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CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 - 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 6:03PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

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

➤ 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."

- Laurel Hill-Ward read the school verse.

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)

- Chairun Combs, a teacher at Blue Oak, requested that the faculty reports be put at the top of agenda so that more faculty members may attend the meetings.
- Chelsea Parker would like to move the items listed Faculty to just before the item listed Governance. 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.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approve Minutes from January 18th, 2022.

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. Luke Buyert, Substitute Teacher

2.5.2. Meagan Fischer, Substitute Teacher

- 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
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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. FACULTY

3.1. Academic Testing

Chairun Combs

- Chairun Combs gave the CASSPP state testing report. Before the CampFire, the school was in fair and good standing, showing improvement in Math and ELA. State testing is not necessarily about how many students are proficient, it's mostly about how many students are making growth. Blue Oak has been making growth since the CampFire. The graphs shown, measure the distance of the average student from the standard. Due to the pandemic, Blue Oak will not have official state measures for the 2020-21 school year; this was standard for all schools in the state. An area for optimism is that Blue Oak has new curriculum in place and our i-Ready tests are showing that our school test scores are getting stronger. Chairun's concerns are obviously the long term effects of the pandemic. It will be nice to see the 3rd grade reports next year because they have had the new curriculum for the last two years. Chairun is confident about our state testing scores right now; the main issue is attendance and enrollment at the moment.

3.2. Grade Level Report

Riley Murray & Nick Meier

- Riley Murray gave the faculty report. Valentine's Day was very sweet; the school was full of love! This faculty report, and past reports, can be found on the Blue Oak website on the Parent Resource page.

4. GOVERNANCE

4.1. Finance Committee Report

Amber Brown

- Amber Brown gave the BOFC report, letting council members know that most of what was discussed at the Finance meeting will be covered by Susan later in this meeting. The main concern is our attendance; our ADA is at about 240 right now which is much lower than the budget we are currently operating at. Otherwise, most of the same.

4.2. Parent Council Report

Trisha Atehortua

- Trisha Atehortua reported on the last PC meeting, stating that members discussed equity gaps in the classrooms, how to serve teachers best, and classroom funds. PC members also talked about the May Faire, being held on Sunday May 1st; a separate May Faire committee has been established to work on planning that event. The PC is also working on some other side fundraising events coming up this year as well as working on making the PC a 501(c)3 which will help with

creating a separate funding account. Finally, the PC had an equity discussion regarding dance ticket prices versus fundraising efforts for school dances.

4.3. Equity & Inclusion Task Force Report **Susan Domenighini**

- The Equity Task Force is moving forward with a number of projects. We have Black History assembly coming up this Thursday and we are currently working on a celebration calendar for the school and for each grade. To do this, we are starting with the moods of the grades and then working on integrating celebrations of holidays and cultures to ensure they are addressed throughout the grades. We are also continuing our work in professional development with Lyndsay Klipfel by breaking down the identity iceberg and meeting with each grade group soon.

4.4. COVID-19 Response Update

- Blue Oak has been sending our COVID cases to be part of the unofficially Butte County reports. Our school saw a lot of exposure during January. This information was also sent out in a ParentSquare today as well to give everyone a heads up about what we may be seeing in schools coming up such as new bills that may drop masking mandates for schools and possible vaccination requirements.
- Karissa, a Blue Oak parent, commented on this item and urged the council to look at the comments relating to the video sent out in the Parent Square as well as looking at what the school Kyros in Vacaville has been doing in light of these new bills.

4.5. Receipt of ESSER III Expenditure Plan

- Susan Domenighini presented the receipt of our ESSER III Expenditure Plan. This is just an update for the council members; no action needs to be taken.
- Karissa, a Blue Oak parent, was glad that the funding was accepted and wanted to know how the funding will be used. This plan is funds that we already have and have been using; the expenditure plan is just an outline of how we have been using the funds so far. The approval of this document means that our plan is acceptable. The BOFC regularly reviews information like this.

4.6. Supplemental and Mid-Year LCAP Report

- The LCAP reports presented are reports required by the state. Jim Weber explained that this information is reviewed every month in the financial reports but it is always important we review it again through the lens of the LCAP. The LCAP is a 3 year plan and we are about halfway through it. These documents need to be accepted by the board.
- Laurel Hill-Ward made a motion to accept these documents in their present form. 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.

4.7. 2022/2023 School Calendar

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- Annual approval of the calendar, has been reviewed and accepted by our Leadership Team which has reps from faculty, classified and administration; it is a joint effort to bring it together; our major holiday breaks in line with CUSD breaks; we start with CUSD calendar in order to create ours; there are no changes to the bell schedule at this time; this year, we put an extra in-service day on the last Friday of the year due to the special knowledge that our school will be moving next summer; last day of school will also be Blue Oak graduation date
- Jackie, June 1st, that is also CUSD graduation dates, it may be something to consider so that we do not have overlapping ceremonies;
- Chelsea, urge the faculty and administration to make decisions about graduation to consider time overlaps this year; this is a challenges for families and teachers
- Trisha made a motion to accept the school calendar for 2022-2023. Vicki 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.

4.8. Policy Update

4.8.1. Holidays

- The school would like to add Indigenous Peoples’ Day to our list of paid holidays. This is the second year our employees will be celebrating this holiday so classified staff have requested to put this on the list of paid holidays for the year. Administration supports this idea. This is only the first reading of the new policy so no action is required. The BOCC will be voting on it at the next meeting.
- The school did not have Columbus Day on the school calendar previously, adding the celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ Day is a new addition. The financial cost will only impact our full time classified employees but Susan will bring a financial report of what that impact will look like at the next meeting.

4.9. Board Member Transition

- Chelsea Parker has made the decision to move her son to another school so she is no longer eligible to hold a Parent Seat at Blue Oak. She would like to ask Charter Council to move her to a Community Seat since there is an open seat already and no one has applied to this. This decision will require a vote. Overall, this will strengthen our board and balance out our parent versus community member seats since we previously had an unfilled seat.
- Leanna Glander made a motion for Chelsea to be appointed as a Community Member Seat. 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.

4.10. Board Member Application

- With a new parent member seat now available, we have an applicant who is interested: Kristen Woods. She has had teaching experience, has been a parent at Blue Oak for the past 5 years, and is interested in helping support Blue Oak in this new way as well. She works in mental health and her current work keeps her familiar with Brown Act laws. This is the first experience she will have on a school board.
- Trisha Atehortua made a motion to accept Kristen Woods' application. 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.

- Alex Archer will work on getting Kristin set up with Brown Act training before the next board meeting.

~~5. FACULTY~~

~~5.1. Academic Testing~~

~~Chairun Combs~~

~~5.2. Grade Level Report~~

~~Riley Murray & Nick Meier~~

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Executive Director's Report

Susan Domenighini

6.1.1. State 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.

6.1.2. Sustainable School Calculations

- 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.
- 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.

- This is the work the BOFC has been starting. Susan doesn't have a financial report to support these options but will get those soon. Faculty said 30 students in a class would be too large; a double track might be too big of a school for our current facilities. Attrition in middle school is common; Susan is currently working on crunching those numbers to see what our common history with this is.

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1. Real Estate

Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

- No action was taken.

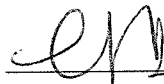
8. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 at 6:00PM

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Chelsea Parker adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:



Date:

