



Beckman High School

3588 Bryan Avenue, Irvine, CA 92602

Education Fund Meeting

BHS Teacher's Lounge ~ October 18, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Nancy Chung, Michelle Luong, Rebecca Reason, Guisela Garcia, Erick Garcia, Mojgan Zadeh, Shirin Abdoh, Scott Thoerner, Renee Stein

Others in attendance: Donnie Rafter, Natalie Nguyen, Kathy Bozorgi, Nina Le, Erin Lewandowski, Russell Stein, Karen Harley

Call to Order by Nancy Chung, Ed Fund President at 5:32 p.m.

I. Welcome by Nancy Chung

- Thank you to all for volunteering your time

II. Approval of the minutes

- **MOTION** to approve September minutes - moved by Rebecca Reason, seconded by Guisela Garcia - **PASSED**.

III. Administrator Report - Donnie Rafter, Principal

- Doors have been removed from some hallway entrances to facilitate smoother traffic flow on campus
- School was closed one day last week (district-wide) due to the Canyon Fire 2.
- College Day was October 11. Students took practice PSAT's and official PSAT's. Seniors attended workshops related to the college application process.
- This year Beckman has twice the usual number of National Merit semi-finalists, possibly due to the availability of practice PSAT's on College Day in previous years.
- A new counselor has been hired and will start November 6. She has prior high school counselor experience.
- There has been a proposal to switch to block scheduling. A pilot program will start during second semester and will involve 2-3 sets of 2 days of block scheduling.
- There is a proposal to replace the "13 traits" with a smaller list of traits that fits into an acronym that would be easy to remember, making it easier to emphasize the importance of the traits on the list.

IV. President Report - Nancy Chung

- More teachers have been inquiring this year about procedures and timelines related to requesting funds.

V. Treasurer Report - Scott Thoerner

- Updated financial statements were distributed to attendees.
- We currently have \$73,000 available to spend this year.
- Scott will contact previous donors about possible donations for this year.

VI. Allocations Report - Mojgan Zadeh

- Funding request
 - From Johnny Gonzalez, math teacher
 - \$200 for a U-shaped table to facilitate small group learning
 - **MOTION** to allocate up to \$250 for a U-shaped table - moved by Rebecca Reason, seconded by Karen Harley - **TABLED** pending confirmation of availability of a U-shaped table that can be obtained from another school in the district.
- Funding request
 - From Phillip Chow, science teacher and advisor for the Medical Certificate Program
 - \$700 to purchase specimens for dissection and other sundry supplies
 - There are over 450 students participating in the program this year. Only 3rd year students participate in dissections. 1st and 2nd year students attend seminars taught by medical professionals who are also Beckman parents.
 - **MOTION** to allocate up to \$1000 for dissection specimens and other supplies - moved by Mojgan Zadeh, seconded by Shirin Abdoh - **PASSED**
- Funding request
 - From Stacy Colon, PE teacher
 - \$1900 to purchase speedminton equipment
 - This equipment can be used for multiple racket sports and can be moved to various locations on campus. It will be used 6 weeks per year and will last for several years.
 - **MOTION** to allocate up to \$2000 for the purchase of speedminton equipment - moved by Michelle Luong, seconded by Shirin Abdoh - **PASSED**
- Funding request
 - From Monica Cullinan, PE teacher and athletic director
 - \$1600 to purchase yoga equipment (mats, instructional DVD's, etc.) for the aerobics fitness and nutrition course
 - **MOTION** to allocate up to \$1600 to purchase yoga equipment - moved by Erin Lewandowski, seconded by Karen Harley - **PASSED**

VII. Publicity Report - Guisela Garcia

- Suggestions:
 - Post signs in the teachers' lounge reminding them about availability of funds from Ed Fund
 - Ask teachers to send photos of events/items funded by Ed Fund and post those photos on the Ed Fund website

VIII. Fund Development Report - group discussion

- Suggestion - move this year's silent auction fundraiser to April and hold future silent auction fundraisers in mid-late October
- Tustin Ranch Golf Club is offering special pricing to Beckman organizations - we may want to consider holding future fundraising events there. It was pointed

out that an advantage to having the event at a private residence is the lower cost.

IX. Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.