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CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, July 19th, 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 6:02PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

➤ Present: Chelsea Parker, Leanna Glander, Trisha Atehortua, Vicki Wonacott, Amber Brown, Kristen Woods (arrived late)

➤ Absent: Laurel Hill-Ward

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."

➤ The school invocation was read by Chelsea Parker.

1.4. Agenda Modifications

➤ No modifications were made to the agenda.

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)

➤ No audience members addressed the Council.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. Approve Minutes from June 21st, 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

2.5.1. Damion Grissom, Custodian

➤ Kristen Woods has arrived.

➤ Leanna Glander made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 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.

3. FACULTY

Nick Meier & Sarah Lee

3.1. Grade Level Report

➤ Teachers are getting ready for the next school year. Summer school starts next week. Other than that, there is nothing to report.

4. GOVERNANCE

4.1. Finance Committee Report

Amber Brown

- At the last meeting we received lots of good news. Blue Oak has received more funding from the state than we expected. We are adding \$430K for the Hold Harmless to our budget which means we are getting the full amount that we were hoping for. Blue Oak will also be receiving an increase in EPA funds which is about \$135K more. We will still have cash flow issues as far as timing of those incoming funds but it was a short meeting with good news all around. Our school is currently enrolled at 272 right now and we are budgeted for 282. There are 6 offers out for seats for next school year and we are about 7 short on our Kinder program but that tends to fluctuate year to year. Other than that, we are almost at max capacity for our schools enrollment this year. Looks like it will be a good start to the year.
- Hold Harmless is that the state is saying that they're looking at our past income regarding ADA and giving us more because of the impact of COVID. Thank you to our advocates at the legislature for helping with this. The extra \$400K that we spent last year because we knew our children needed our attention, we have essentially been given back by the state. The EPA is one of the ways we were funded before LCAP. We have an influx of those funds coming in sooner than they normally would which will help us with our cash flow issues in the future.

4.2. Parent Council Report

Trisha Atehortua

- No PC report at this time.

4.3. Policy Review

Susan Domenighini

4.3.1. Attendance

- First, the Administration wanted to focus on Chronic Absence and Truancy; next month we will back track to a more broad attendance policy. This includes the stipulation that we will return students to the district if they are truant.
- In the policy, we are not that specific about what the tiered approach will be but we do have in-school procedures for those tiers. Procedures are generally done on an Admin level and not included in the policy which gives the Admin flexibility for the day-to-day implementation and so that changes can be made quickly if/when there needs to be updates/improvements. This works the same way in districts as well. The policy ensures that we have support of and actions for both positive and negative attendance so that we know how to act for each instance and apply this to what we know about our families.
- Staff is working on connecting our PBIS system to encourage positive attendance in our tiered approach; we will share more about this next month. Tardies are included in this policy as well.
- The BOCC wants to make sure that the procedure is still available for parental knowledge somewhere and to ensure that the procedures are applied equally for each family. The BOCC is hoping that this policy will help with accountability.
- Sending students back to the district is the recourse that is written into how the charter schools operate under a district. If we are doing our due diligence in attempting to help our families as much as possible, Susan feels as though the district would rather have us send the families back to them where they can provide them more resources and the legal ability to support them.
- This is the first read; there will be no vote on this item at this time.

4.4. COVID-19 Response

- Susan has been watching new concerns regarding COVID. Blue Oak has had a few staff members exposed or come down with COVID over the summer but because we have been easily able to work from home, it has not spread on campus. Blue Oak will continue to be vigilant once we have everyone back on campus again. There is no news as far as masking, etc. so we are continuing with our current protocols.

4.5. MOU for School Nurse

- The MOU presented is a contract with Chico Country Day School. Natalie Wren has been our School Nurse for the past few years and is available to us for next year as well. She is a great asset to us. This MOU will need to be approved by the BOFC and BOCC.
- Amber Brown made a motion to renew our School Nurses MOU. Trisha Atehortua 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.

4.6. Volunteers for Registration Days

- Registration Days are coming up and will be held before the school year begins as always. We have held a table open for the board members in the past and we are hoping to have volunteers to cover table time slots again for the board this year as well.
- BOCC members volunteered and will be in attendance.

4.7. Establish Board Retreat Date

- The Charter Council Board Retreat was established to take place on August 31st at 6:00PM. This will be a time to review Brown Act info and the Strategic Plan.

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1. Executive Director's Report

Susan Domenighini

- Everyone is getting ready for next school year and next week summer school starts. Staff is looking forward to implementing the summer school program again.
- We are continuing our hiring processes to continue to work on filling staff positions for next year. Susan will be putting out an application for an Interim part

time Assistant Director position with someone with at least a teaching credential as we continue to implement new programs at the school.

- Sarah Lee updated us on MTSS via email today. The team went to training last week which talks about all of the different ways we support students. MTSS will be a focus next year. We also have a grant for a school wide MTSS training for this next school year as well.
- Our waitlist is looking large for 1st grade but we will continue with a single track. It usually is important that if we double track our grades, we want to try to double track them all starting from Kindergarten moving their way up through the grades. At this point in time that is unsustainable so we are currently only focusing on single tracks per grade. With COVID, we have had an increase in our 1st grade waitlist and not as many Kinders; we are hoping that we can come back to starting students in Kinder instead. With a sustainable school in mind, a single track with a full class and padded waitlist is the best option for our school at this time. Even if families are looking at our school's waitlist, they should still put their name on the list because it can tend to go quickly depending on the other families on the list.

5.1.1. Independent Study

- As we move towards making Independent Study (IS) a more consistent practice instead of the COVID IS work we did last year, Susan is looking at limiting the general IS program to three weeks. 4 weeks is usually about the max, but with the new process there are additional requirements for more than 3 weeks and, unless we have a dedicated IS teacher, that probably won't be realistic for our classroom teachers. Plus in Waldorf education it is important that our students are in the classroom and part of the community in order to benefit from our pedagogy.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.1. Real Estate

Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

- The board directed Susan to move forward with a sub committee. That sub committee will include Trisha Atehortua and Vicki Wonacott.

6.2. Employee Review Evaluation

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§54957)

- No action was taken.

7. NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 at 6:00PM (2nd Week of the Month)

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Chelsea Parker adjourned the meeting at 8:11PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:  Date: 9/20/22

