

Balboa Spirit Club
General Meeting Notes
Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Principal Update (Mrs. Chun) – Mrs. Chun mentioned she'll be having her coffee with the principal meeting later this week (Wed for grades 1-3, Thurs for grades 4-5). She wanted to give a quick update. Our cohorts look pretty set at this point. Some teachers have contacted families to let them know. The upper grades are having numbers issues in accommodating in-person requests, and she's working to see if families can all be accommodated. Families will be receiving a confirmation letter. Also Balboa was invited to apply to be considered as a Blue Ribbon School as an exemplary high performing school (top 15% in math and reading nationwide). Mrs. Chun applied over Spring break and she'll let families know the results. Sonia asked if the school considered using cameras in the classroom to be able to accommodate everyone who requested to be in person. Mrs. Chun says that according to the district agreement it can only be done with teacher permission, and she's doing the best to honor every families' request.
2. Approve March Meeting Minutes – Kristen made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes, Sonia seconded the motion. Vote: 30 voted yes, 1 abstain.
3. CFO Update (Will) – Will explained that we haven't had any unexpected expenses. Sonia asked how we project we'll be at the end of the year. Will and Laurie explained that we still have a few more expenses left for the year including teacher appreciation.
4. BSC Board Positions (Laurie) – Our next meeting is our elections meeting (Tuesday, May 4). Laurie explained that we've had a lot of interest, and she highlighted the positions we still have open without volunteers are President, Executive Vice President, and Secretary. There still may be other positions available. Anyone interested should contact Laurie or Kristen.
5. Computer Enrichment for Rest of 2020-21 and 2021-22 (Laurie) – Laurie explained that Digital Dragon has provided instruction over Zoom so far, and the instructors have been joining the class to do instruction. She explained that the model won't work for hybrid learning because there are split classes. Digital Dragon is working on providing a format like Mr. Schmidt's music has been offered so that it would be videos or an instruction sheet for students to do as self study. For 2021-22, we

have two computer enrichment programs that we found through research in Fall 2020 – Planet Bravo and Digital Dragon. Laurie suggested we have two votes – (1) To approve a budget for 2021-22 computer enrichment, (2) To approve which provider to use. Ms. Bronson said that she has concerns with doing Digital Dragon via videos or instruction sheet, and other parents voiced the same concern, but also explained that there's not time in the day to squeeze it in with the hybrid system and also have a teacher present. Motion to approve a budget for \$58,000 for computer enrichment for 2021-22 made by Gali, seconded by Suzy. Vote: 30 voted yes, 1 voted no, 2 abstain. Motion to approve Planet Bravo or Digital Dragon for computer enrichment for 2021-22. Vote: 20 voted Planet Bravo, 4 voted Digital Dragon, 6 abstain.

6. Earthquake Kits Planning (Kelly) – Kelly explained we typically collect earthquake kits for each student, and provide classrooms with emergency duffel bags. Items have expired: hand sanitizer, hydrogen peroxide, water bottles, fruit gummies. Kelly suggested not doing individual earthquake kits. We have sufficient water bottles, we can purchase solar blankets (\$400), snacks (\$400). We should do a full inventory in the fall. Ms. Bronson explained that teachers aren't aware of allergies and not able to use cabinets at this point. Kelly suggested we could leave it as is for the Spring given the limitations of being hands-off campus. Sonia suggested that this could be something that the school or student council could handle. Ms. Bronson explained that it started after the Northridge earthquake and has always been handled by parents. Kelly asked if it helps the teachers feel supported to have an earthquake bag. Ms. Bronson said that it is nice to have. Kelly suggested that we could keep doing the classroom bags and keep them updated annually, and purchase solar blankets for all kids, and not have the kids bring in individual bags. Valerie and Laurie suggested that we could handle this in the fall because we're not able to access campus to organize items. Alenoosh suggested we could do a drive on national earthquake day which takes place on October 21st. Kelly will plan to see if her parents will participate in fundraising for blankets and solar blankets, and will let Kristen know how it goes. Solar blankets would be placed in the earthquake bin by the water. Ms. Bronson suggested that any solar blankets brought in could be collected and put to the side for 72 hours before being put away. Kristen would like to make a motion to approve a budget item of up to \$500 for solar blankets and batteries. Vote: 23 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain.
7. Welcome Committee for Summer 2021 (Denisse) – Denisse explained that at end of summer, every incoming new family is contacted by an existing family as part of welcoming them to the school. Right now is that time we start to look for volunteers, so that will be happening soon. Then, at end of July/early August, the names are given to the volunteers with an easy script to use. Denisse

mentioned she is looking for a volunteer who wants to help this year and then run the program going forward. Sonia mentioned that we had a welcome event at the end of the summer a few years ago, and she would like to help if Denisse thought we could do it again this year.

8. Teacher Appreciation Week (Week of April 19th) (Gali) – Gali and Laurie have been talking to vendors to provide lunch for the teachers and staff on Friday April 23rd.
9. Additional Items or upcoming events – Ms. Bronson asked if there's anything that should be included in Balboa Times. Churi mentioned that we're planning on a restaurant night for the end of April, but it won't be in time for the next Balboa Times.

Next BSC General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4