge. Keep child safety as priority. 2. Draft CC- BLA Administrative Organization <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Paragraph organization chart in Policy Committee Curriculum Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upcoming meeting 	Discuss	Guin Leeder	2204
School Management Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of RFI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris and Guin will be meeting and drafting • ACCEL Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is being paid for? • Interviews forthcoming to determine what services are being covered • Redesigning SurveyMonkey based on services being charged 	Discuss	Chris Thompson	2022
Dress Code Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to parents and students for feedback 	Discuss	Tiffany Blagmon	2226

6. Board Admin

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Board Training Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/19 Board Training from Dr. Franko \$500/school • Recommended Alignment Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Defining Board roles ○ Administration roles v. Board roles 	Discuss	Chris Thompson	2235
Board Liaison Positions for 2024/25 School Year- moved to the next Board meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grievance Lead 2. PTO 3. SAC 4. Booster Club/Athletics 	Discuss / Vote	Chris Thompson	2238
Board Communications to Stakeholder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van updates • Snack shack • Update Board titles again 	Discuss	Kim Whitten-Chung	2245

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSA growth 			
<p>Conversations with Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can parents view security footage with their children? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, but all other children must be blurred 	Discuss	Chris Thompson	2243

7. Closing Item

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<p>Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1st, 2024 • Liaison Positions • Facilities Support • Principal Evaluation • Dress Code <p>Next Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15th 	FYI	Chris Thompson	2249
Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Chris Thompson	2250