

Blue Oak Charter School
450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 - 4:15 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 - 4:15 PM

1. OPENING

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Amber Brown called the meeting to order at 4:22PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Committee Members and Establish Quorum

- Present: Amber Brown, Susan Domenighini, Kate McDonald, Maggie Buckley
- Absent: Chairun Combs

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."

- Susan Domenighini read the school verse.

1.4. Audience to Address the Committee

This is the 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. Persons may not yield their time to another speaker (Gov. Code § 54954.3)

- There were no audience members present to address the committee.

1.5. Agenda Modifications

- No agenda modifications were made.

1.6. Approve Minutes from January 11th, 2022.

- Maggie Buckley made a motion to accept the minutes from January 11th. Susan Domenighini seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Susan Domenighini	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Kate McDonald	X			
Chairun Combs				X
Maggie Buckley	X			

- Vote passes.

**1.7. Teleconferencing During State of Emergency
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- The BOFC acknowledged the state of emergency for continued use of teleconferencing during committee meetings.

2. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2.1. Charter Impact Monthly Report

2.1.1. Attendance and Enrollment

2.1.2. Cash Flow

2.1.3. Balance Sheet Detail

2.1.4. Warrants/Aged Payable

2.1.5. Actual to Budget Summary (part of the Financial Forecast in the Charter Impact Report)

2.2. Point of Sale Transactions/Check Register

- Jim Weber from Charter Impact presented the January financial report for Blue Oak via powerpoint presentation. Jim explained that Blue Oak is currently over budget but this is an unusual school year so if we were to make a one-time loss, this may be the year to do it. There are talks of more funds in the years to come to make up for the loss that a lot of schools are experiencing; this is typically not the recommended model but it could be a possibility if need be. Otherwise, Blue Oak is still looking at a significant loss for this year due to reduced ADA. Cash flow is looking lower but still steady until the end of the year.
- Susan Domenighini recommended the BOCC accept the financial report as given. Kate McDonald seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Susan Domenighini	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Kate McDonald	X			
Chairun Combs				X
Maggie Buckely	X			

➤ Vote passes.

3. BUSINESS

3.1. Supplemental Annual Update for 2021-2022 LCAP

- The State wants an intermediate update on how our school is doing on our LCAP. This is the first document they require. Thank you to Jim for adding financial information to this document. This LCAP lasts until the 2024-25 school year so this document reflects that not everything has been completed yet, but it does show what we have done so far.
- Jim explained that since this committee meets every month to check in on the financial standing of the school, the BOFC has seen this information before, just not necessarily framed in light of the LCAP.
- Kate McDonald made a motion to recommend the LCAP update to the BOCC. Maggie Buckley seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Susan Domenighini	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Kate McDonald	X			
Chairun Combs				X
Maggie Buckely	X			

➤ Vote passes.

3.2. Executive Director's Report

3.2.1. State Finance Update

- ELOP Delay - The State has started to provide funding for 9 hour days for school services to be implemented starting this year but is now realizing many schools do not have the capacity to put this program into place at the moment. The State is now allowing the start of these programs to start next year instead since this is quite a hectic year to start a new program of this proportion.
- TK Class Size Reduction - The State is updating funding to meet recently-adopted TK class ratios, similar to preschools. This will become a

requirement through a rollout plan over the next two years. Blue Oak will have to take a look at the fine print to see if changes to our Kindergarten program will need to be made.

- State Preschool - There is continued funding for state preschools; this is good information to have when discussing sustainable school topics.
- CSDC News - There is currently action for “hold harmless” legislation at the State level. One proposal is to give charters the same options that districts get which means Blue Oak would get to choose which ADA from the past two years we would want to use for the current year's budget. This reduces mid-year budget cuts; Susan likes this option the best and hopes that it will continue post-pandemic as well. Currently, all schools are struggling with attendance; this is not a strictly Blue Oak problem. Another proposal is to provide a 3 year rolling ADA system which would mean that if you are increasing your ADA, you wouldn't get funding for it until 3 years later. Susan's continued advocacy for charter schools is that lawmakers need to treat ADA as an education issue instead of a funding issue.

4. SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL DESIGN TASK FORCE

4.1. Schoolwide Planning

- Susan Domenighini presented a document of school calculations that depicts how many full Kindergarten classes would be required to double track each grade at our school. Susan will present the budget for what this may look like in the future at the next board meeting.
- One committee member reminded the audience that when we compare numbers like these to other Waldorf schools, we need to keep in mind we are one of the few Waldorf schools that is a Title I school so it is important to consider the type of support our students may need that other Waldorf schools may not need.
- It is important to look at the importance of building our Kindergarten and preschool programs because when a student starts their educational foundation with Blue Oak, it is more likely they will stay throughout the years. This is compared to students who transfer after having experience in a public school setting. Focusing on this is what helps us build our overall enrollment throughout the years. With this, it may be important to have the conversation more and more about the differences between our program from K-3 and other public schools programs to emphasize the importance of seeing our Waldorf education through. We do see students who are coming into middle school and students who leave for middle school, but Kinder is the best and main focus for attendance retention through the years.

4.2. Preschool Planning


- Preschool planning was discussed briefly during the State Finance Update. More information to come.

5. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 4:15PM

6. ADJOURNMENT

- Amber Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:22PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:  Date: 4/20/22

