



APPROVED MINUTES

HSA General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, November 29th, 8:45am

Call to Order: 8:50 am

Attendance: Mrs. Hasson, Ms. Diebert, Graceann Tinney, Carrie Maio, Lana Popov, Rishi Chowdry, Kristina Satterfield, Morgan Wittenbach. Virtually: Jen Hoff, Mariam Salama, Jamie Horn, Meghan Opsahl, Heather Howard, Kelly McDevitt.

Student Presentation prepared by **Student Council/Mrs. Kelly** (Sienna T., Thea D., Paige C., and Marcus B.) (**Attachment A**). Mission and vision statement shared with group. Hosted Treats for Troops and a Pajama Drive. Plans to do a warm clothing drive. Hosting apple and pretzel sales once per trimester. The funds raised will be used for a possible volleyball net or fence for kickball. Holiday Chalk Walk planned, as well as Random Acts of Kindness (2/17). Would like to work with the HSA to plan a movie night/carnival.

Principal's Message/Classroom Reports (Attachment B). Kindergarten planted tulips supplied by the HSA and hosted their annual Thanksgiving Feast. 1st grade is practicing fact fluency with flashcards purchased by the HSA and preparing for the Polar Express. 3rd grade hosted Balloons over Bridge Valley using an HSA grant. QUEST purchased supplies using an HSA grant for the hydroponics garden, which was purchased by the HSA last year. See attachment for updates in all grades/specials.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Status. "On track." HSA has had no earnings. Parents have reported they are "confused" about when to give. Members note it's easier to solicit funds for "specific events." BVE historically hosts a major fundraising event every 3-5 years (last year Apex), but many passive fundraising opportunities with corporations (Giant, Amazon, BoxTops) no longer exist/have changed formats limiting yearly revenue between events. Consideration for an annual fundraiser/ one big event - Ninja Warrior (as done at Titus)— earned school \$60,000-\$75,000. Other ideas: Pay to lunch with your student (clearances a concern), fundraising events for BVE parents/guardians that include raffles. Suggestion to survey parents.

Committee Reports. (A) Book Fair (Stephanie Dougherty/Angelique Toadvine). Candyland theme. Raised \$2700 for the library and an additional \$300 for the HSA from the food truck. **(B) Trunk-or-Treat (Graceann Tinney).** First time hosting this event. Great turnout, students really appreciated the teachers that also decorated a trunk. Notes for consideration: allow more cars to participate and have them park front bumper to front bumper in the bus lanes, have families donate candy to offset cost to families participating (many children went to the same cars multiple times, families ran out of candy before the event ended...participating cars were trying to leave prior to the end of the event because they ran out of candy), try to host before dusk, consider offering other activities simultaneously. **(C) Blazer Blessings (Bonnie Globerman/Nurse Long).** Volunteers completed tags earlier this week. Participating families list 3 needs and 3 wants (not all families from BVE). Permission slips are required for students to pick from the giving tree. Members concerned the requests are getting larger. Need to find balance between granting "wishes" and protecting the interests of our families. Need to revisit with the nurses' office the process/procedures. Meghan Opsahl is interested in helping. **Holiday Boutique (Danielle Preston).** Starts next week. Once again the committee is working with Peppermint Lane. All classes will come and shop for family/friends with a budget prepared at home. Parent volunteers' plan/staff the event. **Staff Appreciation Luncheon (Kristina Satterfield/Carrie Maio).** Planned first day of conferences for all staff. Grab and Go sandwiches/salads/dessert. Plan to have door prizes. **Yearbook (Kristina).** Theme: Leaving Our Mark. The annual 6th Grade cover design contest will start next week and conclude after the break. Yearbook will go on sale soon. Price \$25 per book. Will increase 4-5 weeks prior to the close of sales to \$30, around first week of April. **Family Night Out (NEW,**

Morgan Wittenberg). Proposal to start a new committee to explore off-site events that would donate a percentage back to BVE. SkyZone, bowling venues, arcades. Will explore options and communicate with the executive board.

Additional Comments/Notations. HSA needs to communicate more with families, especially new families. Request for an event the first week of school to explain HSA and clearances for volunteering (families would like to be notified about clearances in the summer if possible). The Trailblazer Tribune/BV News & Notes gets 800-1,000 views – should use for advertising. Should create a document for families to access on the HSA website that includes information on all committees. The executive board rotates frequently, should explore having board members continue longer if they are able/willing.

Meeting adjourned: 9:55am.