

Blue Oak Charter School
450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, September 15, 2020 - 6 pm

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.*

LCAP Goal Summary: Build the parent community, support success for all students, and prepare students for high school

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6 PM

1. OPENING - 5 Minutes

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Monica McDaniel adjourned the meeting.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

- Present: Monica McDaniel, Laura Swanson, Chelsea Parker, Laurel Hill-Ward, Trisha Atehortua, Vicki Wonacoff, and Heather Bonea
- Absent: None

1.3. Invocation - School Verse Read

"This is our school, May peace dwell here, May the rooms be full of contentment. May love abide here, Love of one another, Love of our school, Love of life itself. Let us remember that as many hands build a house, So many hearts build a school."

1.4. Agenda Modifications

- No agenda modifications were made.

1.5. Audience to Address the Council

This is an opportunity for members of the community to address the committee concerning items not on the agenda. Persons addressing the Committee will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for their presentation. The chair may establish a maximum speaking time for any item. Persons may not yield their time to another speaker (Gov. Code § 54954.3)

- Blue Oak Parent (Ryan) of a 1st Grade student voiced concerns about the themes presented in the Grimm Fairy Tales that are read aloud to his son's class. He feels strongly that these are not messages his child should be receiving and no longer feels that his son should be attending his classes storytime. He requested that this topic possibly be added to a future BOCC agenda.
- Blue Oak Parent (Tighe) would like the students to return to campus as soon as possible; Tighe knows there is no substitute for students being taught in person. It is understood that teachers and school staff are working as hard as possible to make this happen.
- Susan Domenighini explained to the audience that in order to get a specific topic added to a future agenda, the topic either needs to be presented during a BOCC meeting or emailed to Susan. If a topic is presented during a BOCC meeting, that topic will not be added to an agenda until the next meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA - 10 Minutes

- Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Laurel Hill-Ward seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Heather Bonea	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- Vote passes.

2.1. Approve Minutes from August 25, 2020

2.2. Charter Impact Monthly Report Impact

Jim Weber, Charter

2.2.1. Attendance and Enrollment

2.2.2. Cash Flow

2.2.3. Balance Sheet Detail

2.2.4. Warrants/Aged Payable

2.2.5. Point of Sale Transactions/Check Register

2.2.6. Actual to Budget Summary (*part of the Financial Forecast in the Charter Impact Report*)

2.3. Approve Offers of Employment

2.3.1. Maria Cadera, Aide

2.3.2. Alex Archer, Executive Assistant

2.4. Accept Employee Resignations

2.4.1. Nick Navaikov, Games

3. GOVERNANCE - 15 minutes

3.1. Establish Retreat

- Council Members rescheduled the Strategic Plan Retreat to take place on October 7th, 2020 at 6PM. Additionally, a Special Meeting was established to take place on September 23rd, 2020 at 6PM.

3.2. Establish Committees

3.2.1. Finance

- Monica McDaniel made a motion to continue to have a Finance Committee. Chelsea Parker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Heather Bonea	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- Vote passes.
- Monica McDaniel expressed her gratitude to the members of the Finance Committee for their dedication and high level of expertise.

3.2.2. Facilities

- Susan Domenighini spoke to the need to have a Facilities Committee. The current Blue Oak facilities lease ends in 2022; topics such as extending the lease or making a new offer on the property needs to be discussed. With the approaching deadline, Susan feels that it is time for more formal support from the Charter Council.
- Heather Bonea volunteered to help research and/or participate on the Facilities Committee. Trisha Atehortua volunteered to share knowledge of local real estate.
- Susan Domenighini requested an Ad Hoc Committee be formed with Trisha and Heather in order to do preliminary research and then form an official Brown Act Committee at a later date.
- Monica McDaniel made a motion to appoint Heather Bonea and Trisha Atehortua to an Facilities Ad Hoc Committee to work with Susan Domenighini until a more formal committee is in place or until Blue Oak secures a new facilities lease. Vicki Wonacoff seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Heather Bonea	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

➤ Vote passes.

3.3. Finance Committee

Chelsea Parker

- Chelsea Parker reviewed the big topics from the last Finance Committee meeting such as adapting the budget to reflect the Learning Loss Mitigation Funds and Learning Continuity Plan Funds; all of these funds have timeline requirements. Also covered: approval of a Career Technical Education (CTE) Grant to be submitted, discussion of School Plan for Student Achievement challenges, and notification of an EPA Funding increase. Overall, Blue Oak finances are looking very healthy.
- Heather Bonea suggested that the Finance Committee explore the idea of giving teachers extra pay for the additional hours they had to work in order to prepare to shift to a Distance Learning teaching model. Chelsea said this topic will be discussed in a future Finance Committee meeting.

4. ADMINISTRATION - 30 Minutes

4.1. Executive Director's Report

Susan Domenighini

- Blue Oak 4th Grade Teacher, Riley Murray, shared an update from faculty members via powerpoint presentation. The presentation summarized the lessons each class is currently covering including pictures and videos of students' work.
- Susan Domenighini shared that the faculty decided last week to temporarily suspend the Technology Specialty; instead, Ellie Glusman, will work directly with teachers in their classes to help support students, parents, and teachers themselves. Additionally, Emma Todd the Blue Oak School Counselor, is seeing a rise in requests; it is important to point out that this is not just a health crisis we are in but also a mental health crisis. This counseling support is available for both students and parents. Finally, it was noted that we do have a number of families who are currently fire affected; a portion of whom was previously affected by the Camp Fire as well.

4.1.1. Public Hearing Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

- Monica McDaniel opened the public hearing for the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

- Susan Domenighini shared the report for the Public Hearing Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. Typically, Blue Oak has a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) but, due to COVID-19, the state is asking schools instead to create a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan which focuses on how our school is continuing education in the current environment. Each section of the document was summarized and reviewed.
- There was no discussion from the audience.
- Monica McDaniel closed the public hearing.

4.1.2. School Plan for Student Achievement

- Susan Domenighini explained the School Plan for Student Achievement documents how the federal funds Blue Oak has are being used, particularly the Title I funds which are used in support of struggling students. The Finance Committee reviewed this document last week.
- The document was briefly reviewed with Council members. This document includes upcoming goals, strategies, and proposed expenditures.
- Laurel Hill-Ward made a motion to accept the School Plan for Student Achievement. Heather Bonea seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Heather Bonea	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- Vote passes.

4.1.3. Reopening Safety Plan

- The purpose of this document is to outline a clear plan for how we will integrate students back on to campus safely assuming there are still concerns surrounding COVID-19. Rachel Ceja and Buck Ernest, along with Susan Domenighini, spearheaded the creation of this document.
- A number of concerns were raised about teachers safety, workloads, and other teacher-focused policies surrounding the possibility of reopening the school. However, Susan reminded the Council members that this document establishes safety protocols on campus assuming we make the decision, at a later time, for students to return while there is still a COVID-19 threat.
- This document needs to be in place before we can move forward with deciding the specifics of reopening, such as the teacher-related concerns voiced earlier. Once this document is approved, then discussions can proceed about whether or

not Blue Oak wants, for example, to invite small groups back in October, to apply for a waiver to invite K-5 back to campus, or to wait for students to return until after January.

- There was a general consensus to table this discussion to allow the Council members more time to thoroughly read through the document. Discussion about this document will continue at the next special BOCC meeting. It was requested that this document also be brought to faculty for review as well and another parent survey be sent out.
- Heather Bonea made a motion to table this discussion. Laurel Hill-Ward seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.
- Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Heather Bonea	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- This vote passes.

4.1.4. On Site Small Group Plan After October 16th

- There was a consensus that this agenda item was not ready to be discussed. The Reopening Safety Plan needs to be in place first and it is important to hear more from faculty and parents before moving forward with a decision about reopening with small groups in mid-October. Susan Domenighini requested that this agenda item be tabled as well.

5. CLOSED SESSION - 15 minutes

5.1. Conference with Labor Negotiators (§54957.6) Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

- The Charter Council reported out from the closed session. Council members voted to follow precedent as established with the faculty to cover the additional costs of healthcare premiums of \$8,000 per year for two years for the Executive Director.

6. NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

- Monica McDaniel adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by: *Trisha Atehortua*
Trisha Atehortua (Dec 20, 2020 18:39 PST) Date: Dec 20, 2020