



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

Parent Council Regular Meeting Agenda - Approved Minutes

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. OPENING (~ 6:07 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 Land Acknowledgement

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.

1.3 Two-word check-in

2. PUBLIC COMMENT > AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL (~ 6:16 pm)

Amber Pierce reminded folks to keep submitting Box Tops and make sure Amazon Smile are both set up to contribute to Blue Oak - Ways to contribute to the School - Scans are Put on Agenda for next time to discuss further. How to incorporate

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (~ 6:23 pm)

DISCUSSION

Please bring forth any edits or modifications to tonight's agenda at this time.

None brought forth.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (~ 6:15 pm)

DISCUSSION & ACTION

4.1 Minutes from 1/4/2022 1st J. Hammer. 2nd. Nick K. Approved.

5. REPORTS (~ 6:20 pm)

DISCUSSION

5.1 Charter Council Liaison - Trisha Atehortua - Categorical Budgeting was discussed and challenges associated with working with established budgets in that fashion moving forward are expected with this administration. Equity Task Force discussed - more details under 5.4 below.

Covid 19 numbers were discussed. Spread not a concern as much in each class. Exposures mainly offsite. Push to have onsite Pre-school. First year fine tuning in the works. Direction to move forward from Council. Pre-school - does have space on-site. Lease is still current through 2023 and location is being considered throughout that process. Since school is funded on attendance basis and how the state is funding public charter, these items also being considered .

5.2 Administration Liaison - Rachel Ceja - Nothing to add to Trisha's report.

5.3 Faculty Liaison - Cheryl Grant - Shared how each class is participating from Handwook to 8th Grade studies shared in a slideshow.

5.4 Equity Task Force - Claire Fong 1/10/22 Guest speaker Lindsey talked about identity and how traditionally the " Age of Exploration" is taught with a Eurocentric focus. Teachers can expand this by looking at non-European cultures and countries. Concrete examples were explored for issues that we may be confronted with. Gender Neutral options for restrooms were an example of things to explore and something to consider for selecting a new school site. Currently, Gender Neutral options are for students to use the admin restroom which isn't very easily accessible.

Reminder of teacher appreciation day - when that may be. Let the PC know that staff lounge needs a little sprucing up.

Kristen - Lack of parents availability was brought up, but how do the teachers let the parents know that they are needed in the classroom. Onsite testing is available so that parents can be on campus. Clair will reach out to Alex to ask staff what the needs are.

Coordinate with Alex - to help "Spruce up" up the break room. Requirements to be on campus are to be vaccinated or tested, but this can also be coordinated with the Teacher Appreciation Day.

Lots of comments were in favor of helping with the Staff Lounge.

Noted that we should set up a Committee to establish a Sign Up Genius or way that we can all help as parents. Alicia volunteered to start this process.

5.5 Treasurer - Franki Boisseree - Not Present. Current Balance of Funds Available as of last meeting were \$17,000.

6. NEW BUSINESS (~6:45 pm)

DISCUSSION & ACTION

6.1 General Funding Requests (if any) - Requestor to be present and provide clear up-to amount

- ~~Tracy Harrison, 5th grade rep, equity needs for Riley Murray's class up to \$300~~

Not Present to discuss

- Alicia Trider, 2nd grade rep, equity needs for Kate McDonald's class up to \$300. Kristina Miller raised the question about whether or not the teachers were aware of what the class funds are currently and to ask for support from the school. The extra steps and the time it takes may be preventing this action from being taken. Specialty Teachers do not have classroom funds. There are limited classroom funds based on each class's fundraising efforts and teachers are not always aware of how much money is in their account. Maggie needs to be consulted to find out if funds are available.

Teacher Cheryl - reminded the PC that Teacher's do have a class fund to request supplies from (except for specialty teachers). From a teacher perspective it is time

consuming to get items that are requested. Advanced planning is required to make these requests.

Amber reminded all that the PC bylaws permit us to support classrooms.

Kristina Miller Motioned that this request be approved for Mrs. McDonald's Class for up to \$300. 2nd. Brandy Jellison. Approved.

J. Hammer suggested that we all go back to our classes to see what the other equity gaps are.

Alicia and Rachel Ceja will be sending a survey to all staff asking about equity needs, too.

6.2 Valentine's Day Fundraiser - Kristina

- Committee/planning updates - Spring Fundraiser is planned to put together a basket for a PC fundraiser. A table will be needing a person to help sell tickets for the basket. Contact Kristina if you have items to contribute. Asking for donations for the school - there are specifics for Approval before soliciting businesses.

6.3 May Faire (School Wide Event) - Sunday, May 1, 2022

- Committee/planning updates - Kristen Woods would like to be on the Committee. Angie E. - Will help. Karissa and Jackie Hammer will help in what fashion possible. Jackie Hammer will start the email. Brandy Jellison bajellison@gmail.com would like to be included in the planning for the May Faire.
- This event will be in Three Months.

6.4 Become Non-Profit with Northern Valley Community Foundation - Alicia T

- Review feedback from Todd Logan (see forwarded email from Alicia)
- NVCF - a 5% gift fee for each contribution. A \$100 initial setup fee.
- A. Pierce - Question is raised whether the funds would be readily available - to move to NVCF if they are in the Blue Oak General Fund - This will be clarified with Maggie.
- A. Pierce suggested that PC donations to the school already are Tax deductible and to a Non Profit.
- Therefore Perhaps no change is needed.
- Alicia discussed whether other options existed. This topic will continue to be discussed in a future meeting.
- No action taken on this item at this time.

6.5 Equity Gaps in Classrooms

- Rachel Ceja - crafting email and survey for teachers
- Alicia T - report from Maggie about class funds
- Both items were discussed earlier in the meeting.

6.6 Middle School Dinner and Dance 2/11/22 - Jackie

- Discuss equity issues

- Issue: requiring payment for community event; not all community members can afford and attend; we don't charge entrance fees for other community events
- Discussion: How to continue fundraising and make dances accessible to all?

Brandy - Suggested that this is a Fundraiser - make this clear in the announcement and let the need be known that may be an opportunity for sponsoring a student if there is a reason they can't attend.

Teacher Cheryl - Fundraiser is for the Dance and a lot of effort is going into the event specifically to raise funds..

Kristina Miller - Reminded the PC that the Donation-Only Harvest Festival was successful and something similar could be done for the dance in terms of ticket sales.

Michelle - suggested that an essay contest could be held for free entry into the dance.

Brandi - Suggested that it be included in the announcement if a student needed to be sponsored, they wouldn't feel singled out.

Kristen W.- Suggested that buddies reach out to the - 6th, 7th 8th graders to help your friends to to the dance.

Jackie Hammer - Will meet with the Admin to reserve the PopCorn Machine. She is open to changing the Sign to Say Suggested Donation for the Dance.

Alicia Trider - suggested that barriers to this event should be avoided, such as charging admission fees when we know that some students can't afford it but still want to attend.

Ultimately - No child will be turned away from the fundraising event; no consensus or plan on how that would happen.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

Kristen wants to know if she should get on the Agenda for the next meeting for their 1st Grade Meeting. Fundraising Application is available for the Facility Use / Approval Form for a Fundraiser.

Kristina Miller suggested that the PC could also help support the fundraiser/class for moving to a Donation basis for entry.

Amber Pierce -Reminded the PC that nothing prevents the school from having a free dance as another event.

8. ADJOURNMENT (~8:23 pm)