

Questions to consider as we move forward with the Facilities Master Plan:

- 1) We have \$20,850 remaining for the services of PDT. What services would we like them to render?

- 2) What data would we like to gather that we don't have? Can we utilize a straw poll to obtain the information we seek?

- 3) Based on decisions to the questions above, what timetable shall we utilize for a possible referendum?

October 2015

Hello BSD!

We wanted to provide you with a quick update on the Brunswick Community Education Foundation's fall activities and plans as we approach another chilly winter.

BCEF Grants in Action:

Grants from our Spring 2015 cycle continue to be implemented throughout the district in exciting ways. The robotics team at Brunswick High School is starting to utilize new equipment and prepare for upcoming robotics competitions. Much to the delight (and conducive learning environment) of her students, Mrs. Martin's first grade class started the year using stability balls in place of classroom chairs. BHS Academy faculty members are working to schedule their Project Adventure workshop. Student groups have a greater choice of high-interest science texts from which to choose at HBS. Sixth grade classes are rolling out their interdisciplinary unit titled *Cumberland County Almanac: Community, Connects and Decisions*. As parents and community members, we are so grateful for the care, collaboration and energy you have put into this first round of grants. Truly, it feeds our spirits and propels us ahead for the next round.

A Celebration:

On Saturday, October 24th, we will be hosting our first community-building event – The Spark! We will gather at The Daniel for a festive evening of good food, drink and company to celebrate our inaugural year and work to create a greater presence in the community as we launch our 2015 Annual Fund campaign. Everyone in the BSD is warmly welcomed to join us for The Spark, but no one should feel obligated to attend. Event details can be found at <http://brunswickcef.org/bcef/you-bcef-the-spark-join-us-on-october-24th-at-the-daniel/>. Special shout out to our outstanding Organizing Committee who know how to throw a great party – Keisha Payson (Chair), Eddie Hatrick, Sarah Deck, Rick Wilson, Becky Wilkoff, and Tahnthawan Coffin.

Looking ahead and notable dates:

Following The Spark, we will be launching our 2015 Annual Fund campaign. The gracious leadership gift from Barry and Karen Mills (to be distributed over the next three years), together with generous donations from Goodwin Chevrolet Brunswick and others have given us a running start toward our fundraising goal of \$50,000 in 2015. *Still...if there are individuals or businesses that might be interested in learning more about BCEF, please let us know!* Grandparents, friends, business owners, area retirees, etc....every connection is helpful to us, and we appreciate your help.

Along with our annual fund campaign, we are working to fine tune our application and have it available to you on our website by mid-November. As mentioned in August, we have revised some pieces of our funding guidelines based on feedback following our

inaugural round of grants. Full details and guidelines will be available at <http://brunswickcef.org/grants/>. We will alert you when it is available.

In the meantime, you can always reach out to your BCEF Board liaison via email at bcefboard@gmail.com: Coffin School (Gitta Peterson/Sarah Chingos), Harriet Beecher Stowe School (Dana Bateman/Gitta Peterson), Brunswick Junior High School (Alex Pantaz/Melissa Fochesato), Brunswick High School (Steve Perkinson/Peg Willauer-Tobey). Board liaisons will be visiting each school during late November/early December to speak with faculty and staff to answer questions about the application process.

January 15, 2016 at midnight is the Spring 2016 application deadline. Grants Committee will review applications during February and we anticipate grant announcements by March 1st.

We continue to enjoy working with you to bring BCEF's mission to life - to provide an extra measure of support that can encourage creative spirit and bold experimentation in all of Brunswick's public schools.

All the best,

The BCEF Board

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Administrative Team Goals
2015-2016 School Year

- I. State Mandates
 - A. Complete year 2 activities of Option 6 Proficiency Diploma Extension.
 - B. Pilot the Teacher Evaluation Plan recommended by the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Committee. Begin work on the Principal Evaluation Plan.
- II. District Projects
 - A. Participate with the School Board and Community in the Strategic Planning Process.
 - B. Work with the School Board on a final Facilities Master Plan.
- III. Systems Improvement
 - A. Calibration – customize a common understanding of academic and social/emotional development in a K-12 environment.
 - B. Review and refine a common set of expectations for students.
 - C. Celebrate our accomplishments with the community.
 - D. Utilize new technology to improve business practices.
- IV. Statistical Improvement
 - A. Refine, revise, and utilize universal screening and data analysis to help inform programming and instruction.
 - B. Evaluate the effect of professional development as it pertains to the achievement of building and district goals.
 - C. Analyze staff attendance as it pertains to student achievement.
- V. Systemwide Safety
 - A. To review requirements and codify safety training that is required, and establish a funding plan in the 2016-17 budget and a schedule to ensure that all training is accomplished.
 - B. To ensure that all injuries are supported by an accident investigation.
 - C. To review the action plan from the August 26 program review and establish a plan of action and milestones for implementing recommendations.