



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

Approved Parent Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 2, 2022 @ 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. OPENING (~ 6:08 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 Blue Oak Parent Council Mission Statement

The Parent Council serves as the leadership core for the parent body, primarily focused on school community and culture as well as fundraising efforts to help support the financial needs of the school.

1.3 Two-word check-in

2. PUBLIC COMMENT > AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL (~ 6:10 pm)

Alicia - Rep. Welcome Ryan Sanders to the Meeting.

Amber P. - People please keep submitting box tops.

Kristen - Weekly Volunteer Options could go out as a reminder in Acorns to encourage Volunteering on Campus. Suggested that the PC meetings being recorded would be a good idea.

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (~ 6:15 pm)

DISCUSSION

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

6.1 Broken down into a, b, c for tracking purposes

6.2 Revised to "Discussion and Planning Update"

4. CONSENT AGENDA (~ 6:20 pm)

DISCUSSION & ACTION

4.1 Minutes from 2/1/2022 **Approved 1st. Frankie B. 2nd. Angie E.** All Approve. None Opposed

5. REPORTS (~ 6:20 pm)

DISCUSSION

- 5.1 Charter Council Liaison - Trisha Atehortua
- 5.2 Administration Liaison - Susan D
- 5.3 Faculty Liaison - Cheryl Grant
- 5.4 Equity Task Force - Susan D
- 5.5 Treasurer - Franki Boisseree

Finance COVID 19 - numbers were up 18+ as of 2/15/22. Parent Square Senate Bill 871 information and masking has been sent out. Encouraged parents to read and become educated on the bill. LCAP - school accountability report. New Calendar was created. You can make vacation plans etc. around the calendar.

Chairun Combs discussed School testing with the board - was delayed because of COVID for some classes, but some test results are improving.
Attendance is important for school funding.

Susan D. - Updates - Masking announcements. as of 3/11, the mask requirement will be going away.

Charter Council will approve the policy moving forward.

Book faire is running now. Children are getting excited.

Spirit Week is this week. Fun to see kids dressed up in the morning.

Ms.Lee (4th Grade) panoramas are in the hallway. Excited about these types of activities.

Townhall 3/10 5 pm. coming up - to discuss changing looping with options for middle school. Also will

focus on planning for the next year. Will have an option to continue zoom to allow more people to attend.

Cheryl - Faculty Update - March 1st. Happy Spring!

Lily Rost - Kids in the Cradle - Lavender Heart Valentines and Bread were made.

Maple Rose - Snowflakes and a statue and a hat were made from a tale from Japan, Grateful Statues.

Ms. Jennifer - Hansel and Gretel Play. Valentines Art themed projects 100th day of school was celi grated.

Ms. McDonald - Black History Month - Posters of poems were decorating the hall after their presentations.

Ms. Machek - Hebrew Legends and visiting the garden.

Ms. Sarah Lee - 4th Grade

Ms. Madera 7th - Machines, egg drops and ruth goldberg.

8th Grade - Resources around the world

Espanol - Environmental conservation in Spanish, Megusta and nomegusta

6th Grade - Handwork - Embroidery of the starry mountain. Next will be Shields.

Suggestion to post these great projects to the Blue Oak Website

Lindsey Cliffelt - Iceburg activity - What you see above the surface is only a fraction of what is below the surface. Ways of comfortably bring different views into a classroom. Working on a celebration calendar to bring diversity into the school on a regular basis.

Amber P. Suggested that a suggestion box may be a way of getting input for the Equity Task Force Etc.

Feedback - Assemblies are great! Kristen Woods encouraged more assemblies ie. Black History Month was really fun for her Children.

Sarah Heck - Question Raised - Is the curriculum being looked at to look at waldorf pedagogy novel sets to see if there are other opportunities to make changes based on the needs.

Christine - Appreciates that this discussion is happening and realizes that not everyone will always be comfortable when new topics (equity) are being discussed.

Frankie B - Financial Report - Says Thank you to Maggie - Garden Club - \$700 which is separate (\$150 for irrigation funds requested earlier this year)

Total Amount Allocated: \$16,574.44

All approved requests entire year to spend the requested amount

Jackie requested that Parent Council funds be available to review 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Brought up how we got to this amount. Last year, we only spent \$700. Allocations were not used in 2021. We were able to do some fundraising. Just encouraged us to be cautious and focus on fundraising in 2023.

Ryan - Asked if we had funding goals? Determining what funds we need to raise in order to replenish our funds.

Harvest Festival and May Fair: Raise about \$2000

We do have historical data to determine what funds we can raise.

Kristen W. - Funds per class - in the past, teachers have reached out to parents for fundraising.

Frankie B. Shared that PC typically funds more in specialty classes, because they serve the whole school. This year, things have changed for some class needs.

Angie E. - Has been involved with many fundraisers over the years. It really depends on who is on the PC. Box Dinners, Holiday Cookie Kits. It has been difficult to determine who can help for consistent events that the PC can fundraise and allocate funds.

Frankie B. - Agreed that at the end of the year we should look at our total funds.

Maggie sends the breakdown and statement of activities for all PC Reps to review. We do pay paypal fees for donations. We currently pay 3% currently for donations.

Amber P. - reminded the PC that Fundraising will also increase when spring and winter concerts occur when PC has dedicated bake sale fundraising at these events.

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

- **6.1a - Tracy Harrison, 5th grade rep, equity needs for Riley Murray's class - up to \$300**

- Tracy reported that Ms. Murray requested the need of 3x (\$13) Exercise and wobble Chairs \$119.74x2 \$239 - Grand Total: not to exceed \$300 for wobble chairs.

1st. Kristina Motioned to Approve. Ryan 2nd. Approved.

- **6.1b - Karissa Hernandez, 1st grade rep, May Faire funding up to \$800**

Question raised: J. Hammer - are class funds discussed and known? Tracy confirmed that these chairs were based on the equity gap.

Angie E. - Suggested that we ensure that chairs stay around to the next

Jackie H. - Suggested that we identify the wobble chairs stay with the 4th grade as these children move on. Also understands that they may need to stay with the class to meet the needs of the children.

Kristen W. - Suggested that the Equity Gap Fund be capped or procedures determined for how funds be released. Typically funds could have been raised in the classrooms. This could help clarify how the PC funds are to be released for Equity Gaps.

- **6.1c - Nick Meier, Games Teacher, Playground Equipment up to \$500**

Nick Myer - Funding Request - Playground Equipment in an amount up to \$600 - \$250 for good quality basketball hoop. He has talked to Susan D. and Buck E. about painting \$300. Paint for painting parking lots \$40 per bucket. Paint could be purchased at any hardware store. Hoops could be relocated when/if school relocates.

Amber P. asked if there were any requests were made to the parents of students of the classes. Nick M. confirmed he decided to go to PC for requesting funds first.

Jen motions to Approve. Nick K. Second - Approved.

6.2 May Faire Discussion and Planning Update (School Wide Event) - Karissa Hernandez

- Committee/planning updates?
- Date of event: Sunday, May 1, 2022

May Faire - Kristen W. Would like to get input from the PC who will participate
Time 10 - 1? Scheduling: Opening Act by 8th Grade. Maypole Dancing 10:30
11:00 Fundraising opportunity
11:45 Balet Company \$200
Student Talent Show
Decorations and Supplies for Activities \$request
Community Activities / Priority over fundraising activities

Ryan - Raised a Question - If the may fair can raise \$1000 as a whole?

Jackie H. - reminded the PC that this is a community outreach opportunity.
Thinks \$800 is a high amount, because typically half this amount has been necessary to fund the may faire in the past. Cheryl reminded the PC that each class would need to fund their own fundraisers

with Covid Precautions - are there limitations to consider? Susan D. Confirmed that since the event is all outdoors. Concerns about transfer of virus on inanimate objects is not a concern now.

Brandy J. Motions to Approve an amount up to \$800 for the may faire that Krisent Woods is able to spend. 2nd. Angie. E. The funds are to be release to Kristin Woods. Approved

Kristina - Suggested that in the future, the minutes could be approved via email. Something for future meeting. Alicia T. suggested that this could also be incorporated into the bylaws.

6.3 Spring Basket Fundraiser - Kristina Miller

- Committee/planning updates?

Spring Basket / Mother's day basket - looking for people to help put together the gift basket. Please email Kristina if you are interested kristinamiller@gmail.com

6.4 Become Non-Profit with Northern Valley Community Foundation - Alicia Trider - Skipped

- Continue discussion from last meeting

6.5 Middle School Dinner and Dance 2/11/22 Update

- How did fundraising go?
- How was the equity issue addressed? (Susan)

Update on Middle School Dance Fundraising Event - 6/7/8th grade dance - Raychel Ceja - Was there but wasn't sure how much to charge. The cash box needed to be ironed out. Posting of pricing would have been. Susan D. - Shared we made \$472 which is lower than usual income for a dance. Susan D. did also identify some confusion for posting the fundraiser. Suggested that we need to have a flier that we had a Suggested Donation Amount. This may have caused some confusion. Jackie H. - Signage was posted that was confusing. Jackie H. - Confirmed that we made almost \$600, which is split between the two classes. after nearly \$200 for the DJ. Susan Ceja - Her

focus was asking for permission slips and cell phones. We also served dinner with this dance, so additional funds were likely raised.

6.6 Other Fundraising Ideas?

- Tabling with teaching demos in the community

Next Month: Lets discuss other fundraiser ideas for next year.

Provide an Onboard Packet for the PC. Intend to prepare information for the Faculty and PC senior members of the PC.

Susan D. Classroom Fundraising is a classroom responsibility. We connect through the Parent Council.

Fundraising is generally done as a classroom as a whole.

Class signups - for fundraising, parent reps to the classrooms, and the teachers relay this information to the classes.

Classroom Fundraisers - You need to complete the Facility Use Form - Right now there are so few fundraisers going on, there will likely be no conflicts. When you submit your form, it will be reviewed for conflicts to ensure that there are not conflicts and it can be put on the community calendar.

Moving forward - better communication may be needed for what the event is and what we want to ask.

Question Raised - how do classes know what the fundraisers will be? i.e. plant starts in the 3rd grade, they are in the garden. 7th grade dance fundraising is to help the 8th grade field trip. Generally the fundraising can be class curriculum specific.

Kristina - Continuity is important. Fundraising isn't clear for additional fundraising needs. What are the Blue Oak Spirit Fundraising Rules.

Susan D. - The fundraising foundation / rules and developing the goals on how we raise and release funds. Also can use the parent meetings.

Mrs. Cheryl - Explained to the PC that the funds raised from the last dance will fund 1 child from each 7th grade class to the Ashland Field Trip.

Grades fundraiser but the school will not leave students out. Generally will not leave families out. Class fund will cover the difference to pay for what isn't paid to make it affordable.

Ryan - Interested in Historical Data Questions. General PC support for this research was expressed.

Alicia - Do we need to look at other options for field trips if they are not affordable? Susan confirmed that this Hasn't been a problem to date Getting the whole class there. It would be a loss of the curriculum if the locations were changed.

6.7 Welcome Packet/Onboarding for New PC Reps

- Initial discussion and ideas

More to be discussed next month. Susan D and Jackie will discuss after this meeting past PC happenings to develop ideas for this packet.

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

DISCUSSION

PC members need to have Parent Square invites to share information. This way all parents are included. It updates daily and information can be tracked. May be helpful in the next month's agenda to have a brief overview of the Parent Square access for the PC Reps.

Information can be put out in the Acorn too. The PC Reps need a way to reach out to the other class parents.

Heather - What are the fundraiser needs in each grade? A Rough Draft should be sent out to the PC to identify all the field trips and fundraising opportunities.

Next meeting may be in person if the mask mandate goes away. It may also be good to keep the zoom as an option. Nothing replaces the in person meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT (~8:00 pm)