



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

Approved Parent Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 @ 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting or In-person at Blue Oak in Room 21

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1. OPENING (~6:08pm)

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.

1.3 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.

1.4 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.

1.5 Two-word check-in

1.6 Welcome and Introductions - Who are our PC Reps?

K Grant - Open

K Dillan Pannell - Lily Rose

1 Moss - Kristina Miller

2 Bryan - Ashley Main

3 McDonald - Ryan / Karin

4 Macheck - Paige O'Connell

5 Lee - Brandy

6 Jones - Angela Evans

7 Lee - Angie Ernest

8 Madera - Laurel Stewart

8 Welch - Jude Murray

ACTION: BOPC Google Doc (that Jackie H. and Angie E. prepared) for PC Responsibilities to be shared with the New PC Reps.

1.7 Officer Elections

- Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

1st. Motion from Kristina for Amber to be Secretary for PC 2nd. Brandy. Majority Vote for. Passed.

Treasurer Position: Nicole T. - and Ryan interested in the position. Introductions were made by both persons. Emails were sent and votes were collected for those present in person to Susan D for a blind vote sdomenighini@blueoakcharterschool.org Votes counted and results were majority votes determined. **Ryan was voted to be Treasurer for this year**

Responsibilities of CoChair were re-reviewed: Help to compile Agenda for each meeting. Meet with Susan D. to go over Agenda before meeting. Coordinate childcare for each meeting. Work in collaboration with Chair. A few hours would be required to prepare for the meeting at a minimum. The Co-Chair also assists in chairing the meeting if the Chair is not available to run the meeting: Nicole T. expressed an interest in this position. Shared that she is very connected with the school and excited to help this year. **Kristina Motioned for Nicole T. 2nd. Brandy. Motion Approved.**

Chair Position: Brandy Nominates Alicia. Alicia accepts. **Kristina Motions for Alicia to be Chair for this year. 2nd. Brandy. Motion is Approved.**

1.8 Review of by-laws and code of conduct

Questions raised about Principles of the Brown Act were raised. Distinction was made that the Principles are followed, but not required by the PC. **Action:** This can be discussed and revised in a future meeting.

ACTION Question was raised to determine if PC Reps have 1 or 2 votes. Discuss/revisions to item 6.6 for quorum for votes in a future meeting.

Code of Conduct was reviewed.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT > AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL (~7:17pm)**

Kristin Woods - 2.4/2.5 - Groups in the communities - need some love and warmth. Wants to address the PC and encourage parent involvement with this concern. Spanish Room/Music Room - Potential Beatification for school

Amber Pierce -Reminded folks to select Blue Oak School for Amazon Smile Accounts and be sure to scan receipts to submit Box Tops for fundraising for the school.

Kristin Woods - Raised a Question about Harvest Festival - Will there be vendors? This is an agenda item to be discussed in further detail later tonight.

Kristina - suggestion for Finance Committee - For unexcused Absences a per day \$ lost for each absence. Suggested that the collective impact be reviewed for the resources lost. Susan estimated it is likely about \$70 per day per child. Reminded Susan that it may be a good time to send out another reminder. Independent study packets can be turned in to make up the loss of funds.

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (~7:26pm)

DISCUSSION

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

- ~~ADD: Yearbook Volunteers Needed—Sarah~~ Not discussed during this meeting.
- Added 6.7 discussion about new school site

4. CONSENT AGENDA (~7:30pm)

DISCUSSION & ACTION

4.1 Approve Minutes from 5/25/2022 **1st. Kristina Motions to Approve. 2nd. Brandy. Motion to approve the minutes from 5/25/22 Approved.**

5. REPORTS (~7:35pm)

DISCUSSION

5.1 Charter Council Liaison - Trisha Atehortua
August Meeting - Policy Meeting - Absence/Truancy review is on the website to review. Salary updates. Contracts - Ryley M. will work on some special projects. Emma Todd is approved as an independent contractor to work with kids. Reviewed Election Process for Charter Council and Facilities Committee for more parent involvement. New School Site Location was announced. The Facilities Committee is looking for parents and individuals who would have input on parking, playground, landscaping, and classrooms.

Alicia was revisiting the Election for BOCC and questioned if overseeing the counting of votes is needed. Will be re-visited when the bylaws are reviewed in future meetings. PC runs BOCC only when elections are held. BOCC hasn't had elections recently because only one person was in the running for available positions.

5.2 Administration Liaison - Susan D - BOCC elections are not required this year. Positions have been filled. Expressed gratitude for volunteers who continue to be involved on the Charter Council. Continue to work on hiring. Shortage of Workers throughout. New Speech Therapist started this week. New Aids. New School Psychologist. Need a Spanish Teacher. Area selected for site. Area selected was a dump in the past. It has been tested for metals, etc. Questions to be answered and continue to investigate to determine if that site is the best location for our new school.

5.3 Faculty Liaison - Cheryl Grant - Teachers have voted for a date for the Harvest Festival. Friday 10/14/22. Specialties will be at the Harvest Festival. Some sad news was shared about Teacher Barbara Roberts recently passing. A larger celebration will be held for her this spring when her son is able to be present.

5.4 Equity Task Force - Susan D - Met last week to go over goals. Neurodiversity was discussed this time as well. Often the focus is on race, gender, and class. Teachers are looking at different ways to assess students. Looking at ways to write questions or use language to assess. Work continues on the novel sets. Looking at a social justice-focused rubric for standards for each grade. The Gay Straight Alliance meets Mondays at lunch.

Parent positions are available. Schedule will be looked at to allow/encourage parent engagement.

5.5 Treasurer Report- Ryan Sanders: Balance \$19,387.00.

- Rollover funds: Courtyard beautification project, Staff Lounge Beautification Project, Spring Concert Food, Childcare Funds, \$ Spent for Grants, Raley's Garden Fund

Claire Fong to confirm what amounts were still available for the courtyard revitalization project. Maggie confirmed the balances:

Items to consider rolling over.

Courtyard \$2000 / \$519 used (to be confirmed)

Spring Concert food

Staff Lounge

Childcare

School Festival Funds - \$120 remains as of tonite

The screenshot shows a Google Sheets spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D
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2		Current Balance:	\$19,387.71	Grants
3		Earmarked for Grants:	\$3,000.00	Courtyard Revitalizat
4		Spent from Grants:	\$519.02	Spring Concert Food
5		Available Funding:	\$16,906.73	Staff Lounge Beautifi
6				Childcare
7				School Festival Funds

6. NEW BUSINESS (~8:00 pm)

DISCUSSION & ACTION

6.1 General Funding Requests - Requestor to be present and provide clear up-to amount

6.1A - Stefanie Rodriguez for providing class meeting childcare: \$50 - Alicia Trider **1st Paige. 2nd Angie. Vote: to pay for childcare provided for the class meetings. Motion passed.**

6.1B Rollover Unused Childcare Funds and Use This Year: \$1000 - Alicia Trider

Angie Earnist raised the question to include other events other than PC Meetings. Kristina suggested a friendly amendment that keeping the language broad will encourage parent participation in events where there is childcare provided (such as future parent education nights, parent/teacher meetings, etc.). **1st. Kristina motioned to rollover unused funds to be used to use \$1000 to be used for school functions. 2nd. Paige. Majority passed.**

6.1C Rollover of school festival funds - Requesting to roll over the \$120 funds from last year. To also request \$600 for this year. Cheryl discussed what the funds would be used for. November Grades K - 2 activities. December Feast of Nicolas and Light Spiral for Grades 1, 2, and 8 - applies and candles. Festival of Lights. Read Across America - paper for door decorations. May Day - Kinder event. PC agreed to roll into one item for the total of \$720 for festival supplies for academic year 2022-23.

1st. Nicole T. motioned to approve the \$720 for festival funds. 2nd Paige. Motion passed.

6.2 Claire Fong - School Community Ideas - Wants to do a monthly clothing swap. Proposed the 3rd Thursday of the month. Claire will host the event at the end of the day. Low stress event. Can be books, toys or clothing. Would like help setting up. Remind people to take their leftovers when they are done. A PC representative could help remind folks to clean up. Kristen Woods suggested that we may be able to make donations to an organization in need. This could work as long as the donations are thoughtful and needed.

Claire suggested a bulletin board with two sides. One for gifts and one for needs. 3x5 cards could be posted to help fulfill wishes. Ridesharing is another idea that could be incorporated into the bulletin board.

Paige - suggested that there could be a closed FB Group for this need. Parent Square and the Acorn are other possibilities. Some classes may have closed groups already. This will be something we can add to the agenda for next month: **ACTION**.

Next Thursday: October 20th - potential for scheduling this event.

6.3 Walk Into Winter - set a date (Friday, Dec 16, or Saturday, Dec 17, 2022)

- Tabled until **next meeting**

6.4 Staff Lounge Beautification Project - Alicia Trider

- Weekly cleaning and organizing on Tuesday mornings at 830am
- Always need snacks!

Alicia encourages interested people to make donations to the front desk. Shelf stable items are great. Label with ingredients if homemade. If it goes in the fridge, put a note out.

Teacher Cheryl and Claire Fong - expressed thanks for all the hard work being done in the breakroom.

6.5 Staff Photo Project

- Photos were taken September 13
- Need volunteers to help update bios. Paige, Trisha, Angela, and Ashley are willing to help Alex with this project when the pictures are printed and ready to update in frames..

6.6 Harvest Festival - Friday, October 14, Time to be determined

Teacher Cheryl - Historically Harvest Festivals are held to celebrate the fall equinox and harvest time. Bringing together a community for the first time of the year. Breaking bread together and sharing soup. 2nd grade play of slaying the dragon. Last year it was also aligned with Indigenous Peoples day. Lower grades perform "George and the Dragon" play. Moved to October to also align with harvest season.

Kristen Woods - Last year was a success. Reminded the PC that we do have another meeting, but also didn't want people to feel rushed to plan the event.

Need a Point of Contact for starting the email communication. Alicia will start the email to Kelli Chandler. Kelli is available if there are questions. Parent volunteers are needed for helping plan and at the event. Activity Booths, Bakesale, Greeters - Laurel, Kristina, Nicole T., Paige, Angie E., Cheryl Grant - want to volunteer. Angie E. offered that she does have a layout for the committee

so people know what positions are needed and what signups are needed. Susan reminded the PC that Parent Square can be used for sign-ups too.

- Committee and volunteers needed
- Blue Oak can provide zoom links for meetings without time limits
- Planning committee can also meet face-to-face at the school (and via zoom)
- Things to consider: fundraising at the event, activity booths, food booths, theme should tie into Indigenous Peoples Day

Kristin Woods - Question was raised if there are funding requests needed for Harvest Festival activities - Last year we spent \$200.

Brandy makes a Motion that we request an initial \$250 for Harvest Festival Supplies. 2nd Ryan. Motion Approved. Ryan will be the point person for funds.

6.7 New School Site - Kristina Miller - Former Solid Waste Director for Tehama Co. Familiar with Landfills and Toxic sites, etc. She shared that she is familiar with the site. Location used to be Humboldt Rd. Burn dump. Battery Recycling site was adjacent to this old facility as well which are her biggest concerns. Location is well known for being a toxic site. Does not think it is a good decision to have our children attend school at this toxic site. Concerned about recruitment for the future as well. Brought up that there is a loophole for testing requirements for charter schools: less tests are required for charter schools than for traditional public schools. Suggests the PC have the Charter Council treat this as a public school site.

Susan Dominigini - Confirmed Chico Unified is purchasing the property. This site was tested in 2004 for heavy metals. Clarified that the intention is to re-test before any additional purchases occur.

Paige - Requested a brief overview of where we are in the process. Started looking for a site in 2016. Found 2 that didn't work because of flooding or other issues. About 9 or 10 different sites have been reviewed. Turner-Agassi helped over the past two years. An intent letter has been sent. No commitment has been made yet. This is the 7th site we have looked at. Blue Oak currently rents the building we exist in and the rental price keeps going up. There will be a 12.3% increase next year.

Ryan - Expressed a concern that the plan was shared as moving forward and that this new site is a done deal.

Susan clarified that negotiations were in closed sessions, and that having those discussions publicly would have made the process more difficult.

BOCC - Board is currently making this decision.

Facilities committee is currently looking into designs and has been pleased so far.

Trisha clarified that this is the only site that the board has encountered so far that has been considered.

Alicia - will the site be tested again before our community forum this fall? Not sure.

Susan is working to get Turner-Agassi (who will be making the purchase) here to have the open house for parent questions.

7. **CLOSING COMMENTS**

DISCUSSION

8. **ADJOURNMENT (~9:11 pm)**