

**Balboa Spirit Club**  
**Meeting Minutes by Kristy Ketchel**  
**Monday, December 1, 2020, 7:00pm**

1. Welcome (Laurie)
2. Principal's Update (Ms. Chun) – She mentioned the Campus Return Safety Plan and Family Guide, asked parents to check out the Balboa website for the information. Families will need to submit their selection by December 6th. She doesn't know about the details like number of minutes or remaining with existing teachers. If in the hybrid program, students will be in a cohort with other students. She thinks we'll find out each teacher's plan but don't know yet. Teachers are also being given a survey to ask their plan if schools open, so they will opt for their plan. There is a Coffee with the Principal scheduled for December 2nd to talk more about school reopening plan. She also mentioned an upcoming Parent Workshop "Restorative Practices in the Home" on December 10th at 1:30pm. She also mentioned a winter book pick up on December 8th that will include grade level book packs provided by the District. Grades 1-3 will be 8-9am, Grades 4-5 will be 9-10am, unless the specific teacher coordinates for a different day or time.
3. Approve November Meeting Minutes – motion and second to the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The minutes were approved 19 votes to approve, 1 abstain.
4. Treasurer's Update (Will) – Will explained that we paid contractors according to schedule.
5. Community Outreach Update (Angel & Suzy)
  - a. Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive – Suzy thanked everyone for participating in the canned food drive, and Friends of the Family were very grateful. Friends of the Family mentioned that they have free online Workshops if anyone at the school might be interested. Ms. Bronson asked if she can share the pictures in the Balboa Times, and Suzy said that would be fine. Suzy will tell Ms. Bronson how many families we were able to help, she thinks it was 19 families.
  - b. Holiday Gift Drive – Angel explained that they're exploring options now, and that we have a relationship with the Fire Department or possibly doing it with Friends of the Family or possibly doing an Adopt the Family program for LAUSD families (might be called the Sponsor A Family program). She is working on finding out more information to see what options will work. Angel asked meeting participants to share input on their preferences. Kristen mentioned that she thinks the Fire Department works with Spark of Love and that it's probably not actual toys this year because of Covid. Angel will plan to email the information and dates to Ms. Bronson to be able to include it in Balboa Times as soon as the choice is finalized.
  - c. Holiday Pictures – Angel and Suzy are thinking about creating a maze type program where families can submit holiday pictures to show what the holidays mean to them with a sentence about what the holidays mean to them. It would all participation, not a competition. Mrs. Chun said we'll have to do a double check against the school records to make sure the families have a Media Release Form. Angel said they could even email the the Media Release Form to the family in response to receiving their submission.
  - d. Movie Night – Suzy explained that it looks like this won't be a possibility with the current Covid case level.

6. Book Fair Update (Tin Lai) – Tin Lai mentioned that the book drive ended November 22nd. The total online sales was \$890.70, so the profit is \$222.67 in Scholastic Bucks to the school. She mentioned that she thinks we should do it again in the Spring.
  
7. Upcoming Programs
  - a. Student Council Gingerbread House Contest (Ms. Bronson) – Ms. Bronson explained that the contest is just for a RECYCLED Gingerbread House, and student should put their name by the front door. Students should send in pictures of the house to Ms. Bronson. They're due by Tuesday, December 15th. The Student Council will choose a winner and runner-up per grade level. Ms. Bronson has already received one entry.
  - b. The Giving Spirit (Ms. Bronson) – Ms. Bronson explained that they make up bags of essentials for the homeless. Right now there are 20,000 homeless children in LAUSD. Students can create a gift card to go with the bags, which are due by Friday, December 4th. Ms. Bronson will send a template that Kristen can post on the BSC Facebook page. This drive is for elementary student recipients. There will be another drive for middle and high school recipients in January. Angel asked if there's a way to send in donations of essential items. Ms. Bronson will check and let her know.
  - c. Teacher and Staff holiday gifts (Gali) – Gali has been able to find an option within the budget and will coordinate the drop off with the office.

Next BSC General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th.