

BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
450 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926
Charter Council
REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 16th, 2015 – 6 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.1 Call Meeting to Order – chair called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

1.2 Invocation – School Vision & Mission Statement

Vision - To be a model for successful education of the whole child.

Mission - To nurture and deepen each child's academic and creative capacities using methods inspired by Waldorf education in a public school setting.

1.3 Roll Call of Council Members

	Present	Absent
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____
Brian Lindaman	<u> x </u>	_____
Pamela Boeger	<u> x </u>	_____
Jonathan 'Joc' Clark	<u> x(6:05pm) </u>	_____
Lloyd Dowell	<u> x </u>	_____
Gregor Krause	<u> x </u>	_____

2. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Rasmussen parents addressed the Council and requested that a formal policy be adopted regarding investigation of student complaints. Their child was called into the office on 3 occasions about a very serious complaint and never offered parental support. No desire to diminish the autonomy of the school – they understand some decisions need to be made on short notice. Looking for assistance in the drafting and acceptance of a process that includes parental support.

3. CLOSED SESSION : Governance

3.1 *PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUTAION*

Title: Executive Director - Pursuant to section 54957

Chair moved the meeting into closed session at 6:22pm

Report out from closed session:

Board reached consensus on specifics and contract will be presented to Executive Director on April 17th or 20th.

Chair returned the meeting to open session at: 6:55pm

4. OPEN SESSION

4.1 Agenda Modifications

Items 8.1, 8.2 & 8.3 moved to immediate discussion

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of minutes from 3/10/15 Meeting

5.2 Review of Monthly Financial Statements – Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow, Budget to Actual Report

5.3 Approval Overnight field trips

3rd grade MacLeod Good Humus Farm May 20-22

7th grade Stevens & Adams Ashland Oregon June 6-8

8th grade Welch & Carr Yosemite June 1-5

B. Lindaman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. G. Krause seconded.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Brian Lindaman	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Pamela Boeger	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan 'Joc' Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lloyd Dowell	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Gregor Krause	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion passed.

6. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

6.1 State Testing protocol for Blue Oak- practice and actual testing scenarios

N. Rose distributed spreadsheet regarding testing schedule/process and described the progress of the student practice and testing procedure during official testing window.

7. ADMINISTRATION

7.1 LCAP/Site Council time line for Budget Building

Site Council meeting next week to build the LCAP by reviewing last year's report for what needs to be changed or updated. Last year's plan contains good markers for data collection. Two months ago the Council reviewed the plan page by page and began working on creating dollar triggers that will inform budget decisions. Two students will be participating in the next Site Council meeting to meet the planning requirements.

7.2 Teacher Compensation Discussion

New Scale Introduced and being discussed at Teacher meetings, 4% increase across the board, cap of years on salary scale improved from previous scale up from 10 years to 20 years, benefits costs - 20% expected increase is actually 58%; other options for medical coverage are being actively sought through charter-specific JPAs. STRS Increase 2% every year- next 5 years, ending budget of positive \$6K with no growth in reserves. Need to approve next month, Admin has used this new salary scale as the assumption for budget building.

7.3 Approval of EPA funds Resolution. The additional funds were used for the sole purpose of non-administrative instruction and instruction related services or the 14-15 school year. (Rose)

These are restricted funds (can be used for most anything OTHER than administrative salaries). The plan must be written showing how the funds are to be allocated and accepted annually by the school’s governing board.

J. Clark moved to approve the EPA Funds Resolution. L. Harrod seconded.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Brian Lindaman	<u> (left meeting) </u>	_____	_____
Pamela Boeger	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan ‘Joc’ Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lloyd Dowell	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Gregor Krause	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion passed.

8. GOVERNANCE

8.1 Facilities Committee update – Step 1 survey, then simultaneous exploration of options before Blue Oak (Lindaman)

B. Lindaman reviewed the survey questions and responses from online survey. A table is being prepared for more data collection from the community at the MayFaire on May 2nd. Approximately 1/3 of community has provided input. At a future town hall meeting, parents will have another opportunity for facilitated input. Committee is prepared to go in the direction they are tasked to go.

8.2 Policy Re: Criminal Investigation Policy (Lindaman)

B. Lindaman presented a rough draft for employee policy of administrative leave in the event of criminal investigation. While this may restrict Executive Director discretion, Board wonders if a policy is needed so that Administration has clear action to take in even these unusual circumstances. N. Rose & C. Orneallas to review policy database for language

8.3 Board Election – Information Update

Committee has been formed, applications are out, ad for community members is in CN&R and will be placed in the Acorn this week. Available seats must be formally determined. Community seats vacated by: L. Griffin, L. Harrod, L. Dowell; Parent seats vacated by J. Clark, G. Krause. L. Griffin & J. Clark are running for re-election. Election will be held the first week of May.

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8.4 Section 7 Keeping the Board Out of Trouble pages 161-172 “Charter School Board University - An Introduction to Effective School Governance” by Brian L. Carpenter, Ph.D. - *Assignment for April Board Meeting – Section 8 Leading for the Future*

N. Rose reviewed the section “Keeping the Board out of Trouble”, encouraging ongoing training of Board members – understanding roles and responsibilities, annual Brown Act training, Freedom of Information Act guidelines, etc.

9. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

9.1 Date of next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 12th 2015

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CHARTER COUNCIL – Agenda items for next meeting

Issue of “rolling enrollment”

Professional training plan specific to teacher need vs. generic training for all faculty

Updated budget proposal

Regular reporting from significant stakeholder groups

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm