

Blair PTSA Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2015
7pm - Blair Career Center

MINUTES

In attendance: Raymond Moreno, Diane Friedman, Maria Portela, Dave Williams, Renay Johnson, Nina Uzick, Anne Fothergill, Michelle Fenton, Michael Melinchok, Luke Gao, Linda Krimm, Deb Hopkins, Samir Paul, Beth Allen, Olivia Jones

1. Welcome and Introductions – Ray Moreno

2. President's Report - Ray Moreno

Discussion of what We Are One Blair means and what it will take to meet that goal. Broaden the pool of involvement, not just parents who are traditionally active. Reduce the barriers to entry to PTSA. Good energy at Back to School Night, lots of interest from parents.

3. Principal's Report – Renay Johnson SEE HANDOUT

Blair: "A World of Opportunities"
Career Center is open every day
41 National Merit Semi-Finalists
New Inflow show: Blair Network (BNC) Daily Show
2948 students and 280 staff
New resource officer and 9 security guards and 88 cameras
Wed. October 14: PSAT/College Readiness Day
September 25: Club/Extracurricular Fair
Each counselor has about 270 students

4. Mini Grants – Linda Krimm SEE HANDOUT

Minor tweaks this year.
Large grants for \$600 to serve 300 students
Application clearly notes that the money has to be spent this year
Funding only for things in the application
Applications announced earlier this year and total funding raised to \$10,000
Need photos and/or summaries of grants for marketing

5. Budget – Dave Williams SEE HANDOUT

Since the last budget committee meeting, added Quickbooks and Costco membership expenses
Ms. Johnson noted that money from the County goes very quickly because Blair has so many students and staff and always needs technology and science materials
Drama Boosters money is a pass through (they use the PTSA 501 c 3)
Ray will give a detailed explanation of the budget at the general meeting Thursday
Direct appeal hopes to raise \$32,000
We have applications into Montgomery Foundation and looking at other foundations
Capitol Steps is expensive. Maybe offer a discount for advanced sales as incentive. Market to neighborhood.
Citrus sale has started

Budget includes summer 2016 expenses (after the FY has ended)
Papa Johns is donating 50 free pizzas. The line item for food at PTSA meeting was cut.
We have \$20K in reserves
The Bliss tutor program needs funding but is not in this year's budget.
We will have a shadow budget should we have surplus funding for other spending.

VI. Membership – Ray Moreno SEE HANDOUT

212 current members and only 20 didn't donate
\$7239 in donations
Deb Hopkins has agreed to be Membership Chair
At Back to School Night people wanted to pay by credit card; maybe we can set that up for future events

VII. New business – Diane Friedman

Diane moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from August 26, 2015; Maria seconded. Minutes approved. (SEE HANDOUT)
Anne to send Linda the mission statement
Anne to give Ray last year's membership numbers from past minutes
Maria distributed the Los Padres dates for the PTSA master calendar (SEE HANDOUT)
Need volunteers for Homecoming game and dance Saturday October 9/10
Will have a PTSA Welcome table at October 12 visitation day (need baked goods and volunteers)
Monday September 28 College Admission Panel; need translation services (SEE HANDOUT)

Meeting adjourned.