All Candidates have improvement ideas

In our presidential election, the classes were asked to give some improvements for the school. The classes each came up with different ideas, but some of the classes had the same ideas.

Not all of the ideas were the exact same, but some were very close or connected somehow. The classes decided that one improvement that should be made is that we should have more heat in our building during the winter time. Another thing that should be done is that we need to redo some of the bathrooms, and get new stalls in them. Lastly, they had decided that we should be allowed more time between class periods to get to class. Some people have to walk all the way from one end of the school to the other, and sometimes if you get stuck behind someone, you arrive late to class. They think that we should also be allowed to have music playing between classes. We might not have it the whole time, but maybe just for the last minute, so it will give people a warming that they have one minute to get to class. These are just some of the improvements that the different classes have thought of. If you want to know what all of them have in mind, you can read the platforms on Mr. Grode’s website.

Candidate Poll: Who are you voting for?

While eating lunch during fourth period, we asked a number of students who they would vote for if they were to vote today. We asked random students of all four grade levels. The students had only watched the stump speeches, and they would be watching the commercials the next day. Elliot Blue was leading the group with 36% of the vote, Long Pham with 35%, Nate Boscaljon with 29%, and Austin Weisenbach had 0% of the vote from polled students. After the first commercial was shown, the percentages changed. Elliot Blue and Matt Vandeberg, 69%; Long Pham and Haydn Heisel, 15%; Nate Boscaljon and Jake Comeaux, 15%; Austin Weisenbach and Cody Taggart, 0%.

Special points of interest:

- Voting takes place Thursday, March 28

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Elliot Blue: Populist Party Candidate

Elliot Blue, BV senior, holds promise for the outcome of the student election. He keeps busy with tennis, hiking, hiking, skiing, long boarding, and helping others, as well as band, choir, SALSA, Peer Helpers, and Senior Leadership team. Now he takes his life to the next step. Calm and collected, he can take it on. His confidence may stem from his background. In our interview with him, Blue said that his role model was his dad, who’s a “hard worker, loves his family, and is kind to others.”

He strongly believes in love and would be an excellent president because he plans “to make BV the best learning environment possible.” Keep in mind that when voting that he will contribute everything students need and want. Abraham Lincoln is his favorite president because “he’s tall and has a symbolic hat” Blue plans to attend a four-year college, and his favorite is the classic golden rule. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Article by Mallory Laughlin.

“Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds”

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

Nate Boscaljon: Liberty Party Candidate

Nate Boscaljon is running for president here at BVHS. He is a senior at Brandon involved in band, track, and football. If Nate wins the election, he vows to do “all good for the student body”. This presidential candidate wishes to influence greatness across the school if elected. Boscaljon believes strongly in peace, love, and loyalty. After his graduation from Brandon Valley, Nate plans to attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. A quote that Boscaljon is very inspired by is one from none other than Confucius. The quote is: “Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” Some other interesting things about Nate: his hobbies, which include fish breeding, long boarding, snowboarding, drumming, and piano. His favorite United States president is George Washington. Washington is his favorite president for the sole reason that “He was right” and last but certainly not least is Boscaljon’s role model: Jesus.

Article by Katherine Haustrum
Long Pham: Federalist Party Candidate

Long Pham is a junior at BVHS, and the presidential candidate for the Federalist party. He is an active student at BVHS, involved in band and the musical. He has many hobbies, including singing, dancing, acting, and winning. Long wants to be president in order to “Show the world that Asians can not only get a good ACT score, but also that they can fix the world.” If he wins, Long says the thing he most wants to contribute to the school is a chance for everyone to make something of themselves in high school. Long strongly believes in fairness towards all people, and his role model is Ash Ketchum, from the popular television series Pokémon, because, according to Long, he “Wins everywhere.” Long has many ideas for changes to the school if he wins the election. For one thing, he wants to add classes such as fencing, medieval blacksmithing, dance class, and a Harry Potter class. Long promises to change lunch and create more fundraising opportunities for the school, and has several ideas on how to fix the national debt.

Article by Maggie Grapevine

Political Cartoon

The cartoon includes ideas from each candidate on how they would improve the school, such as the chicken, returning salt, wider hallways, moving walkways and a variety of new class offerings.

Cartoon by Haley Kooistra

Austin Weisenbach: Freedom Party

A senior at BV, Austin finds “Goin’ fast” enjoyable as a hobby. When asked what he does after school, he replied: “I’m a winner. Winners do what they want.” His extracurricular activities include disk golf, ping pong, and fishing. After he graduates from high school, Weisenbach wants to: “Get Obama out of office.” If he wins the election, he wants to contribute to the school by adding a new parking garage with a solar panel, moving walkways, warmer classrooms during the winter, and for school to start at 8:30 on Monday mornings. Austin wants to be president so Elliot, Nate, and Long aren’t president. His favorite president is George Washington because “If you ain’t first, yer last.”. He looks up to Ricky Bobby, Will Ferrell’s character in Talladega Nights, which is also something that he strongly believes in.

“Shake and Bake”

Article by Haley Kooistra