



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

Approved Parent Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 @ 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. OPENING (~ 6:13 pm)

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

1.2 Invocation:

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.

1.2 Land Acknowledgement

As we gather here at Blue Oak School, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Maidu people. For many generations, the Maidu lived from the richness of the earth, raising families and shaping the land, and they continue to do so to this day. We pay our respects to the Maidu elders past and present and recognize that this land was not given freely. Together, may we continue to work toward a healthy culture and society that warmly welcomes all people and cares deeply for our Mother Earth.

1.3 Two-word check-in

2. PUBLIC COMMENT > AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL (~ 6:19 pm)

2.1 Update from Susan & Alicia - PC is not Brown Act-bound meaning that we can take action on new items brought up in the meeting and not on the agenda.

A special meeting will be scheduled to review the bylaws. Discuss and review how funds will be supported by the PC. Amber P. Expressed that it is helpful to have an up to dollar amount on the Agenda for the PC to review and know if funding is available to support the funding request.

Jackie H. also discussed that it is helpful to have these requests on the agenda in advance to ensure that the PC is well informed of the proposal and funding need.

Kristina suggested that a form be created to get on the Agenda for funding requests.

Angie E. - had questions about the pop up fair this weekend. Since it is not a Blue Oak Event (discussed later tonight under the 8th grade fundraising event for \$40. Clarification if the booth is a fundraiser

Cheryl Grant wants to clarify public comment - would like to be on next month agenda for school wide festival - faculty led funds. Would like to discuss for next year at this point. Item 6.10 discussion of funds for school-wide festival supplies.

Amazon and Box tops - Amber P. Encouraged all to make sure they are signed up for Smile to donate to Blue Oak. Also scan receipts to submit box tops.

3. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (~ 6:20 pm)** **DISCUSSION**
Please bring forth any edits or modifications to tonight's agenda at this time.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA (~ 6:25 pm)** **DISCUSSION & ACTION**
4.1 Minutes from 11/2/21 1st. Kristina Miller. Angie E. 2nd. Approved
5. **REPORTS (~ 6:30 pm)** **DISCUSSION**
5.1 Charter Council Liaison - Trisha Atehortua - MC2 Marketing update. Trending well based on click throughs. Budget review. Numbers are looking good.
5.2 Administration Liaison - Rachel Ceja - Susan is out for the month for surgery.
5.3 Faculty Liaison - Cheryl Grant - Shared a short review. Coming of Winter. Festival of Light . Honoring the dark times. Light Spiral will be walked in Kindergarten. Santa Lucia will be celebrated - Next Week. Hanukkah - Celebrated in 3rd grade and dreidel games will be played. 5th grade will learn about Diwali and will make diya oil lamps. 6th grade study christianity - and the 2nd light of advent. 7th Grade - studying Chemistry and periodic table of elements that burn.
5.4 Equity Task Force - Claire Fong - Last meeting was October 25th. Discussed a curriculum review for all grades. They are working to find stories and books to support non western cultures. Identity will also be a topic discussed with staff. Lindsay Klipfel who now works at Citizens of the World (a social justice school) and also used to work at Blue Oak School (5 years ago), will be back in January to help with these discussions. Student input will also be acknowledged. Teachers are encouraged to attend outside training. More collaboration with the Red Bud Foundation is expected next year. Discussed creating a calendar for acknowledging different cultures throughout the year. Ms. Darlasia Miller - an aid at the school, will be hosting a workshop at 5 pm via zoom. Check the Acorn for date. This event will consist of breakout sessions and tips will be covered for the topic of Identity. Parents and PC members are encouraged to attend.
Schoolwide - Claire acknowledged the achievements we've made to divest from old practices. Instead we have focused on returning to seasonal acknowledgements and focusing on the Harvest Festival and. An assembly was held at the school where each class shared their verses about gratitude, generosity and kindness which was heartfelt as each grade shared.
5.4 Treasurer - Franki Boisseree - \$21, 854.49 is our current balance. Which is an Increase from the past. AliciaT. requested an update for what funds have been released in recent requests.

Amber P. suggested that Maggie B. may also be able to generate reports of donations and funds generated too.

6. NEW BUSINESS (~ 7:00 pm)

DISCUSSION & ACTION

6.1 General Funding Requests (if any) - Requestor to be present and provide clear up-to amount

- Mrs. Welch 7th Grade Classroom Fundraiser - Jude Murray

Angie E. Suggested - Fundraising Requests can't be supported for specific class fundraisers. Alicia T. pointed out that the by-laws do not prohibit Parent Council from supporting class fundraisers.

Bylaws could be reviewed to see whether or not the PC could loan funds to support the fundraiser. J. Hammer expressed that funds needed for general class fundraisers would be a larger discussion. Alicia suggested that when a loan request, up to \$ amount is determined, to request to be on the agenda.

6.2 December 11 Pop-Up Sale - Shawn - Classrooms wanting to attend at the fair may not have to pay the \$40. Shawn would also like to see if anyone would like to have the school store at the faire. See the Acorn. Contact Shawn shawn@blueoakcharterschool.org if you would like to help. Decorations from the dance (Friday) will be used for the Pop Up. Set up will start at 9 am.

Jackie Hammer - Requested what the \$40 fee goes to. These funds go to rent the space for the day. Some outside vendors will help generate funds for the school. Jackie H. can not do an inventory but offer to be able to have the school store at the pop up.

Jackie wanted to be sure that the PC was in favor of the school store being at the pop up faire this weekend. **Approved.**

6.3 Upcoming Middle School Dance - Jackie Hammer - Going to work on getting the word out again. Need Chaperones. Ugly Sweater Contest will be held. If we need to continue to do events outside. Encouraged the need for an industrial \$9 - 10K event tent. Anyone who wants to come help - we need a tent or maybe heaters. Contact jjehammer@gmail.com if you can help with heaters or setting up.

Tricia A. and others have 3 heaters that could be donated for the event.

Clarification - see Call for Agenda Items email list has all email addressed for PC members

6.4 Spring Fundraiser/Event Ideas

Spring Events: May Faire - School Wide Event - Suggested that it is a great idea if it could be before Mother's Day - May 7th?

Chase away King Winter - Sometimes adults act out these parts. Other times 8th Grade has acted out this part. Leading up to the may pole, where the classes and teachers then lead the may pole dances. Outside vendors are invited. Usually a daytime event. Food sold. Great opportunity for class fundraising. Crafts from the classes. PC helps with the setup and coordinate the whole festival. An outreach opportunity.

Discussed if Friday afternoon would be appropriate rather than a Saturday. A lot of other activities will be occurring within the community. Jackie Hammer - Suggested that April 30th or May 1st could be appropriate so that it is not on Mothers Day weekend.

May Day

Easter Cookie Project - Frankie has some time to help with

Spring Equinox Event

Spring Break is the Week of March 14th

Teacher Appreciation Week/Day

Valentines Day - Cookies

We will discuss the May Faire and select a date for next January meeting. General idea that May 1st may be a good day. It is a Sunday, rather than a Saturday.

6.5 Equity Gaps in our Classrooms - Allicia T. - Discussed Equity vs. Equality.

Example of equity: Son has a hard time cutting. Solution is to provide scissors; however, the majority of scissors are made for right-handed people. He needs left handed scissors - needs the right tools. Providing the right tools for success to meet specific needs is practicing equity.

Another example is free food for Breakfast - that helps kids do well in school.

Encouraged us to think about what equity gaps may exist in the classroom. Are there issues that the PC can help with in the classroom.

Ms. Ceja - suggested examples such as ball seat, standing desks.

Over 50% of Blue Oak Students come from socioeconomically disadvantaged households.

Suggested that we survey teachers to ask what are the equity gaps in their classrooms. Are there funds needed that PC could help with to fill these gaps. Encouraged the PC Reps to reach out to their classes. Cheryl will prepare the teachers to think of what equity gaps may exist. Kristina will ask her class.

6.9 Become Non-Profit with Northern Valley Community Foundation - Alicia Trider
Doesn't want anything to be lost in translation. They will take a list of questions to NVCF
Alicia will send an email for questions to the PC - then PC Funds will lie within NVCF.

Alicia T. will include the questions that have already been posed.

Amber P. - Knows of another school discussing similar interests for their funds too.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

Cheryl - Requests for whole school funds - i.e. secret visit Nicholas - oranges and walnuts - a lot of teachers requesting. Suggested that advanced planning could help cover the costs if the class teachers know in advance - funds could be requested or PC could help to facilitate requesting donations.

A list of needs throughout the year and brainstorm ways that the PC can help.

8. ADJOURNMENT (~8 :07 pm)