Barstow Parents Association General Meeting Minutes
(APPROVED)

May 3, 2018

In Attendance: Latha Reiland, Amy Bauman, Joyce Dryden, Jennifer Beyer, Barb Onyszchuk, Nina Kim, Amber Ensminger, Wendee Elliott-Clement, Elaine Eurich, Caroline John, Christina Wu, Susan Dahlin, Sarah Kramer, Andrea Wood

Welcome and Call to Order:
Latha Reiland, BPA President called this meeting to order at 8:19 am.

Approval of Minutes:
Motion to Approve Feb 9, 2017 Minutes – Amy Bauman approved
Second – Joyce Dryden
Motion Approved.

Committee Updates:
Kindergarten Senior program: Kindergarten Senior Program was on April 19th 2018. The chairs did a great job with a reception in Price Hall. Chicken mini’s and muffins decorated with green and white frosting were served.

Faculty / Staff Appreciation Week: Coordinated the last lunch with Q39, in addition to smoothies and a dessert bar for Faculty / Staff Appreciation Week.

US Finals Food: Jennifer Beyer is coordinating finals food and pizza for math finals. At 2:15 snacks will be served.

8th Grade Celebration: Tara Georgie and Allison Phillips are working on the dance and parents’ reception dessert bar, iced tea and lemonade will be served for the dance.

Treasurer / Ways & Means Report:
Joyce Dryden reported that we have $40,000 in income and approximately $35,000 in expenses. With +$5,000 remaining, we are in great shape. We didn’t spend much on prizes on Fall Festival because the committee used leftover prizes from last year.

Ways and Means: Moms social event at Evereve and Kendra Scott – BPA made about $800. Vendors love it, we need to spread word.

Box Tops: Barstow gets 10 cents per box top. In the first contest, BPA received 4500 box tops. We made about $560. For the winner, 5th grade was awarded Twisters ice cream. Spring winner was 4th grade, which was awarded McDonalds flurries.
Shutterfly and Tiny Prints: We only made $66 made so far. We had projected to make $250.

Amazon Smile: We had projected to make $250 in the budget, and we made about $300.

DAV Clothing box: Income is $1,100 so far through April, which is much higher than the $600 we had projected. We get paid by the bag, so make sure to put donations in small bags.

Thank you to all of you for working so hard.

**New Business:**

**Transition to 2018-2019 Executive Board:** Caroline John and Nina Kim were introduced as the new BPA Presidents, and thanked Latha Reiland for all her hard work. They introduced the other BPA Executive Board members: Vice President of Lower School: Wendee Elliott, Vice President of Middle School: Susan Dahlin, Vice President of Upper School: Allison Phillips, Vice President of Records and Technology: Andrea Wood, and Vice President of Finance and Partner programs: Joyce Dryden.

**Update on School Counselors:** Chris English reported that grade level division heads have been working on character development, with an ongoing focus. Judith Yount said this year that Lauren Rigor had grade level group activities once a month. Jessica Chanos will be the full-time counselor next year. Going forward they will work in the classroom and will work individually. Dr. Caroline Danda will have additional character development sessions for parents in the mornings and evenings, including an upcoming session about “Transistions.” Judith also said next year will focus on social media, and more dialogue about stress and anxiety.

**Question from Parents:** Are the counselors separate for Upper School and Lower School?

**Answer from Admin (Chris):** They are not separate. They are trying to be more accessible and will be there for every grade.

**Question from Parents:** Is it possible to record or livestream Dr. Danda’s sessions for those who cannot attend?

**Answer from Admin (Judith):** That would be helpful.

**Question from Parents:** What can be done to create more community building opportunities for parents to meet one another, like a Father / Daughter Dance or to reinstate Parent Parties by grade?

**Answer from Admin (Judith):** For next year we will have the Fall Fest and Friday Night Lights & Bites.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.