

BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
450 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926
Charter Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Co-chair called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

2. INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

	Present	Absent
Jeff Plotnick	_____	___x___
Louthea Griffin	___x___	_____
Lyn Harrod	___x___	_____
Dave Lunde	___x___	_____
Heather Halterbeck	_____	___x___
Rebekah Casey	___x(7:52)___	_____
Jonathan 'Joc' Clark	___x___	_____

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

No modifications requested

5. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No audience address

6. REPORTS

6.1 Teachers

S. Whittlesey is out ill and there is no report

6.2 Parents

D. Fadale reported that there was another Nurtured Heart presentation (part 2 of 3) - high turn out was repeated and the topic was "applying the methods". C. Orneallas has joined as a regular agenda item for business manager report. She brought information about class field trip balances; fundraising was discussed.

Election committee met, developed an election schedule, appointed positions. An new faculty member, Chairun Combs, must be approved to officially join the committee. The application for interested parties has been approved. An ad will run in the Chico News & Review. Notice will be added to the website and sent out via The Leaves. April 29th is a Q&A with candidates at the Parent Council Meeting. Election happens first week of May - ballot count immediately follows; results posted May 9th. At June meeting, BOCC will ratify election results.

6.3 Community

Summer distributed the updated “Dates to Remember” sheet and noted that this is a very busy time of year - she shared this week’s upcoming events.

6.4 Outreach Coordinator

Monica reported about the endangered species fair and the many ways Blue Oak can participate. All of our grades are participating in some way this year, including puppet making for the endangered species parade. The Faire is May 3rd & the parade is either 11:00 or 12:00pm. Both music teachers are participating. The school as a whole is supporting bees this year.

She is advertising for the 3rd Nurtured Heart event, and the MayFaire. Shakspeare in the Schools is coming to present and age-appropriate (K-8) Moliere’s Scapino on April 29th at 11:30 - 12:00pm.

Lastly, our first graduated 8th grade is completing high school this June - as an acknowledgement of their accomplishment, the kindergarten is finger-knitting cords for them with acorn tassels to drape over their robes at graduation.

6.5 CSMC

No report from Susan Powers; Nathan will field questions regarding the 2nd Interim report. No content questions were presented.

6.6 Principal - Parent Ed Night pt.2

Very busy time of year... lots of discipline issues - we are ready for Spring Break! Teachers have been given more time during faculty meeting to get caught up on work. SST process with Stephanie (intervention teacher) is continually being refined and parent follow-up is improving. Hybrid program just completed the last in-house training for this school year. Mentors were on site this week working with teachers. Howard Glasser arriving tomorrow to tour the school and present in the evening.

6.7 Executive Director - PGE & Microsoft money, Federal Program Monitoring, LCAP/ LCFF, SBAC Update

\$5,000 rebate for installing motion-sensor switches arrived this week.

Microsoft has issued \$6K in software credits - we are exploring the best ways to update our systems using this additional funding.

Currently in review for Title 1 program audit (online). Thursday of next week Nathan will be in the office for that conference call, reviewing all uploaded documents.

Cyd & Nathan attending LCAP training April 9th

Notification going to parents about Smarter Balanced Assessment explaining the process and contextualizing the touch pads required for test-taking as a tool. Still some bugs we are working out, such as bandwidth, to make sure every student in a class is able to log in and test at the same time. Testing will occur during the last six weeks of school. Three classes have practiced so far. The last two weeks of April will be practice time & testing will begin in May though practice can continue even after the testing window opens.

The LCAP meeting on Thursday will allow community to place their votes on the main issues gathered by survey in March. The parent input will be taken into account when completing budget plans.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes Mar 11th 2014
- 7.2 Field Trip Approval- 8th grade Antuzzi, Monterey Bay May 5-6
 - 7th grade Welch, Ashland, OR May 22-23
 - 7th grade Carr, Ashland, OR April 9-10
 - 5th grade Meier, Jughandle May 27-29
 - 4th grade King, Malakoff Diggins April 30-May 2
 - 4th grade Simons, Malakoff Diggins May 14-16
- 7.3 Approval of Second Interim Report
- 7.4 2014-2015 school calendar (approved by faculty)

Joc moved to approve consent agenda. Lyn seconded.

Roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Dave Lunde	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan ‘Joc’ Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion passed unanimously.

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Extension of Temporary Teacher Assignment- Approval for 4th grade teacher to team teach through June or Follow FMLA requirements

Nathan called attention to Board Report describing issue of M. Lohse returning from FMLA leave – we are required to allow her return prior to 26-weeks. This is April 28th, so she must return to work by that date in order to retain her position. Attorney research shows that she can return to a 20% position to satisfy her “return” requirement. This would allow B. Simons to keep the class until the end of the school year and M. Lohse to team-teach with her class. In January (her original return date) M. Lohse requested to extend her leave to the full 26-week allowance. The cost of this 20% position is \$1,292.00. Discussion about the benefits and drawbacks of the scenarios followed.

As a \$1,300 decision, the Board directed Nathan to make this decision at an administrative level.

8.2 Updated LEA Plan and Parent Involvement Policy Approval - Required for Title 1 and 2 Federal Program Monitoring

LEA Plan required updating in order to tie-out the plan to exact dollar amounts. Revision to match the actual expenditures (for intervention teachers) was required. This revised plan will be uploaded to the Title 1 auditor for the review next week.

Joc moved to approve the LEA plan as revised. Lyn seconded.

Roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Dave Lunde	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan ‘Joc’ Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

8.3 Student Achievement (Laurie)

Laurie presented PowerPoint to discuss our API score as compared to other local schools (used as comparison for renewal) and other public Waldorf schools. We expect positive changes with the new scoring of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Faculty is working to address math deficits so that we will be able to score higher once the scoring is established in the future. Our current curriculum presents many challenges and teachers are struggling to effectively instruct.

10% of our students are in IEPs. We have the reputation of being a school effective at working with students who have challenges. This places the class teacher in a position to manage multiple students who need extra support.

Discussion regarding the community orientation about testing followed. Laurie believes that the Board needs to hold firm on the importance of testing in order to keep the school chartered. Lyn requested that the Parent Council revisit the conversation that performance is necessary for our existence, and requested that ideas be generated by the PC to help get the importance of this message out to the greater community. Summer believes a communication from parents to parents explaining the situation the school is in would be effective.

8.4 Facilities- Approval of Request for Proposal for Design Build -June 2014 (Dave)

D. Lunde presented a proposal from our architect for the summer build-out. Facilities Committee voted to accept the architect’s proposal. He requested that, based on the design/build concept, the Board approve this contract with the architect.

Joc moved to approve the contract as written. Dave seconded.

Roll call vote:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Dave Lunde	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan ‘Joc’ Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

8.5 Admin Design Committee- Recommendations and/or proposals including hiring proposal for Education Director (Louthea)

Tighe presented an update of the 9-person committee (4 parents, 3 teachers and 2 Council members). After 3 meetings there remain outstanding questions. There is at least one more meeting, this Friday, April 11th. The committee hopes to submit a proposal/recommendation to the Board as soon as possible. Two positions (Ed Dir/Lead Teacher and Student Support Services) have been identified as beneficial - pending financial viability. Ed Dir duties and reporting relationship is still outstanding. Student Support Services would provide Special Ed/Intervention duties. Overall organization structure is also being considered. Narrowed organization proposals from 7 to 2 - primary differences are in reporting relationships. We will be submitting our best option (or options) with consideration of resource limitations that will leave the finance committee and the Board to deal with most feasible implementation. Given that we are now in the hiring season, it is possible that a special meeting will be needed in order to expedite job posting - allowing for a greater pool of qualified candidates who are still in a job search mode.

9. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

9.1 Date of Next Regular Meeting - May 13th , 2014, 6:00pm
INFORMATION

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CHARTER COUNCIL - Agenda items for next meeting
Dave Lunde presented information about a State program for Charter School construction - new building, additions or conversions; and purchasing property. Pursuit of funds presents a challenge - tight deadline and CUSD Board Chair approval required in addition to many other regulations that must be adhered to. Dave requested guidance from the Board about how to proceed. Discussion and questions followed.

Special Meeting to be schedule by email.

Co-Chair called for break at 8:15pm.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE: DISCIPLINE/DISSMISSAL/RELEASE

Co-chair called the closed session to order at 8:25pm

Open session reconvened at 9:15pm

No action to report from closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm