

To: Boulder Prep Board From: Lili Adeli, Development Director Date: March 9, 2011 Re: Development Report

Grants:

- 1. <u>Quest Technology Grant</u> We submitted two proposals. One is for \$5000 to buy an additional smartboard for a classroom and the other is for \$1000 to buy Geometers Sketchpad, as software used to teach math. We did not receive these grants.
- 2. <u>Tony Grampsas</u> We submitted an proposal for an afterschool program to provide classes, workshops, clubs and fieldtrips afterschool. The proposal was for \$50K and we will be notified in May.

Other News:

Our grant funded retention program continues to go well. Andre, Izzy and Lisa have done a great job monitoring students who are "slipping" and scheduling meetings to keep them engaged. The afterschool activities have gone very well. We have had 23 activities and nearly 90 different student participants. The feedback forms from the students are very positive demonstrating increased school connectedness.

I took four students to present at the Colorado League of Charter Schools conference. Our session focused on strategies for engaging students and keeping them in school. Our students did a great job presenting and received positive feedback from the audience. I attended a Dropout Prevention and Student Engagement Summit hosted by CDE. New research shows the value of service learning, so Boulder Prep is expanding our existing service learning to include two days a week at Growing Gardens.

The Pasta Potluck was very successful. There was a good turnout of families and sauces. Izzy hosted another event for mono-lingual parents and he also presented at the Longmont Latino Parent Night.

We launched our new web-site which has more information for students, parents, Board members and community members. There is a section just for Board documents and an expanded section for giving and volunteering. We currently have two regular volunteers who spend 3-4 hours per week helping with various projects at the school.

We are making progress on our technology upgrades. We have secured four bids for a projection system in the commons and hope to complete installation during spring break. Laptops for the staff have been ordered and should be ready for them early in block 4.