

BVRPA

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Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 8:15 a.m.
Green Gym (Main Building)

ATTENDANCE: Melinda O’Leary, Shaune-Marie Berg, Lynn Youngen, Danielle Meagher, Barrie Silk, Jean Dies, Raymonde Alcindor, Keisha Burgess, Stephanie Fletcher, Kathy Pattison, Grace Muwina, Debbie Berger, Monique Appleton, Jessica Scherer, Stacey Lazar, Emily Born, Rosaleah Brown, Joy Burke, Katie Shore, Diane Gwin

WELCOME

PA COMMITTEES REPORT

- Welcome Team: Danielle Meagher + Lynn Youngen
 - ❖ In wind down phase for this year; most work was in spring/summer
 - ❖ Have done outreach to new families on back-to-school events; will do another round of outreach
 - ❖ Starting to get ready for next year; will be doing debrief on this year and looking for feedback and new ideas from greeters and new families for next year
- Swag Team: Barrie Silk
 - ❖ Continuing to sell off inventory at school events
 - ❖ Working on lining up vendor for new merchandise; experiencing supply chain challenges, hopefully new merch soon!
 - ❖ Noted that there are three sources of BVR gear through school: Athletics (online store), Student Council (student designed, sold at Harvest Fest and Dam Jam – sells out fast!), and BVR PA
- Events Team: Melinda O’Leary
 - ❖ 10/12 and 10/19: Middle School reception on the design level/courtyard (10/12) and Upper School reception on the research/design level (10/19). Note start time change to

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6:30 for both. Casual social events, swag to be sold. Would love for grade reps to attend – committee and grade reps to volunteer for registration and greeters (6:00 arrival)

- ❖ All grade-based gatherings being held at BVR
- ❖ Will have new swag for January 13th BVR Chats event (see details below)
- BVR/lit Team: Shannon Falkson
 - ❖ BVR Lit is excited about this fall's book choice – The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett.
 - ❖ In the next mode of planning for the Nov. 9th event – deciding on a format and discussion questions that will facilitate robust conversation among attendees. We hope to see everyone there!
- Teacher Appreciation Team: Jean Dies
 - ❖ Work is ramping up. Very close to sending out a teacher survey to get feedback on what they've enjoyed in the past and if they have new ideas for things the faculty would enjoy
 - ❖ Will be providing a potluck breakfast and snacks in the faculty room during select teacher conference days (US on 10/20 and MS on 10/29). Sign up genius will be sent to all parents in both divisions. If people need to drop off items the day before, the committee will coordinate drop off points outside of BVR as we are not able to store food items in the Sage kitchen
- PIN: Danielle Meagher
 - ❖ Parents Independent School Network (PIN) is a group of approximately 35 member independent schools with the goal of sharing ideas and best practices and promoting community service through grant awards and recognition. Meetings are open to

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parents of all member schools. All meetings this year will be held on Zoom, and registration is required.

- ❖ First meeting of the year 10/6: Dr. Elizabeth Englander spoke on social, emotional and screen challenges of the pandemic. Slides will be available after the meeting
- ❖ Next meeting 11/3 @noon: The head of Project Implicit will speak about understanding implicit bias
- ❖ PIN Facebook page for meeting announcements and registrations: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PINND/?ref=share>, where you will be prompted to answer questions for membership approval

2021-2022 PA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- October 6 at (8:15 a.m.): Location: on campus, Green Gym (directly under Bradley Hall). Sign in at front desk with Ms. Charles before heading downstairs.
- November 17 (7:00 p.m.): Zoom **open to all parents**. Zoom link will be emailed via the Parent Association email address.
- December 15 (8:30 a.m.): Location: Virtual via Zoom (link to follow)
- January 19 (8:15 a.m.): PA Executive Committee Meeting: Location: TBD
- February 9 (8:15 a.m.): PA Executive Committee Meeting: Location: TBD
- Tuesday, March 8 (6:30 p.m.) PA Executive Committee: Phonathon for TASTE: Location: TBD
- Wednesday, April 6 (8:15 a.m.): PA Executive Committee Meeting: Location: TBD
- Wednesday, May 11 (8:15 a.m.): PA Executive Committee Meeting: Location: TBD

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2021-2022 PA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS (all on campus as of 10/6/2021)

- October 12 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.): MS Reception for Parents/Caregivers
- October 19 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.): US Reception for Parents/Caregivers
- November 9 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.): BVR*lit*
- December 9 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.): Partnership speaker event with wellness and counseling team (*Snow date: December 14*) featuring [Dr. Charmain Jackman](#)
- January 13 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.): BVR Chats (*Snow date: January 20*)
- March 1 (6:00 p.m.) OR March 2 at 8:15 a.m. (*holding both times TBD based on faculty schedules*): BVR*lit*
- April 9 (7:00 – 10:00 p.m.): TASTE
- April 26 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.): BVR Chats

ADDITIONAL ITEMS / QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION

- Executive Committee Meeting minutes update – minutes are being posted on the Parent Association section of the website (<https://bcdschool.org/the-people/parents/parent-association/>) on the bottom right column (PA Meeting Minutes)
- Harvest Fest is Friday! Spirit week this week, Friday will have food truck, activities, and home sports games. Student Council t-shirts will be on sale (they go fast!), and kids will be able to charge a parent/guardian account to purchase. No money required at the event; all food and activities provided.
- BVR Chats provide a glimpse into who the faculty is at BVR and what they do. Great opportunity for parents to learn more about BVR and what their kids are up to during the day. Noted that parent-to-parent events/discussion last year were particularly helpful, especially for new parents.

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- TASTE event in April is planned to be in person. Great social event for parents/guardians with a theme and a fun menu. Sage provides a signature drink, wine tasting, and a special menu. Phone-a-thon in March to encourage people to attend. Not a fundraiser.
- Please see the emails from your Division Heads for details about the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences
- New Parents/Guardians – please feel free to reach out to the BVR PA with any questions!