



Beckman High School

3588 Bryan Avenue, Irvine, CA 92602

Education Fund Meeting

BHS Teacher's Lounge ~ September 20, 2017

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

Others in attendance: Donnie Rafter, Natalie Nguyen, Christine Cavecche, Kathy Bozorgi, Nina Le, Erin Lewandowski

Call to Order by Nancy Chung, Ed Fund President at 5:30 p.m.

I. Welcome and introductions

II. Approval of the minutes

- **MOTION** to approve May Minutes - **PASSED**.

III. Administrator Report - Donnie Rafter, Principal

- We have 3003 student this year, which is a slight increase over last year.
- We have 9 new teachers, come because of growth and some because of attrition.
- We will be adding a new counselor. The job has been posted, interviews will begin soon, expected start date is approximately November 1.
- With the additional counselor decreasing the counselor to student ratio, we'll be able to give increased attention/support to all students, especially English language learners and at-risk students.
- Solar project - start date is unknown, due to solar panels being on back order. The plan for parking permits and senior spaces is unknown at this time. There will be a meeting on 9/28 at City Hall to discuss the possibility of a parking variance on surrounding streets. There may be a meeting with the Irvine Company to ask for permission to temporarily use extra spaces in the adjacent business park.
- Athletics - Fall sports are underway.
- Activities - Attendance at football games and the welcome back dance was greater this year than in the past. Harry Potter Homecoming will take place October 14.
- Academics - A significant school-wide goal this year is to improve the students' ability to use critical thinking in argumentative writing supported by evidence.
- Graduation - We anticipate being able to allot 5 tickets per student again this year. Some IUSD schools graduate at the Brenn Center, but that may be cost prohibitive for Beckman.

IV. President Report - Nancy Chung

- The funding request form will be posted on the website to make it easier for teachers to obtain a copy.
- This year we will consider moving the spring fundraiser to the fall or winter.

V. Treasurer Report - Scott Thoerner

- Updated financial statements were distributed to attendees.
- Income from the fall pledge drive was \$17,00, compared to \$27,900 last year
- Current bank balance: \$76,000
- Suggestion: contact donors who donated last year but not this year AND still have students at Beckman.
- Suggestion: post the credit card payment (donation) form on the website
- Suggestion: post the check request form on the website.

VI. Allocations Report - Mojgan Zadeh

- We will continue to fund “B’ Prepared for College Nights”
 - 9/12 - 8th grade
 - 9/26 - 12th grade
 - 10/24 - 10th and 11th grade
- Funding request
 - From Denise Mimh, special education teacher
 - \$485 for sets of books to be used for the next 10 years
 - Anticipated to benefit over 400 students over 10 years
 - **MOTION** by Rebecca Reason, seconded by Michelle Luong - **PASSED**
- Funding request
 - From Wayne Daylen, AP Literature teacher
 - \$2325 for two sets of books that will be sold in the student store. Proceeds from the sale of those books will be used to purchase books for the next year.
 - Anticipated to benefit 270 students this year, and many students in subsequent years as the program is self-perpetuated.
 - **MOTION** by Christine Cavecche, seconded by Kathy Bozorgi, to allocate up to \$2500 for the purchase of books for the AP Literature class - **PASSED**
- Funding request
 - From Joanne Farrell, counselor
 - \$200 to purchase coffee and muffins for guest speakers participating in college day on 10/11.
 - **MOTION** by Renee Stein, seconded by Erin Lewandowski - **PASSED**

VII. Publicity Report - Guisela Garcia

- Suggestions:
 - Email donors and invite them to join our Facebook page
 - Set up a table at Orchard Hills and Pioneer during Back to School Night
 - Request a table in a prominent location during registration
 - Continue to give a short presentation at Beckman’s incoming 8th grade parent night
 - Add a line for donor’s email address on the donation form
 - Get napkins printed for Coffee with the Counselor events
 - Ask teachers and other funding recipients to take pictures of the items/events paid for by Ed Fund and share them with us so we can post them on our website

VIII. New Business

- Fundraising suggestion - add a raffle to the fall pledge drive

IX. Adjourned at 6:54 p.m.