



Beckman High School

3588 Bryan Avenue, Irvine, CA 92602

Education Fund Meeting

BHS Teacher's Lounge ~ January 18, 2017

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

Others in attendance: Christine Cavecche, Karen Harley, Erin Lewandowski, Donnie Rafter, Rebecca Reason, Renee Stein, Scott Thoerner, Adrienne Turner

Call to Order by Laurie Lawver & Nancy Chung, Ed Fund Presidents at 5:36 pm.

I. Welcome

II. Review Minutes & Secretary Report

- MOTION to approve November Minutes by Guisela Garcia; seconded by Nancy Chung & passed.

III. Administrator Report - Donny Rafter

- Medical Certificate Program
 - 263 students in year 1 & 2 of the program
 - 2 speakers so far this school year
- NEGU talk - Brianna Walker speaker
 - 300-350 students attended
- ALEKS Math
 - Teachers like "quick tables" and individual leveling.
- Field turf
 - 9 groups using finished field at the same time
 - Rain has been difficult for field that is under construction.
- Started talking about registration for next school year
- Aeries confirmation to start earlier this year
 - Submit Ed Fund digital advertising/flyers by April 24
 - Beckman may be pilot site for credit cards at registration.
 - Russell raised question about paying one payment for yearbook, PTO, Ed Fund, PE clothes, etc. at registration.
- Beckman will have a new website this spring.
 - More user friendly
 - See Laguna Beach Unified website
- Mr. Purdue (film program) is leaving Beckman - moving to Texas.

- Alex Lewandowski is a student in the film program and will be making a video for Ed Fund at February 15 meeting.

IV. Presidents' Report

- Nancy & Laurie met with the 2 PTO presidents (Mary & Camille) over the break.
 - Questions about why Ed Fund is necessary and whether it should be combined with PTO.
 - Initially modeled after Foothill HS Ed Fund
 - We need to be clear that Ed Fund exists to fund only educational programs, not projects like the marquee.
 - Need to do better job of explaining to incoming freshman parents about what Ed Fund is and supports.
 - Suggestion that Ed Fund representative should attend PTO meeting and vice versa

V. Treasurer's Report

- No income since last meeting.
- Checks written for previously approved items:
 - \$1000 EdPuzzle
 - \$4200 ALEKS math program subscription
- \$56,000 in bank currently
- Outstanding expenses:
 - \$2000 allocations to departments that have yet to submit requests

VI. Allocations Report

- MOTION to use \$2000 previously allocated for the PE department to purchase equipment to be used in classes for students with special needs. Motion passed.

VII. Publicity Report

- Ed Fund banner was displayed at the NEGU talk and will be displayed at all Ed Fund sponsored events.
- Ed Fund website is being constructed and almost ready to go live. More photos will be added
- Suggestions to add meetings to the calendar of events and invite parents to attend.
- Suggestion to add a paragraph on the website explaining the difference between Ed Fund and PTO and why it's good to have both.
- Start publicizing Ed Fund, including the Spring Fundraiser, at Pioneer and Orchard Hills
- Suggestion to have a session at Back to School Night and/or 8th Grade Parent Night to familiarize parents with Ed Fund, PTO, ASB, etc.
- New email address is beckmanedfund@gmail.com

VIII. Fund Development Report

- Spring Fundraiser Update
 - Date: May 12, 2017
 - Theme: Passport to Diversity
 - Save-the-date notices and invitations will be sent to all Beckman parents and will include general information about Ed Fund.
 - Menu may include food & beverage items from multiple countries.
 - There will be various student performances throughout evening.
 - Everyone was asked to solicit donations for silent auction.
 - Suggestion to advertise to 8th grade parents.

IX. Adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 15 @ 5:30pm