

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

Tuesday, August 13th, 2013

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

2. INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

	Present	Absent
Jeff Plotnick	<u> x </u>	_____
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____
Lyn Herrod	<u> x </u>	_____
Joc Clark	<u> x </u>	_____
David Lunde	<u> x </u>	_____

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS
Correct date of next meeting - 9/10/13 @ 6pm

5. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
Barbara Roberts requested the Board support the Principal's plan to extend the kindergarten day by 30 minutes and remove reading group responsibility from the Kindergarten teachers.

6. New Business

- 6.1 4th grade Overnight Field Trip to Concow Indian Campground
King- Sept 13&14 & Lohse Sept 11&12

Dave motioned to approve 4th grade overnight field trips to Concow Indian Campground. Lyn seconded.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstained 0 - *motion carried unanimously*

- 6.2 Kindergarten change in hours, increase student day by 30 minutes

Jeff requested update/clarification about how lower grade reading will be addressed if the certificated Kindergarten teachers are pulled from the reading groups program.

Laurie introduced Stephanie Nichols, the new Reading Intervention Teacher, who attended a week-long training in the Lindamood-Bell reading method. Stephanie

presented her plan for addressing reading intervention in grades 1 through 8. [The school will use Seeing Stars to support the younger readers' basic skill building and Visualizing & Verbalizing for increasing comprehension at all levels. In grades 2 & 3 push-in is planned - using teacher, aide & Stephanie to run leveled groups.] Stephanie will have time next week during the in-service training to provide overview to teachers; will model lessons for the teachers & guide them in next steps.

Jeff addressed the issue of equity - all of our teachers work hard. In kindergarten it seems the teachers need more time to deliver their program and more time to deepen relationships with parents and keep them engaged in the school (in service to both educating families and retaining them). Louthea & Jeff requested trimester reporting on the success of the reading program back to the Board.

Jeff called for the motion. No motion made.

Louthea summarized the issues for Lyn & Joc, who missed the previous meeting.

Dave motioned to approve change in hours to extend kindergarten instructional day by 30 minutes. Joc seconded.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstained 0 - *motion carried unanimously*

6.3 Kindergarten change in contract from 86% to 100%

Nathan clarified that this would remove the 14% reading instruction currently required of the kindergarten teachers. Jeff remarked that the Kindergarten teachers will be relied upon to strongly build the parent participation through stronger relationships.

Lyn motioned to approve change in kindergarten contracts from 86% to 100%. Dave seconded.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstained 0 - *motion carried unanimously*

6.4 Budget & LCFF Update

Susan Powers from CSMC was introduced and presented current issues about LCFF. We are unlikely to know what the funding will be until July of 2014. This will then roll out over an eight-year period. A plan will be needed for accountability - how the money will be spent over five years - reviewed every year. With the supplemental concentration grants it's important that the money is spent focused on the students for which it is intended.

6.5 Homeschool opening discussion, charter, funding, location, authorizer, etc.

Nathan discussed the changes in laws governing the establishment of new charter schools. More requirements must be met to acquire approval. Funding for newly approved charters include a \$500K startup grant. The startup grant could be used to fund the building of the school for the year before doors open. Discussion followed regarding authorizers and appropriate use of resources.

Louthea moved that Nathan be authorized to continue exploration of potential authorization for a home school charter with the understanding that it be a year of exploration not a year of chartering. Dave seconded.

Jeff discussed the nature of charters – no moss grows under our feet. We must explore the benefit of this to our community and to the families that would be served.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstained 0 – *motion carried*

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1 CONFERENCE CALL WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to sub-division 3(A) of section 54956.9 (7pm call with attorney)

Chair moved meeting into closed session at 7:43pm

Chair recalled the meeting to open session at 7:54pm

Report out from Closed Session - no motion made in closed session

8. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

8.1 Date of Next Meeting September 10, 2013, 6:00pm

9. COMMENTS FROM THE CHARTER COUNCIL - Agenda items for next meeting

Oct/Nov - report out on plan & implementation of kindergarten time.

Lyn requested that minutes be distributed closer to the Board meeting sessions rather than right before the next meeting (so there is more time to review).

Lyn requested more detail about the email she received about a parent complaint.

Nathan reviewed the possible 2014-15 build-out

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm