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CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

➤ Chelsea Parker called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

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

➤ 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."

- Chelsea Parker read the school invocation.

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)

- No audience members were present to address the council.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approve Minutes from November 16th, 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. Teleconferencing During State of Emergency

State of Emergency (§ 8625)

2.5. Accept Offers of Employment

2.5.1. Tace Higuchi, Substitute Teacher

2.5.2. Kristin Chamber, Substitute Teacher

2.5.3. Joseph Shuffleberger, Substitute Teacher

2.5.4. Sarah Bernhardt, Instructional Aide

- Leanna Glander made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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. GOVERNANCE

3.1. Finance Committee Report

Amber Brown

- The BOFC reviewed the November financial reports with Jim Weber from Charter Impact as well as talked about the preschool program which Riley Murray will elaborate on later in this meeting. As stated in the financial update, ADA is down 243 from 252 which is worrisome from a budget perspective. However, due to a number of funds over the next couple of years, these changes won't severely impact our school until year 3 of our multi-year budget forecast. Until then, the school is working on getting plans into place to help combat this issue. Other than that, it was a fairly quick meeting and there is not a lot of news to report.

3.2. Parent Council Report

Trisha Atehortua

- At the last PC meeting, there was much talk about the pop-up event from last weekend, the last middle school dance, and plans for the May Faire. Many parents discussed possible solutions for how to have safe dances outdoors in colder months. The PC also talked about possible dates for the May Faire this year; considering planning on a Sunday and trying to avoid Mothers Day Weekend.
- Finally, the PC discussed having a collective fund for school wide supplies for classrooms that could help cover things such as holiday supplies and school events. There will hopefully be more details to come about this plan soon.

3.3. Policy Review

3.3.1. Grading Policy (2nd Reading)

- This is the second reading of this Grading Policy so it will require a vote. The school has been working on strengthening the clarity of our grading policy for a couple of years. This policy is primarily the work of our Pedagogical Team who also pulled information from other schools, public and private, as well as CUSD to craft it. Additionally, this policy was reviewed with faculty. Independent Study is its own separate piece of grading and is addressed in the last line of this policy.
- Leanna Glander made a motion to approve the Annual Narrative and Grading Policy. Vicki Wonacott 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.

3.4. COVID-19 Response Update

- Susan Domenighini updated the Council that Blue Oak has continued to have very few exposures and there have been no new exposures to report since the last meeting. Administration has not heard anything new from the state as far as

changes from the CDC. Blue Oak is continuing to have on-site testing on Tuesday which has been very well-utilized by our community.

3.5. Preschool Program

Riley Murray

- Riley Murray has been working closely with Susan Domenighini to get the Preschool Program started at Blue Oak. Riley believes that this program will help build our school community and is working hard to plan and approve this program so we can start building a waitlist. Our hope is to come back to the BOFC and BOCC in January to present final numbers so we can begin opening our enrollment.
- Riley gave a presentation for our preschool program via PowerPoint. Riley sent out a survey to collect information about interest in our community. There was not a lot of feedback but the feedback we did receive was encouraging. The prominent question was to help find sustainable pricing for this program. Our program could also be subsidized for those who could not afford to pay the full price of our program.
- The Preschool Program is being designed with the hope that one of our certificated teachers will be able to work in this program but that is to be determined. Proposed hours of services include options such as MWF and T/TH as well as M-F programs.
- Board members suggested providing some extended time for after-school care for those families who need it. Riley stated that they would consider that as a future possibility but first wanted to start the program with a slightly shorter, more sustainable day; starting with a program that mimics our school day and then expanding on that with additional options such as an extended day.
- Riley and Susan want to make this program cost-effective so it is attractive to all sorts of families. Board members feel that the more options and flexibility we can offer families the better. Riley wants to offer “passes” or consider hav a first come first serve drop-in rate. Board members feel that the outlined rates proposed seem standard to the current climate and suggest thinking about fees for late pick ups as well.
- Finally, the board would also like to see the projected costs of not only staffing but materials as well. Members feel it is important to market this program as a preschool that feeds into our Kindergarten program, not daycare, since it will only be 10 months of the year. Also, potty training requirements for younger students is something to consider as well. Overall, this program is a great start and all of the board members are very excited to see this unfold.

3.6. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant (2nd Reading)

- This is the second reading of this block grant and will require a vote. BOCC reviewed and discussed this grant at the last meeting. Nothing has changed from the last reading. This is a grant that Blue Oak will receive from the state and the document presented is an outline of how we will be spending the grant money.
- Leanna Glander made a motion to approve the block grant. Amber Brown 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.

4. FACULTY

Riley Murray & Nick Meier

4.1. Grade Level Report

➤ Riley Murray gave a quick update about all of the ongoings on Blue Oak campus before the holiday break. There have been many different celebrations such as Hanukkah and the Light Spiral and the hallways are filled with lots of holiday art that lift our spirits.

5. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 at 6:00PM

6. ADJOURNMENT

➤ Chelsea Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:03PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:  Date: 2/15/22

