



# BLUE OAK SCHOOL

Approved Parent Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
**Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 6pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

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## 1. OPENING (~ 6:09 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 Two-word check-in

1.3 Roll Call of Council Members & Introductions (if needed)

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT > AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL (~ 6:10 pm)

Persons addressing the Council without giving previous notice need to realize that there will be no action taken on the items not on the agenda. The Council may limit presentations to no more than three (3) minutes each.

Amber P. - Reminded PC to keep submitting BoxTops to the school. There weren't any box tops to send in, so keep scanning receipts.

## 3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (~ 6:20 pm)

3.1 Schedule special session to discuss and review Parent Council ByLaws - This tabled to go over in separate meeting

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA (~ 6:25 pm)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

4.1 Minutes from 10/5/21 1st. Frankie B. 2nd Nick K. **Approved**

Question was raised if minutes can be sent out sooner next time. It was confirmed that they can.

## 5. REPORTS (~ 6:30 pm)

**DISCUSSION ONLY**

5.1 Charter Council Liaison - Trisha Atehortua - Reported that the marketing Proposal with I MC2 is going well. Proposal was approved for continued media and publicity. They are helping to get Blue Oak's name out. The Charter Council reviewed policies on Air Quality thresholds and their Insurance Policy. The Covid Update is now in place with Blue Oak reporting to Butte County.

5.2 Administration Liaison - Rachel Ceja/Susan D. Reported that the Halloween Parade was a success. The "It's Fall Y'all" room, a separate option from the parade, was also a success. Day of the Dead being celebrated this week as well. Covid Testing onsite started onsite Tuesday mornings. This is available for staff, students, and parents. Marketing for the next year is beginning. Grade age students and parents can attend tours each month. There are tours in December as well. A Community Conversation is upcoming by the Equity Task Force. Look in the Acorn for upcoming Family Events.

5.3 Faculty Liaison- Cheryl Grant - Slide Show was shared: K - Lanterns and glimmer fairies are hard at work. Lanterns from paper mache will be used for the Lantern Walk. Dates are in the Acorn. 1st Grade - has completed the Alphabet. Grade 3 - Exploring Time Mineral, Plant, Animal and Human. 4th - Human and Animal Block. 5th - India / Persia Block studies. 6th - Smog and Treasures 7th - Chemistry and Periodic Table. 8th- Literature and Creative Writing. Ms.Eblin - Hand Sewing. Espanol - Crafts to honor loved ones.



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5.4 Treasurer- Franki Boisseree

Breakdown: \$17,818.20 Made \$1,600 at Bakesale at the Harvest Festival Soups and Bake Sale.

Suggestion was made to have the Equity Task Force also give a report to PC during our meetings.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS (~ 6:50 pm)

## DISCUSSION/ACTION

6.1 Funding Requests (if any)-Requestor (to be present and provide clear Up-To Amount requested along with supporting details of their proposal to PC)

Sarah Eblin - PC Was emailed information to support request.

Sarah Eblin and Ellie Glusman - Yearbook Club - Group of great students, but no cameras. Request to PC is that we please help to buy three cameras and three memory cards. Club meets 50 minutes once a week. Clarification that the 8th Grade Year Book being run by a parent is separate from the Yearbook Club. Camera phones with Middle School Students is not an option. Needs 3 good cameras and memory cards to go with the cameras and protective cases.. \$150.78/cameras \$453 total. Printing Costs: No additional costs are expected. Digital Pictures will be via a cord. Hope is that the club can continue to use the cameras in the Middle Schools. Sarah Eblin and Ms. Gusmann currently are co-teaching this class.

Tracy Harrison - Questions: Are yearbooks for the entire school? Are all classes included? Two pages for each class' pictures. Students will cover the Blue Oak traditions. Website where yearbooks will be purchased does not require a minimum order. Parents can order each book directly from the website. Around \$20 each, with an extra fee for a hard cover.

**1st. Angie E. Motions to approve up to \$500 to purchase 3 cameras and 3 memory cards for the school year book club. 2nd. Jackie Hammer. 10 votes For. Motion is Approved.**

Teacher Cheryl - Wants to ensure that the location that the cameras are stored is known.

Sarah Eblin will purchase cameras now and be reimbursed once these minutes are approved.

6.2 Harvest Festival Recap - Susan D. - Thanked us all for our hard work. Festival was a great success. We were able to honor our land where the school resides with a land acknowledgement from Sheila's 4th grade class. Hispanic Heritage Month was acknowledged; George and the Dragon play was performed and the Ballet Folklorico group performed. One note for next time is that it got dark for the last half hour of the event.

6.3 Middle-School Dance Report- Jackie Hammer - Team of 7th Grade Chaperones was a hit. Super Sweet Event. Looks forward to at least three more dances this academic year.



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6.4 Holiday Cookie Kit Fundraiser - Angie Ernest - No funds were requested this time. A winter cookie theme. Connect with Angie to make the cookie cutters for consistency. Three different colors of royal icing and sprinkles. 6 cookies per set. \$10/kit. Hoping to hand it out before Winter Break. Parent Council will help with Sales. Suggestion that we reach out to parents in the Acorn to ask for volunteers. Another option is to reach out to class parents. Lacie reminded the group that she also has a great gluten free option. Angie will work on details. Angie will send an email to the PC.

6.5 Addition of Land Acknowledgement to Meeting Opening - Alicia Trider

*"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."*

**1st. Karissa Motions 2nd. Jen Hendricks. That this Land Acknowledgement be read at the opening of each meeting. Approved. All in favor. None Opposed.**

6.6 Anniversary Gifts for Teachers - Susan D. - Funds are available now. Money has been set aside for this plan. Now the anniversary gifts can be selected. Administration is currently looking at the anniversaries of staff. Amanda Chambless reminded PC of the importance of continuity so this project will remain housed with administration (not PC). Parent Council could potentially have a regular amount to contribute. The approved amount of \$600 was set aside from May 2021. Plan that Susan D will come to the PC in April or May of 2022 with the future anticipated amount.

Question was raised about how Waldorf influence would determine the appropriate gift or how many years of service would be recognized.

6.7 Walk Into Winter - Holiday Craft Faire - Susan D. - Is this something that the PC wants to do this year? Alex and Susan are working on presenting the annual calendar at the beginning of the year - to be approved by the Charter Council.

Question was raised if indoor events are okay now. Susan confirmed that masking is still required indoors. Outdoor events are easier to accommodate everyone.

Question was raised if there could be curbside pickup options for any future fundraisers.

Angie E. suggested a drive-through class fundraiser option. Advertise ahead of time with pre-order options. 8th Graders considered making wreaths as an example.

Segway - Field Trips are being looked at for this spring. Encouraged others to look for ways to fundraise. Pick-up options may be an option. When items can be picked up would need to be determined and not necessarily in line with pickup time - which could be a bit hectic.



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6.8 Teacher Appreciation Week in May - Susan D. - Parent Council can re-visit this option in March to appreciate staff and teachers. Examples - resupply tea, buy coffee for teachers, hand made items to appreciate a teacher. Question was raised - Does PC make sure it happens or physically do the gifting. Susan D. - Shared that individually wrapped items would be encouraged during Covid. PC members could be arranged to get into the school. Some things may change by next spring, but vaccinations may be something to consider.

Think of us as “Gnomes” or “Secret Admirer’s of the teachers.”

6.9 Become Non-Profit with Northern Valley Community Foundation - Alicia Trider - We would have separate oversight from NVCF. Susan suggested that there would be clear lines between PC funds and general Blue Oak funds. These funds are currently combined. A separate fund could help protect PC fundings from being lost. NVCF would do all the accounting. This is just the first discussion. Alicia is willing to ask them how we would access funds etc. Amanda wants to know that the funds would be well protected.

Another question was raised if there are associated fees. Amber P. thinks it may be 1%.

Amanda C. Would like to know how the turn around for funding requests would be affected.

Jackie H. suggested that a representation from NVCF could attend a future meeting to answer our questions. Alicia agreed and will reach out to NVCF.

Angie E. asked if other PTAs have separate 501c3 accounts. Susan D. confirmed that it is quite common.

Nick K. questioned how deposits would be handled from cash boxes in the future.

Amber P. reminded PC that Blue Oak is already a non-profit. Donations are tax deductible.

6.9 Review Existing Parent Council Bylaws - Tabled

## 7. CLOSING COMMENTS

## DISCUSSION ONLY

Amber P. brought up that winter and spring concerts are missing from the agenda. How can the PC help set up / support bake sales for the future? Maybe in the spring.

Susan D. confirmed that band practice is being practiced outdoors.

Amanda C. is working on a list for PC past events.

Blue Oak does have a traditions list.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT (~ 7:58 pm)



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