

**Blue Oak Charter School**  
**450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926**  
**CHARTER COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

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**Wednesday, August 31st, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

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*Mission: To nurture and deepen each child's academic and creative capacities using methods inspired by Waldorf education in a public school setting.*

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**AGENDA**

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**OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1. Call Meeting to Order**

➤ Chelsea Parker called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

**1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum**

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

➤ 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 verse.

**1.4. Agenda Modifications**

- Item 2.3 was pulled from the agenda; and was tabled until the regular September meeting.

**1.5. Audience to Address the Council**

*This is an opportunity for members of the community to address the committee concerning items 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. Teleconferencing During State of Emergency**

**State of Emergency (§ 8625)**

**2.2. Overnight Field Trips**

**2.2.1. Brittany Jones, Shady Creek**

~~**2.3. Contracts**~~

~~**2.3.1. School Psychologist**~~

- Kristen Woods made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Leanna Glander 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.
- Trisha Atehortua joined the meeting.

**3. GOVERNANCE**

**3.1. Brown Act Procedures**

- Susan Domenighini reminded the board that online training through CSDC is always available to review Brown Act procedures. Additionally, Susan will always forward local training to board members when the opportunity arises. In looking at Brown Act resources, Susan found the shared document which was a simple refresher.
- This resource clarified addressing items not on the agenda during the meeting to help the board in the future. The clarification was that the board can answer a question even if the item is not on the agenda, but they cannot discuss or make

decisions regarding the question. Susan suggests all board members read through the Brown Act document to ensure we all continue to be in compliance.

### 3.2. Strategic Plan Review

- The Charter Council's last strategic plan update was in May 2021. Today, the board will review each goal to see how many goals we have completed so far. It may be time to consider bringing someone else in again to help us brainstorm more goals for the future. This is only a check-in; the board intends to officially review and revise the plan together with the community before next Fall.
- Goal 1 - Sustainable School
  - Item 1 - Complete
  - Item 2 - Will be starting soon
    - Potential split in looping would be 1st-4th & 5th-8th. Teachers have already shared their preference for which loop they'd like to stay in with Susan. This looping decision is a developmental decision and important in order for teachers to stay familiar with the curriculum throughout the years. Holding that standard helps with the parent/student/staff expectation throughout the years as well. Of course, there are always circumstances that come up but this is the goal our school is looking to head towards.
  - Item 3 - Complete
  - Item 4 - In process to finalize this item
  - Item 5 - Still working on this goal
    - Most of our classes are close to 30 at the moment. Kindergarten enrollment has declined but we are working with our marketing team to help improve this.
- Goal 2 - In/Outreach Task Force
  - Item 1 - In progress
    - Blue Oak has completed our initial work with MC2. Now, we are looking at how they might help us move forward. Alex Archer, Riley Murray, Monica McDaniel, Susan Domenighini and Cheryl Grant were part of the initial work with MC2 but no formal task force has been established since then.
  - Item 2 - Currently working on this item
    - It was hard to move this item forward with challenges presented by COVID. Initially, this item was more about adding two new events to the ongoing events that we already have. Walk Into Winter was one of the items we are trying to re-implement this year, but there are no particular events planned for this specific goal at this time.
  - Other items to think about for this task force: more updated footage of our school, a virtual tour or revamping our tour process, surveying Kindergarten parents, highlighting our middle school more, thinking about how to market our new campus, display of the arts supporting our education not replacing our education, sharing more of our statistics throughout the years, pointing out that even in the lower grades they still have multiple teachers helping/supporting/teaching their students starting from 1st grade on.
  - The board suggested the possibility of planning a town hall meeting in the future to brainstorm more ideas like this.

- Goal 3 - Behavior/SEL Plan
  - Currently working on this goal
    - Faculty asked that we focus on behavior for professional development this year. From a behavior aspect, coming back from COVID has been tough. We did start to return to the Stop, Walk, Talk anti-bullying curriculum and we are also looking at other professional development training in the areas of behavior, bullying, suicidation, etc.
    - Ideas to help implement this idea further could be to have upper grade students or student council help address these issues to garner buy-in, or to have block plans for these topics in general during the upper grade. This should probably be an ongoing goal.
- Goal 4 - Professional Development
  - Currently working on this goal
    - See faculty focus for the year noted above. Last year we had a professional development calendar to address a number of different topics, it was helpful and also overwhelming which is why we have chosen to focus on one professional development item a year. This process seems to be working for us so far but will continue to be developed. A more formal plan will still need to be drawn up. The large issue at hand is that we want to have a bigger process than what we currently have so we can ensure everyone at our school understands the Waldorf methods. Additionally, we want to make sure everyone is receiving the necessary training for their specific job description including non-faculty members.
    - Summer training for teachers is something we do every year already. Board members pointed out this could be helpful for future staff members to know; that they will gain professional development through our school.
- Goal 5 - Charter Renewal
  - Will be starting soon
    - The due date for this item was based on the 2023 renewal but due to COVID, the due date is now due in 2025. One of Riley's projects is to work on the renewal process but that will be later in this school year. The goal is to turn it in Fall 2024, the sooner we turn it in, the sooner we get it approved.
- Goal 6 - Fundraising Task Force
  - Will be starting soon
    - Susan and Jim are currently working on acquiring new grants; the school will definitely have 5 before the deadline. This goal originally focused on expanding the fundraising pool outside of our parent community; we want to avoid parents competing with the school in fundraising efforts for their classroom(s) versus for whole school funds. Having class fundraisers approved by Susan has helped with this issue but this goal item is more about grant writing for larger donations, etc.
- Kristain, a Blue Oak parent, would like to see DEI goals added to the strategic plan in the future. Also as a Parent Council (PC) representative, she would also

like to see a PC handbook made to help make the PC organization more successful.

- Martha Jo, a Blue Oak parent, owns a nonprofit and does lots of fundraising and grant searching and would be more than willing to help Blue Oak with the last goal item.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION

##### 4.1. Executive Director's Report

**Susan Domenighini**

- Staffing -
  - We are successfully filling positions. We have hired a School Psychologist, Jolynn, who is retired and a great asset to our school. Also, an Speech-Language Pathologist, Anna, who was a parent at the school about 10 years ago and who we are now sharing with Sherwood. We have held interviews for Spanish and an Assistant Director, and we have offered a position to someone for the kitchen. We are continuing with aide facilities interviews but overall we are glad things seem to be moving forward.
- MTSS -
  - We are still working with the team we sent to Orange county for MTSS. Rindy DeVoll, who is our coach, came to meet with our team last week. She had quite a lot of good things to say about our staff and school. We will be completing the FIA assessment soon; it is made up of 22 items for review with a rubric. We've done it as a Leadership Team for the past 5 years and will now be asking all staff to help us with this. The MTSS grant will help us train our whole staff on these topics so that not only our Leadership Team is informed about our progress. The FIA review will help us move forward with renewing our strategic plan as well.
- Williams Monitoring -
  - We were reviewed by BCOE today. Charters have been exempt from this until this year so we are on this list because our test scores are still low, however, all other middle schools in chico are as well. There were no problems found with our building and they were blown away by our education curriculum.

#### 5. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 6:00PM

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

- Chelsea Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:38PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:   
Leanna R Glander (Jan 27, 2023 14:45 PST)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_