**Strategic Objective (SO):** 3.02 Recognize and increase Educational Partnership opportunities. **Topic of Strategic Objective (SO) e.g., Math, PEAKS, etc.:** Building on our partnerships with the community

Leader: Sharon Navas, Robin ArnoldAction Plan Projected Completion Date: 2012-Team Members: All Staff13 School Year

**Evaluation Plan**: Describe steps you will take to determine if you have reached this strategic objective. Survey staff to indicate which partnerships have continued, whether new partnerships have been formed and what resources were utilized to support the partnerships.

Best Practice Investigation: What information is uncovered looking at best practice in relation to this strategic objective. Best practices research indicates that school who utilize community resources are more effective in their ability to provide contextual experiences for students that enhance and extend their learning. Research also supports the notion that students who engage with the community through partnerships have a strong connection to the community and stronger support from the community.

Action Steps	Who	Timeframe
What actions will be taken to achieve this SO? Include what	Who will be responsible for	What is a realistic
staff may need to learn to accomplish this SO.	what actions?	timeframe for each
•		action?
Survey staff regarding current community partnerships.	Sharon Navas, Robin Arnold	October 2012
Contact the Gallatin Valley Food Bank regarding continued participation in the Kids Pack program.	Robin Arnold, Steve Wellington	September 2012
Work with parent liaison and CAP coordinator to ensure our partnership with Thrive is utilized to the fullest extent.	Sharon Navas, Robin Arnold	On-going
Work with the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) on community partnerships including those associated with Thanks-4-Giving.	Sharon Navas	On-going
Identify PAC and general fund budget available to support partnerships with those groups identified by staff as most important including:	Sharon Navas, Robin Arnold	September 2012 and on-going
- Artist in Residency (ArtSplot and other local artists)		
- Bohart Ranch		
- Emerson Center for the Arts		
- Montana Outdoor Science School		
- Museum of the Rockies		

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Utilize existing district partnerships to provide quality educational experiences for students including:  - Altacare  - America Reads/Counts  - Bozeman Fire Department  - Bozeman Police Department  - Eagle Mount  - Junior Achievement  - Special Olympics  - Thrive	All Staff	On-going
Continue engagement in partnerships that support our educational goals and provide students with an opportunity to learn about service to others including:  - American Heart Association (Jump Rope for Heart)  - Highgate Senior Living  - Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Clubs  - Recycling  - Thanks-4-Giving (Family Promise, Hearts and Homes, HAVEN, Family Outreach)	All Staff	On-going
Survey staff regarding 2012-13 partnerships and resources.	Sharon Navas, Robin Arnold	Spring 2013

**Progress expected by the end of the year**: The spring 2013 will indicate that existing partnerships have continued, resources were used from a variety of sources including general fund budget and PAC funds. The survey will also demonstrate support that at least 1-2 new partnerships have been developed.

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