



Beckman High School

3588 Bryan Avenue, Irvine, CA 92602

Education Fund Meeting

BHS Teacher's Lounge ~ September 21, 2016

Board Members in Attendance: Shirin Abdoh, Erick Garcia, Guisela Garcia, Nancy Chung, Laurie Lawver, Michelle Luong, Russell Stein, Mojgan Zadeh

Others in attendance: Nancy Aynehchi, Christine Cavecche, Mary Hajali, Karen Harley, Patty Hong, Erin Lewandowski, John Liu, Donnie Rafter, Rebecca Reason, Renee Stein, Scott Thoerner, Adrienne Turner

Call to Order by Laurie Lawver & Nancy Chung, Ed Fund Co-Presidents at 5:31

I. Welcome

II. Review Minutes & Secretary Report

- MOTION to approve May Minutes by Russell Stein; seconded by Mojgan Zadeh & passed.

III. Administrator Report - Donnie Rafter

- Background - graduated Tustin High 1995; UCI played volleyball; Woodbridge coach & math teacher for 9 years; Foothill High School AP; Beckman AP & Principal; married; 2 boys at Hicks Canyon
- Mr. Rafter shared his beliefs & values about education.
 - Do what's best for as many kids as possible.
 - Servant leadership of administration
 - Schools should teach academic & life skills.
 - Every student should have a place of their own on campus.
 - Leaders give credit to others for success and take responsibility for failures.
 - Values honest conversations, transparency in process & integrity in all things.
- Where are we going?
 - Maintain academic standards & focus on bringing up "middle kid"
 - Four A's (Academics, Arts, Activities, Athletics)
 - Elective Pathways
 - Increased attention to Student/Teacher Wellness
 - Reduced 7 period days & smaller class sizes
- "Every Kid Needs a Champion" by Rita Pierson

- BHS Updates
 - 2892 students
 - 6 new teachers - Barot, Gog, Wroblewski, Yoseph, Mihm, Walker
 - Turf project
 - Nov 15 completion
 - Track/football field slated to begin early 2017
 - Sand volleyball court is being investigated for the future.
 - IVC dual enrollment classes
 - Sports Medicine (IVC KNES & ROP Sports Medicine)
 - IVC Business
 - Paid for by IVC; students receive credit
 - CubeSat - students launching satellite into space along with other Irvine high schools
 - Beckman students have the Avionics part of the project.
 - Launch late April/early May 2017 (possibly from Russia or India)
 - Athletics - fall sports in full swing
 - Activities - Neon Nights (Welcome Back Dance), Club Approvals, Homecoming (Oct. 29)
 - Beckman is going to do more Twitter updates.

IV. Treasurer Report - Russell Stein

- Profit & Loss statement distributed
 - Fall Pledge Drive was best of last 4 years (270 donations total represents 10% of student body)
 - \$70,000 in funds
 - \$10,000 committed to the marquee
 - Planned to install in October
 - \$3800 bill for summer read books for staff & students in need
 - Asked PTO to share this cost
 - MOTION to approve \$1807 for Power of Kindness books by Mojgan Zadeh; seconded by Shirin Abdoh & passed.

V. Allocations Report

- Aleks Math Program
 - Online web based program
 - Tailored to each student with built in assessment to find gaps & fill them.
 - Algebra IB teachers would like to use it with their students.
 - 150 students in the math program
 - Cost is \$5250 (\$35/student for 40 weeks)
 - Developed by UC Regents
 - MOTION to approve \$5250 for Aleks Math Program by Renee Stein; seconded by Karen Harley & passed.

- Last year we offered \$2000 grants for each of 6 departments.
 - Only 3 departments took advantage of these grants last year.
 - Aligns with our mission of academic support.
 - MOTION to allocate \$2000 per department by Renee Stein; seconded by Erick Garcia & passed.
 - Staff Meeting Dates available - promote Ed Fund & let them know grant money is available!

VI. Publicity Report

- College Nights
 - B Prepared for High School & College Grade 9 - September 13
 - B Prepared for College Grade 12 - September 27
 - Financial Aid Presentation - October 20
 - B Prepared for College Grades 10 & 11 - October 25
 - Cash for College (Financial Aid Workshop) - October 27
 - Counselor Coffees in February
 - \$120 for Counselors at evening events

VII. New Business

- Get video productions involved in letting community know about Ed Fund.
- Suggestion to put out Ed Fund banner at all Ed Fund sponsored events.
- Ed Fund meeting dates need to be posted on Beckman website.
 - Administrators access website at this point.
 - TUSD working on getting more updated, user friendly website.
 - Erick Garcia suggested Ed Fund could come up with our own website to link with the Beckman page.
 - Suggestion to start donate page online that lists Ed Fund monthly events and allows online donations.
- Guisela suggested creating an Ed Fund Facebook page.
- Friday, May 19 - tentative date for Spring Fundraiser
 - Email group to see if any major conflicts
- Next year's fundraiser will not have hand scheduling as auction item.

VIII. Adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 19 @ 5:30pm