

## October 2015 Board Spotlight

Greetings Beacon families and staff,

Kristi Pingel's enrollment report is always an important item on our agenda. She spends a significant amount of time offering spots to new students and talking through many details with our incoming families. Our student enrollment is currently at 96%. The home page of our website lists any current openings we may have, so if you know an interested family, you could direct them there.

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A big thank you to the Beacon Dash committee and our Parent Teacher Organization. School spirit was palpable all around the grounds on the day of the Beacon Dash! You'll hear more from the PTO about specifics, but we are so encouraged by the outpouring of support for our students and teachers.

Our breakfast program is being used more now than in months past. The numbers are strong enough to support keeping the program. To participate, students should be there at 8:45 a.m. and pre-order just as they do for lunch. For additional information about the program, please contact our lunchroom coordinator, Carol Fox at [cfox@beaconacademy.com](mailto:cfox@beaconacademy.com).

The Facility Planning Committee is continuing to work diligently on our two expansion options: expanding at our current location to create more dedicated space, and building a new facility about four miles away on land available in the city of Corcoran. Our vision is to expand to a three-section, k-8 school while maintaining our core values. Members of the committee attended a Corcoran city open-planning session and learned more about the city's development plans. It is apparent that our school would be warmly welcomed into the Corcoran community. Our lengthy discussion at the board meeting included the many pros and cons of the two options. At the end of the evening, we gave approval for the process in Corcoran to move forward. This does not mean we've made a final decision, but it does initiate a process in which we have 120 days to study the land, lay out key steps as they would occur, and converse with our valued community. Expanding at Open Door remains a viable option and one we will continue to leave on the table.

Thank you for your interest and involvement. We know that you have placed a tremendous amount of trust in our ability to process through these details and decisions. We all want Beacon Academy to thrive, and we join you in feeling proud of our fine learning community!

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