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CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Monica McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:07PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

- Present: Monica McDaniel, Laurel Hill-Ward, Laura Swanson, Chelsea Parker, Trisha Atehortua, and Vicki Wonacott
- 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, and Love of life itself. Let us remember that as many hands build a house, So many hearts build a school."

- Laura Swanson read the school verse.

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, Alicia Trider, asked the council if there was any update on how anti-racism was being addressed at all levels of our school and requested that a regular update from the Equity Task Force be placed on the agenda. Alicia also read a statement explaining that Blue Oak Charter School rests on native Mechoopda land and asks that this be recognized by the school.
- Susan Domenighini spoke to address the council to give a big shout out to Kris and Jim Fortado who are retiring from Blue Oak next week. The Fortatdo's have been a huge part of Blue Oak for many years and deserve recognition for their contributions. Thank you, Kris and Jim!

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approve Minutes from March 23rd, 2021.

2.2. Charter Impact Monthly Report

Jim Weber, Charter Impact

- 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

2.3. Accept Employee Resignations

- 2.3.1. Kris Fortado, Health Aide
- 2.3.2. Jim Fortado, Custodian
- 2.3.3. Melissa Stach, Instructional Aide
- 2.3.4. Lillian Golde, Instructional Aide

2.4. Accept Donations

2.5. Approve Certificated Employment Offers for 2021/2022

- Chelsea Parker made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Monica McDaniel seconded it.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Laura Swanson	X			

Trisha Atehortua	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Amber Brown	X			

➤ Vote passes.

3. GOVERNANCE

3.1. Finance Committee Report

Chelsea Parker

- This week's Finance Committee report is short since most of the BOCC members were present during the last meeting. The main takeaways from this meeting was that the Blue Oak budget is doing very well compared to where it was last year and that there will be no expected borrowing needed over the summer. The BOFC also did recommend that the Certificated and Classified Salary Schedules that will be presented later in this meeting be approved by the BOCC.

3.2. Parent Council Report

Trisha Atehortua

- Trisha Atehortua cannot give a full report as she was not present at the Parent Council meetings but she does know that the PC continued to plan for the May Faire at the last meeting. The May Faire will be a drive-thru event held here at the school on Saturday, May 1st from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. The PC also discussed opening the student store back up.

3.3. Policy Review

Susan Domenighini

3.3.1. Technology in Instruction Policy (2nd Reading)

- This is the second reading of the Technology in Instruction policy and is ready for approval from the Charter Council.

3.3.2. Board Governance Standards (2nd Reading)

- This is the second reading of the Board Governance Standards policy and is ready for approval from the Charter Council.
- Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve both policies as presented. Laura Swanson seconded the motion.
- There was no further discussion.
- Vote

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

➤ Vote passes.

3.4. MOU from BCOE

Chelsea Parker

- The BOFC reviewed the MOU presented; the cost of this MOU agreement is the same as the agreements that Blue Oak has engaged in with BCOE in the past. Blue Oak would be doing substantially better to accept this MOU with BCOE than if the school were to take this task on with independent contractors.
- Trisha Atehortua made a motion to accept this MOU. Vicki Wonacott seconded the motion.
- Trisha Atehortua amended her motion to include the removal of the ConApp Management Commission portion of the contract. Vicki Wonacott seconded this amendment.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

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

- Vote passes.

3.5. Paid Advertising & Social Media Proposal from MC2

- Blue Oak recently engaged with MC2 Design to curate the school's message; this contract is an extension of that agreement to secure additional advertising support. The BOFC reviewed this contract and believes the value in this is substantial; it would only take an increase of two students to cover the cost of this proposal. The BOFC voted to support this proposal.
- Laurel Hill-Ward requested that in the future, as we enroll new students, that we collect information about how prospective families heard about Blue Oak to see if this advertising support is helping.
- Chelsea Parker made a motion to accept the social media and advertising proposal as presented. Amber Brown seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

Laura Swanson	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Amber Brown	X			

➤ Vote passes.

3.6. Salary Schedules

- The BOFC reviewed and discussed all the documents presented in this week's board packet and recommended Option C for the Certificated Salary Schedule. Although this option drops the annual salary increase from 5% to 3%, the entire salary schedule is still increasing because of the bump from the increased minimum wage. Although, it may not be standard practice to reduce the annual salary increase when minimum wage increases, it was necessary to do so in order to cater to what the budget could bear. The teachers sitting on the BOFC found a lot of value in continuing to increase the salary every year, which is not always the case for every school. Plus, the new salary schedule is still increasing overall which ensures that every individual will be seeing an increase since the bottom tier of the new schedule starts at a much higher rate.
- Additionally, the BOFC recommended that the BOCC approve the Classified Salary Schedule as presented. The few new additions to this schedule is that a Paraprofessional position has been added and the schedule will take effect in July instead of January from now on.
- These are competitive pay scales. Additionally, if these pay scales are approved now, they will be able to be a part of budget planning for next year although the total impact they will have on the budget is not available at the moment to share.
- Laurel Hill-Ward made a motion to accept both the Certificated and Classified Salary Schedules presented. Vicki Wonacott seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

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

➤ Vote passes.

3.7. COVID-19 Update

- As promised, there will be a monthly COVID update on the agenda. The first update is that our shipment of air purifiers just arrived on campus. We had been borrowing purifiers from BCOE but our loan expired so we decided to order some of our own for every classroom which will help in all seasons Butte County might go through in the future, not just during the current pandemic climate.
- During the last meeting, the Charter Council asked the school employees to discuss whether the school should reopen more fully for the rest of the school year. The reopening team, which consists of staff, custodians, teachers, administrators and more, met to discuss the issue. There were many items to consider, which are all listed in the document presented, and there is only a short time left in the school year. The reopening team did not find it necessary to change from the current hybrid model.
- Blue Oak is working to establish a summer school program for our students; these programs would consist of two, four-week sessions for those students who are in need of remediation. Administration is still working to survey which teachers and staff would like to stay and work over the summer. Additionally, Emma Todd, our school counselor, is working to put out a plan to have 6 weeks of group counseling sessions over the summer for each grade level.
- In the Fall, Blue Oak would like to move forward with a full, on-site, all day program. The school is working to set up an Independent Study classroom/teacher for those families who still want to continue with distance learning. This is obviously a tentative plan if the climate allows; the school will also plan a “if/then what” contingency plan to go along with this idea.
- Amber Brown asked if the school has considered allowing teachers to offer their students the option to come to school on Fridays; giving struggling students the opportunity to stay longer on campus after the on-site learners leave for the day; and/or having Specialty teachers Zoom into the physical classroom in order to allow an extended school day. Susan explained that these options were discussed among the reopening team and did not seem like viable options to extend the school day. However, some teachers are working one-on-one with some students after hours in-person.

3.8. Possible Strategic Plan Meeting Date

3.8.1. May 4th, 2021 at 4:00PM

- This date and time did not work for everyone on the BOCC. The Executive Assistant will send a poll to all BOCC members to establish an official date and time for the Strategic Meeting to take place at the beginning of May.
- Monica McDaniel established that the current meeting will be taking a break in order to head into the scheduled Special Meeting.

4. FACULTY

4.1. Grade Level Report

Riley Murray & Brianna Lee

- BOCC members returned from the Special Meeting to finish the current meeting.
- Brianna Lee shared a PowerPoint presentation to discuss what fun and creative projects her 8th Grade students have been up to in class lately. This presentation will be made available on the Parent Resources page on the school website soon.

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1. Executive Director’s Report

Susan Domenighini

- Favorite Moments
 - Susan Domenighini shared a handful of favorite moments from staff and faculty from the past few weeks.
- State Testing
 - The students are doing state testing over the course of this month. Susan gave a shout out to Mr. Combs and Ms. Glusman who are helping to conduct state testing for on-site and distance learning.
- Fairytale Forum
 - The Fairytale Forum that included a very good presentation from Daniel Parker was well attended. Susan shared a special announcement that Daniel has agreed to come back to work with faculty on May 14th.
- Mental Health and Wellness
 - A team of 4 mental health experts have been working together to bring a message surrounding mental health to Butte County since the Camp Fire and subsequent crises. These mental health experts talked with staff and parents about suicide awareness, what suicide ideation looks and sounds like, and what to do when you encounter this topic. These experts will be back next month to talk with our students about these topics as well. Your student can, of course, opt out of these talks if you feel they will be too tough for your student.
- Website
 - Thanks to our work with MC2 the website homepage, and many other pages, have been updated. Additionally, we put out a new Counseling and Crisis page where parents and students can find important information and resources to support their mental health.
- Important Dates
 - The May Faire will be held on May 1st and Graduation on Friday, June 4th. Graduation will be held in two ceremonies this year to allow for social distancing. The date has also been changed to a Friday since this year our two 8th grade teachers will be attending their students' high school graduations; they wanted to be able to go to both.
 - The BOCC asked if the school can create something the high school graduates can wear that represents Blue Oak like a rope or lapel pin.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.1. Real Estate Update

Susan Domenighini

Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

- All members of the BOCC as well as Susan Domenighini attended the Closed Session. No action was taken.

7. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 6:00PM

- Monica McDaniel and Laura Swanson won't be able to attend the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Monica McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:  Date: 7/20/21