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CHARTER COUNCIL
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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 6:06PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

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

➤ 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

- There were no agenda modifications 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)

- Jodi Rives addressed the Council to inform them that her daughter has been the target of different forms of bullying at Blue Oak. Ms. Rives shared examples of what her daughter has been experiencing. Her and her husband have been trying to support their students' mental health in any way possible and feels that Blue Oak and the Executive Director have done the same. Her daughter has been a part of this community since Kindergarten. She feels the Blue Oak Administrators need to do better to help her child and future children in this position.
- Nick Meier, the Blue Oak Games teacher and father of this same student, has been an employee at Blue Oak for 10 years. He reports that his daughter has been targeted many times and has tried multiple courses of action to try to deal with this issue as a parent. He wanted to bring this issue to the attention of the board that, because he has been trying to help his daughter, he has not been allowed to go on the 8th grade class trip because it is perceived that he has overstepped his role as a teacher. In an attempt to keep his job, he has not been able to advocate for her the way he would like. He requests that the board develop an extensive anti-bullying program at the school for students 5th grade and up; maybe even as young as 3rd grade. He would like to see this program address consent around cyber ethics, cyber bullying, etc. He believes being without a counselor has compounded this issue for his daughter as well. He would also like to ask the Council to look into how our school handles issues that involve staff members who are also parents of a child at this school.
- Sarah Lee, a teacher at Blue Oak, has stepped into the co-chair role, in place of Mrs. Murray, for the next school year. Mrs. Murray has invited her to join the Charter Council to introduce herself. Next year she is going to be the 5th grade teacher.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approve Minutes from April 19th, 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 Employee Resignations

2.6. Accept Offers of Employment for 2022-2023 School Year

- Amber Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trisha Atehortua seconded the motion.
- Leanna Glander lost connection and was unable to vote.
- 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			
Kristen Woods	X			

- Vote passes.

3. FACULTY

3.1. Grade Level Report

Riley Murray & Nick Meier

- May has been very busy: 6th grade is on their Shady Creek field trip; 4th grade, 1st grade and both 5th grades are going on field trips this Friday; 3rd grade has attended a field trip recently; 8th grade performed their play recently; both 7th grades also went to Ashland recently; and teachers are getting ready to move classrooms in the last week of school. There was a lot of appreciation for all of the work of the Parent Council and volunteers who celebrated teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. 5th grade is looking for olive branches to make wreaths for their pentathlon field trip. Thanks to everyone involved who helped make all of our field trips happen.
- Leanna Glander rejoined the meeting.

4. GOVERNANCE

4.1. Finance Committee Report

Amber Brown

- Amber Brown reported that the last BOFC meeting was very short. The school is in a position that means our cash flow will be short in July and August. Jim Weber is looking into borrowing options to make sure we get through those months. ADA is at 242. There is more funding for special education this year but at the moment there is an increased need, so even though that funding will increase next year it will be a wash since the needs are higher than they have been in the past.
- For the sustainable school discussion, the BOFC talked about the need for filling the Spanish teacher opening; this is important for Waldorf accreditation. The committee also discussed ideas to help with attendance, since we are losing funding from low attendance, and talked about the idea of having 30 students per class; the different options for class sizes will be outlined in the draft budget. The committee talked about grants to help support our Pre-K program and summer

school programs as well as the extended school days next year. A preschool program at Blue Oak probably won't roll out until 2023-24 school year; possibly the Spring of 2023 but it is a big undertaking so will take some time. Finally, Summer school will be in July; half days for two weeks.

4.2. Parent Council Report

Trisha Atehortua

- Trisha Atehortua reported that the PC had a good meeting this month. The PC talked about the May Faire; everyone felt it went well, there were a lot of volunteers, it was a well organized event, etc. Some rough budget numbers from May Faire payout were presented; overall everyone in attendance seemed like they enjoyed it. Additionally, the raffle basket from last year finally got raffled off.
- Teacher Appreciation Week was a success; there was something for the staff every day. The Equity Team is hosting a clothing/book swap this week; bring a blanket to swap goods 12:30PM to 2:00PM this Thursday. Also, the PC will do concessions at the Spring Concert. The PC is looking to plan a meeting to review bylaws and code of conduct soon. Also, the PC is trying to reach out to find members now to determine interest for next year; this will help with Harvest Festival planning as well. First hybrid PC meeting of the year went well.

4.2.1. PC Financial History

Ryan Sanders

- Ryan Sanders prepared and presented a slide deck for the PC, and now the BOCC, to outline what fundraisers the PC had engaged with in the past; this information will help the PC make informed decisions in the future. The PC wanted to know more about how much the PC spends versus how much income they are receiving each year. Keeping in mind this goes back to 2018 so COVID and Camp Fire affect this data. Roughly, the PC raises about \$6,000 a year; the big money winners are Walk into Winter, Harvest Festival, Concession stands, etc. and some of the money losers are the school store, t-shirt sales, read-a thon, etc. The PC will find out soon if they made a profit with May Faire. Historically, the Harvest Festival is more of a fundraiser and May Faire is more of an event for the community which is just as important in many ways. The school store and t-shirt sales are money losers at the moment because we bought a bunch of stock and then didn't have the opportunity to sell those items off in the last few years. The t-shirt model is slowly being switched to print on demand, which the school has already taken advantage of, so we aren't sure we will see sales in return for that purchase. Also, the presentation outlined grant approvals versus what has been spent to date; at the end of the school year, the funds for each grant that have not been spent yet will go back to PC. At the moment, the PC has approved about \$6,000 in grants but only about \$1,500 of those funds have been spent. Classroom fundraisers are separate from this information and separate from the PC budget.
- Thank you, Ryan, for putting together this information. The board and staff have noticed this year's PC has been much more informed about what they are going to do moving forward.

4.3. Equity & Inclusion Task Force Report

Susan Domenighini

- The Equity Task Force had their final meeting of the year. To review some of the work this year, the Task force: created a document that outlines when each grade studies each culture, sent out a celebrations calendar so the school has a plan for cultural and diversity celebrations for next year; met with upper grades student representatives to discuss dress code to ensure dress code is not gender specific;

worked with Lyndsay Klipfel this year on professional development; and looked at a number of different community resources to utilize for training and education for next year. The faculty has asked to focus on one professional development goal at time each year, next year's focus will be behavior. Diversity, equity and inclusion will tie into this theme as well. Stonewall came to the school recently to talk with middle school students; this sparked an idea by the Task Force utilize resources like these more often for things such as parent education nights, etc. Coming up, the Task Force will be hosting a clothing/book swap which will be an equitable event for all families. The GSA faded away as our interns became less available but next year it will continue to be hosted by a staff member who will receive training from Stonewall. Finally, next year we will have a new set of staff members sign up to join the Task Force and parents will be invited back to join again as well.

4.4. COVID-19 Response

- Susan Domenighini reported that in preparation for the 7th grade field trip, there was one positive COVID case found; this student unfortunately had to stay back but no one else in class tested positive.

**4.5. Public Hearing of the 2022-2023 LCAP
LCAP Public Hearing (§ 52062)**

- Chelsea Parker started the public hearing at 6:58PM.
- The Local Control and Accountability Plan was presented for public hearing. At the moment, the funding amounts have not been added to the document just yet, but will be entered before the next BOFC meeting and, therefore, also for approval by the BOCC. The LCAP is a 3 year plan which outlines how we are spending and plan to spend our schools LCAP funding. This year's update is to reflect on where we stand in our plan so far and where we will be heading next. The BOCC reviewed the plan summary and goals. The financial review of the LCAP will be addressed at the next meeting. The LCAP document can be found in this meeting's BOCC packet.
- Chelsea Parker closed the public hearing at 7:38PM.

4.6. Facility Grant Program SP740

- This Facility Grant Program is very critical for charter schools. This is state funding that helps reimburse the cost of facility rent. The rate is based per ADA or 75% of your rent. It is pretty standard to agree to this grant. Additionally, this grant is included in the budget every year.
- Leanna Glander made a motion to approve Facility Grant SP740. Kristen Woods 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			
Kristen Woods	X			

➤ Vote passes.

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1. Executive Director's Report

Susan Domenighini

- Field trips have been starting up again with COVID restrictions lifted; there are a lot planned in May. This upcoming Friday 5 classes will be out on trips. This is very exciting.
- Some favorite moments from the week included celebrating School Lunch Hero Day; staff celebrated Kat who has had to step in quite a bit to do the lunch line duty although that is not her job as a Custodian.
- PBIS has been implemented through our Blue Oak leaves; we are piloting this program now and will be building it more for next year thanks to Amber Bass.
- May Faire and Teacher Appreciation Week was filled with joy; thank you to everyone who helped with the celebrations all week.
- End of year is upon us; 8th Grade Graduation is on June 2nd at 6PM at the Rose Garden. We are pulling together plans for the end of the year process, remember that rhythm replaces strength. Administration and staff are working to establish a yearly calendar to remind us of these rhythms.
- Chico Police visited 1st grade students this week; this was very exciting for the students.
- Susan will be out next week for surgery to give herself enough time to be able to recover over the summer and be back and ready for next school year.

5.2. Sustainable School Update

- Amber Brown covered this topic earlier in the BOFC report. There is no more information to report at this time.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.1. Real Estate

Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

- No action was taken.

6.2. Executive Director Evaluation

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§54957)


- No action was taken.

7. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 at 6:00PM

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Chelsea Parker adjourned the meeting at 9:05PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:  Date: 