

BVRPA

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

ATTENDANCE: Melinda O’Leary, Shaune-Marie Berg, Beth Sager, Lynn Youngen, Danielle Meagher, Barrie Silk, Monica Cost, Shannon Falkson, Tricia Thomson, Jean Dies, Stephanie Fletcher, Kathy Pattison, Grace Muwina, Joanne Melikian-Cate, Debbie Berger, Jessica Scherer, Bonnie Sherman, Steffanie Boudreau, Stacey Lazar, Rebecca Scott, Emily Born, Rosaleah Brown, Joy Burke, Diane Gwin

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

PA COMMITTEES REPORT

- Welcome Team: Danielle Meagher + Lynn Youngen
 - ❖ 2nd year / summer work welcoming parents and guardians
 - ❖ BVR Greeters – mission is to welcome/inform/connect with new families; each greeter has ~4 families, assigned randomly and roughly by grade
 - ❖ Held Zoom events for each grade
 - ❖ Greeters reached out by email and phone to be a resource for questions, and many volunteered at BVR-sponsored events; will continue to provide touch points and meet up at events
 - ❖ Work winds down in fall; PA reps will continue to support school programs, highlighting and directing people to events, and complementing grade reps
- Swag Team: Barrie Silk
 - ❖ Last year moved the store online due to COVID
 - ❖ Recently have gone through all stock and held flash sales during welcome events. These did very well, and generated a lot of interest
 - ❖ Will be out again at the 9/21 kickoff and after until they deplete the supply, then will order new items
- Events Team: Monica Cost
 - ❖ 9/21 Back to BVR kickoff event – beyond the classroom
 - ❖ Has a great group of volunteers, would love to have a few more
 - ❖ More events to come!

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- BVR/lit Team: Shannon Falkson
 - ❖ Two book club events this year; first is 11/9
 - ❖ Book will be announced soon: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
 - ❖ Goal is to connect parents with each other through books and discussion
 - ❖ Early March event will connect faculty and parents to discuss books; provides an opportunity to work with faculty and learn about BVR's philosophy
- Teacher Appreciation Team: Tricia Thomson + Jean Dyes
 - ❖ Getting started with planning; meeting on Friday to review what's been done previously and plan for this year
 - ❖ Will be thinking creatively and coming up with new ideas!
- PIN (Parents of Independent Schools Network): Danielle Meagher
 - ❖ Danielle serves on the Board; ~50 private schools in New England <https://pin-inc.org/schools/>
 - ❖ Monthly meetings at noon via Zoom open to all parents and guardians of member schools
 - ❖ 10/6: Dr. Elizabeth Englander will discuss coping with emotional, social, and screen challenges during the pandemic and providing strategies
 - ❖ Please help publicize to grades – all are welcome!
 - ❖ Closed Facebook page for announcements and resources: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PINND> Answer a couple of questions, password is 1986

2021-2022 PA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- October 6 at (8:15 a.m.): Location: on campus
 - November 17 (8:15 a.m.): Location: on campus
 - *Note: this meeting may change to evening and open to all parents/caregivers. Stay tuned for additional details.*
 - 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
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- 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

2021-2022 PA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

- September 21 (Session 1: 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.; Session 2: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.): PA Kick-off
- October 12 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.): MS Reception for Parents/Caregivers
- October 19 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.): US Reception for Parents/Caregivers
- November 9 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.): BVR*lit*
- December 7 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.): Partnership speaker event with wellness and counseling team
(*Snow date: December 14*)
- January 13 (8:15 - 9:30 a.m.): BVR Chats (*Snow date: January 20*)
- March 2 at 8:15 a.m.: BVR*lit*
- April 9 (7:00 - 10:00 p.m.): TASTE
- April 26 (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.): BVR Chats

FINAL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Dates for upcoming BVRPA events will be posted on the website: <https://bcdschool.org/the-people/parents/parent-association/>
- This promises to be a fun year!