

Balboa Spirit Club
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:00pm

1. Principal's Update (Ms. Chun) – Ms. Chun said welcome back. They're working on strategies to help keep students engaged. She mentioned that LAUSD enrichment classes are being offered in the Spring, and a flyer will be going out in e-Backpack. LAUSD is also giving every student a headset to help with distance learning, and they're being shipped to our school site. They'll be distributed when the District allows on campus distribution. Also mentioned that a new blacktop has been installed on campus and we'll soon be adding a new apparatus and playmat. Ms. Chun and Mrs. Taguchi are planning an upcoming social hour. She also said thank you for personalized tumblers from BSC.
2. Approve December Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve December Meeting Minutes. Minutes approved by vote.
3. Treasurer's Update (Will) – Will showed Profit and Loss Statement from Aug 2020 to Jan 2021. He pointed out that Compass Fund raised about as expected even with the pandemic. Expenses are also going as to schedule. Sonia mentioned that total projected for Compass Fund is a little off, and Will said that some numbers may need to be updated. Will said he will call Sonia to be able to reconcile.
4. After-School STEAM Enrichment Program (Laurie) – Laurie explained that based on current income and expenses, we have had some unanticipated expenses including Pali camp refunded expenses, an IRS filing penalty, and an added Gardening contractor. She recommends that we suspend the STEAM enrichment spending to save about \$10,000 expenses to be breakeven by the end of the year. Carolyn asked if we might consider offering enrichment over the Summer. Laurie mentioned that it might be hard to coordinate, though if parents were interested then it sounds like a good effort. Ms. Chun said that she wouldn't be surprised if it's something that the District offers again this Summer. Laurie mentioned that we could also put together a resource list for interested parents to share information. Carolyn agreed and mentioned museum tours as an idea, and agreed that we could put a resource list for all parents. Motion to suspend spending on enrichment activities. Minutes approved by vote. Motion approved by vote.

5. Digital Dragon – Laurie asked for feedback about how Digital Dragon enrichment has been going so far. Carolyn said her 1st grade son really likes it and her son can do it independently. She also mentioned that she liked the Google digital safety and citizenship component that they included. She mentioned they're doing code.org and Scratch. Ms. Bronson mentioned that Digital Dragon (Nicole) has worked with her to change some of the content to meet the student needs – specifically, they had to combine two animals to make one animal in one class and make maps in another class and Digital Dragon designed the content. Churi mentioned that her daughter likes the computer class this year better than last year. Ms. Chun offered to survey the teachers to ask feedback too.
6. Restaurant Night Update (Churi) – Churi said that we're still waiting for checks from the last two fundraisers, and things have been going well.
7. Community Outreach Planning – Laurie mentioned that we'll talk in more detail in February to figure out what events we might be able to do for the rest of the year. Ms. Bronson mentioned that they're starting the January issue of the Balboa Times, and they'll plan to include a thank you to the Toy Drive Participants. Also, upcoming Spirit Days are: Pajama Day (Friday 1/15), Sports Jersey (Friday 1/22) and Favorite Book Character (Friday 1/29).

Next BSC General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd