

**Blue Oak Charter School  
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CHARTER COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

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**Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

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*Mission: To nurture and deepen each child's academic and creative capacities using methods inspired by Waldorf education in a public school setting.*

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**AGENDA**

**OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1. Call Meeting to Order**

➤ Vicki Wonacott called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

**1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum**

➤ Present: Laurel Hill-Ward, Trisha Atehortua, Amber Brown, Vicki Wonacott, Leanna Glander, and Chelsea Parker (late)

➤ 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."*

- Vicki Wonacott read the school verse.

**1.4. Agenda Modifications**

- Susan Domenighini made an agenda modification to remove the Closed Session because there is no current update for the board.

**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)*

- No audience member addressed the council.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1. Approve Minutes from September 21st, 2021 and October 14th, 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. Actual to Budget Summary

**2.3. Point of Sale Transactions/Check Register**

**2.4. Advanced Document Concepts Purchase**

**2.5. Accept Employee Resignations**

**2.5.1. Korie Moore, Instructional Aide**

**2.6. Teleconferencing During State of Emergency**  
**State of Emergency (§ 8625)**

- Laurel Hill-Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trisha Atehortua seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chelsea Parker				X
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

- Vote passes

**3. GOVERNANCE**

**3.1. Finance Committee Report**

**Amber Brown**

- At the last BOFC meeting, the Finance Committee discussed ADA, enrollment and the marketing plan. The rest of the items discussed will be discussed again at tonight's meeting.

**3.2. Parent Council Report**

**Trisha Atehortua**

- The Parent Council is still establishing representatives for each class, although most have been decided at this point. Alicia Trider is now the PC Chair. PC discussed the Halloween Dance as well as the involvement of the Student Council, planned the last few details for the Harvest Festival, and debriefed about the Open House. The festival turned out to be a big hit and there were many families that enjoyed the Open House as well. Lots of positive feedback overall.

**3.3. Policy Review**

**Susan Domenighini**

**3.3.1. Air Quality (2nd Reading)**

- The policy presented shows how the school makes the decision about when to require lunch/recess inside due to poor air quality. This is the second reading; no modifications were made since the last reading.
- Trisha Atehortua made a motion to approve the policy. Amber Brown seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chelsea Parker				X
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

- Vote passes.

**3.3.2. Child Abuse (1st Reading)**

- Admin is currently going through, reviewing what we have, and will present policies that we do not have but need. For a few years we were focusing on personnel policy, now we are focusing on student centered policy as well as anything that comes up by need. Currently, Admin is using CUSD policies as a guide; they have a good process. We review them to match with charter school and Waldorf standards before bringing them to the board. The BOCC appreciates this work. This is the 1st reading of this policy which does not require a vote.

**3.3.3. Employee Assignment (Policy Update) - 1st Reading**

- This policy is already put into place but needs updating. This update is to make the language clearer to make it more aligned with labor laws. We are adjusting this policy to match the practices that the school has already been using.

**3.3.4. Leaves (Policy Update) - 1st Reading**

- This is a policy that is already in place but needs updating. The language in green is what needs to be updated. This is the 1st reading of this policy which does not require a vote.

**3.4. Markel Insurance Student Accident Policy Renewal**

- The contract presented is ongoing and needs board approval. This is the same coverage that we have used in the past.
- Trisha Atehortua made a motion to approve the policy. Laurel Hill-Ward seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chelsea Parker				X
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

- Vote passes.

**3.5. COVID-19 Response Update**

- There has not been a lot of news since our last meeting. At our school, there has been one more exposure case in our classrooms; that is four altogether now. A parent reached out with information on the unofficial Butte County COVID response website. Susan Domenighini was able to get our numbers up on that website along with a few other charter schools which helped satisfy a parent that addressed the council at the last meeting. Overall, we continue to have a safe campus; we still have not seen any transfers of COVID between staff and/or students. We also started our schools onsite COVID testing option today.
- Blue Oak was affected by protests yesterday. 28% of our students were not here, not sure how many were gone because of protests. We had a few parents reach out about the protests as well as a parent with a sign up out front. Susan has passed this info along to charter advocates in Sacramento to better support parents on all sides.

**3.6. ESSER III Expenditure Plan**

- This item has gone to the BOFC. Since then, Susan Domenighini has received some direction on how to update the document so there have been some edits. The financial parts haven't changed, just language about community engagement.
- Amber Brown made a motion to accept the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Laurel Hill-Ward seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Chelsea Parker				X
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

➤ Vote passes.

### 3.7. Renewal Extensions for CUSD

- As part of response to COVID, and the fact that schools have not been able to conduct proper state testing for a couple of years, the State has extended the charter renewal for all charter schools by 2 years. CUSD has resent the MOU to reflect that change. Our new renewal date is 2025. A vote for this document acknowledges and formalizes that change.
- Chelsea Parker joined the meeting.
- Trisha Atehortua made a motion to accept the renewal. Amber Brown seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chelsea Parker	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

➤ Vote passes.

### 3.8. MC2 Marketing Proposal

- Bit by bit, Blue Oak has been accepting small, short-term marketing plans since we first proposed this idea in May. Last month, Susan Domenighini asked MC2 to outline what continuing to accept these plans would look like through the rest of the school year as well as what more we could be doing to help boost enrollment. This is the plan that was brought to the BOFC.
- This is a new plan that builds upon what we have been doing so far and what we want to move forward with doing throughout the rest of the year. The last plan we engaged MC2 with worked a lot on our marketing message and presentation as well as started advertising via Google which we have started to see an impact from. The proposed plan would also give us Facebook ads as well as Google and a few other marketing ideas. We have currently expended our marketing budget,

so we would have to move some things around in order to make this work with our budget. Jim Weber recommends that this is a good use of funds since it will try to help boost our enrollment more in order to help bolster our funds in the long run.

- Susan and Jim discussed how we can siphon some money from one place to the next but, because it's October, we won't really have a clearer picture of how our budget is going to roll out until later in the year. So at the moment, this will be in addition to our budget. BOCC members that it would be smart to tap into the multi year roll out to fund this in order to ensure our enrollment over the years continues to grow. Overall, even with the approval of this plan our bottom line will still end in the positive.
- Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve the MC2 marketing proposal as presented. Trisha Atehortua seconded the motion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chelsea Parker	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

- Vote passes.

#### 4. FACULTY

Riley Murray & Nick Meier

##### 4.1. Grade Level Report

- Nick and Riley shared the presentation given at the PC meeting created by Teacher Cheryl. This presentation can be found on the Blue Oak website under the Parent Resources tab.

#### 5. ADMINISTRATION

##### 5.1. Executive Director's Report

Susan Domenighini

- Susan Domenighini shared some favorite moments from the week.
- Harvest Festival - what a great success! Thanks to everyone who made it possible; it was a joy to have everyone back, the soup was great; it was nice to have a chance to remember why we love Blue Oak
- Halloween Parade
  - The Halloween Parade is officially planned again for this year. Notices will be coming out soon.
- Halloween Dance
  - This event is happening soon; students are very excited.
- Open House

- Staff has given input about how this event went. There were a lot of positive comments. Admin will work to make a few adjustments for next year. Overall, there was lots of family engagement
- George and Donna
  - George and Donna returned to Blue Oak for training on dances for students. Faculty members were able to dance as well. George met with classroom teachers individually to mentor them. George connects staff with Steiners words and positivity very well.
- Mental Health Speakers
  - Some speakers came to talk with middle schoolers again to talk about mental health which is always important.
- MOD Pizza Fundraiser
  - This fundraiser will be held next Tuesday from 4PM to 8PM. The link will be going out in ParentSquare soon. Feel free to invite family and friends to help support our school.
- Protests
  - Trisha Atehortua asked if there was any way for parents to advocate for themselves but also still send their students to school. Susan has committed to gather info about how many of our families chose to not come to school for protest and will be sending that data to CCSA. They will pass it on to the advocates at the capital so voices from our school can be heard. The current environment is a hard place for parents to be in.

~~6. CLOSED SESSION~~

~~6.1. Real Estate~~

~~Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)~~

7. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, November 16th, 2021

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Vicki Wonacott adjourned the meetings at 7:03PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:  Date: 2/15/22

