

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

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:17pm

2. INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

	Present	Absent
Marc Kessler	<u> x </u>	_____
Tighe O’Neill	<u> x </u>	_____
Heather Altfeld	<u> x </u>	_____
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____
Lyn Herrod	<u> x </u>	_____
Claire Hutkens Seda	_____	<u> x </u>
Jeff Plotnick	_____	<u> x </u>

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Following a brief explanation of what is allowed to be modified, no modifications requested

5. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No address

6. REPORTS

6.1 Administrative

Year-end parent survey - Nathan reported on data collected via SurveyMonkey. High/lowlights included dissatisfaction with parent volunteerism; parent enrichment evenings – low attendance due to scheduling; school is well-loved, teachers highly regarded, music program appreciated, reading program, desire for more challenging academics, facility cleanliness, better playground supervision, better Waldorf instruction, desire for more communication earlier.

8th Grade exit survey – 66% did not feel successful; 86% did not respect students different than themselves; did not learn time management; wanted to be treated as older students and have more fair/equal discipline. *Discussion – what can we do to improve on these issues? Can student council address any of this; can we give this survey to incoming 8th grade earlier in the year?*

Contracts/hiring – all but one classroom teacher has signed their contracts; in process of hiring specialty teachers; have hired full-time sub, FRLP coordinator/Enrollment clerk, reading discovery program coordinator. Interviews for Math, Spanish & Music teachers are scheduled this Friday. Development Director (enrollment, public relations, fundraising) interviews to be scheduled for next week – July 16th – 21. First week of August, hourly employees (yard duty, reading aids, etc.) will be contracted.

Construction status – delayed permit due to additional egress required with new classrooms & concern regarding restroom facilities.

Water bill increase caused by underground leak – located and repaired by Leen Bros. Urinals in boys bathrooms are being replaced with waterless urinals – 100% rebate pays for purchase of urinals. We will pay cost of installation. This change is expected to save us approximately 1000 gallons of water per week.

6.2 Parent Council Report

No June meeting. Next meeting scheduled for July 30th. Meetings have been changed to the 4th Tuesday of each month @ 6pm.

6.3 Teacher Report

No teacher report.

6.4 Committee Reports

- Charter Review – next meeting is 7/11/12. Revised charter draft is with attorney & CSMC for comment. Final sections will be reviewed by committee at next meeting – Louthea will be taking Jeff’s seat on the committee.
- Finance – June meeting cancelled. Notification of next meeting will be sent when scheduled.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 7.1 was moved to bottom of consent agenda for discussion so that remaining items could be approved en mass.

7.2 Add Signator to Wells Fargo and Tri-Counties Bank Accounts- Nathan Rose

7.3 Remove Signator from Wells Fargo and Tri-Counties Bank Accounts - Talia Scherquist

7.4 Reduce Petty Cash Account from \$300 to \$100

Heather moved to approve consent agenda items 7.2, 7.3 7.4. Tighe seconded motion

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstained 0 – *motion passed*

7.1 Approval of BOCC June 5 and June 19 minutes

Brief discussion regarding correction of typos on minutes. Heather moved to approve June 5th & 19th minutes with typo correction. Louthea seconded motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Abstained 0 – *motion passed*

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Education Foundation Presentation

Meeting held at G’rilla Bites on 7/2/12. Minutes sent by Christine Rowe. No party here to present outcome.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 July Financial and Cash Flow Report

Nathan discussed CharterVision cash flow report – shows year-to-date expenditures. Currently are operating in the black; still waiting for deferrals from State due to us at the end of July and August. Funds have been transferred from Tri-Counties to Wells Fargo twice to cover payroll. Marc requests a multi-year cash flow projection himself and believes it is required to be sent to CUSD. Mr. Buskirk states he is happy with what he is receiving from us so far; Nathan is meeting with him to verify what he wants to see, in what format and at what frequency. Nathan will bring examples of what sort of reports are available so the Board can choose the desired format. Discussion regarding State deferrals, Fall tax initiative and our budget building process that is based on a worst-case scenario. Nathan will provide a multi-year cash flow projection for presentation to the Board.

9.2 2012-13 Math Program

Nathan discussed the plan to hire a math intervention teacher for the entire year. More training in Everyday Math will begin for the teachers before school starts. Manipulatives have been purchased and teachers trained in their use. Marc described last year’s leveled math groups are changing to remaining with their teacher. Heather asked about the 8th graders who are ready to take geometry. Discussion followed about determining algebra I completion and offering geometry in accordance with the language in the Charter. Louthea inquired about using our math resource teacher for filling in where teachers possibly feel inadequate in the math level required of their grade. Flex math cannot go away – it’s described in our charter. We need to find a way to get better at it. Curriculum needs formalizing in the 7th & 8th grades. Nathan will bring this discussion and directive back to Laurie & faculty that flex math is needed. Specificity is needed in the training program. Money allotted in the training plan for math is available for use directly in the upper grades.

9.3 Title I Parent Advisory Committee

Nathan described the need for a committee that has parent involvement. The 820 Plan includes language that will work as our School-wide plan. Having a school-wide plan allows us to use the Title I funds with fewer line-item delineations – a targeted program is not needed if the school population is comprised of greater than 40%. We must be careful with our tracking and reporting the use of this funding.

10. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

10.1 Date of Next Meeting August 14, 2012, 6:00pm

Heather will be out of town but could teleconference if necessary. Likely that Claire & Jeff will be unavailable.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None made

12. COMMENTS FROM THE CHARTER COUNCIL

Lyn inquired about outside lighting. The construction project has required a temporary disconnection. They will be reconnected before school begins.

Math program and Title I should be readdressed at the August meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm