

Approved Parent Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 6pm

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

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1. OPENING (~6:22pm)

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

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

- Note: 3 min Total Allotment to be given
- Responses do not have to be given (Either add to future Agenda or Refer to appropriate body)
- Wait for Chair to Recognize you before speaking.

Box Tops – Scan Receipts

2/24 middle school dance

Popcorn Machine and Snow cone Machine are PC property. Susan suggested that the instructions be kept with the Fundraising Requests at the front desk.

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (~6:15 pm) DISCUSSION

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA (~6:20pm) DISCUSSION & ACTION

4.1 Approve Minutes from 1/3/2023 1st. Ryan 2nd Brandy. Approved

5. Treasurer Report -Ryan S. (~6:25 pm) DISCUSSION

Available Funding: \$16,819.60

Walk into Winter: Just PC funds \$1391

Garden Fund: \$368.70 - remains in our books, but according to the still finding project

Harvest Fest: Net \$916

6. Business Items (~6:30 pm) DISCUSSION & ACTION

6.1 Welcome New 2nd Grade Rep. Luis Castillo -Discuss

- Record email for PC contact list; Add to SLACK-Ryan & Parent Square-Admin (Kelly Machi)

6.2 Cal Java Fundraising Partnering Request -Paige O. -ACTION

- Contact Owner of Cal Java Coffee/Luke re: Online Sales Site
- Suggested using Funds Raised to Help with Class Field trips? -Discuss

Cal Java project will have a QR Code and Order Form and order to pickup at Cal Java or shipped directly to their house (even across the country). For the first go around we will pick two blends that are best sellers. Can promote on web sites, and flyers.

We need to vote on when to begin, if we need an end date. What the funds should go for.

Clarify that the funds will go toward. We will make \$7 per lb of coffee they want.

Sustainability and Fair Trade are promoted by Cal Java, but confirm that Community association is a good idea. A quick check via google should be something to confirm they are in good standing.

Paige will recontact Luke. We need a contract with a timeline for start dates. We will then come back to discuss.

Paige moves that she contact Luke and get details for due diligence for submitting a Fundraiser Application. 1st. 2nd Ryan. Vote Approved

6.3 Suggestion for PC to Help Sponsor Teacher Jennifer. -Ryan S. -Discuss

- Susan to check with Jennifer for Okay to move forward.
- **Challenge others to donate & PC will match up to \$5,000.**
- How to Advertise?

Ryan suggested that something like, "For the month of _____" PC will match funds donated in the amount of \$5,000. Current balance is \$13k right now. Her goal is \$45K. If we pick all of March. The \$5000 is used as an incentive to help raise funds for our community. We are part of the community.

Funds will go directly into the GoFundMe account. On April 1st, we will check the account balance and contribute funds to this account.

PC does not need to submit a fundraiser request.

Paige moved that we set aside \$5000 for Ms. Jennifer to be used as a carrot to raise additional funds. 2nd Brandy. Vote Approved.

6.4 General Funding Requests

6.4A Additional Fund Request for Music teacher Mr. Anderson -Discuss & ACTION

- Last Req for \$800 doesn't cover the rug(see link below for rug aesthetics & cost).

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https://www.amazon.com/Joy-Carpets-Essentials-Elementary-Multicolored/dp/B007PRYP5M/ref=sr_1_8?crd=2F4FFLBJHOIQX&keywords=music%2Bnote%2Bround%2Bbrug&qid=1671207042&sprefix=music%2Bnote%2Bround%2Bbrug%2Caps%2C134&sr=8-8&th=1

- **Requesting up to additional \$500; aside from the \$800 already approved.**
- **Current cost is \$1,075 but additional taxes will be included.**
- There is a music fund, but it can't be used for a rug. Luis requested clarification for how the rug would be used. The rug will be used for space management – music notes are spaces that children can use for their "space". This rug is 13'2" in diameter.
- Teacher. Cheryl suggested that earlier discussions were that PC wanted to help "Spruce" up the room and this could be a catalyst for that.

- Kristen emphasized that 1st, 2nd 3rd grade use the room 2 times a week. He does not have an aid. It is visually appealing, but also helpful for management of the children. Defining their spot. Tape can be pulled up.
- Nicole – did recognize that it is a significant cost, but it would be nice to hear what Mr. Anderson thinks is needed by the Rug.
- Paige questioned – Do we have options for how we can beautify the room.

Should we approve the money to go toward the Rug or Something Viable for the Room? It was noted that the cost was \$800, but total the cost is up to \$1,153.11. + tax and maybe shipping.

Nicole suggested that we can expunge funds not used from the courtyard (\$400)

**Brandy motions that we give up to an additional \$500 more for the rug. Ryan 2nd.
Vote Approved.**

Paige motioned to expunge the leftover courtyard funds \$400.94 and put these funds back into the PC General fund. 2nd Brandy. Vote approved.

Jackie Hammer reminded the PC that if Clair does need additional funds for the Courtyard project, the Garden Funds may be used for that purpose.

6.4B Fund Req up to \$600 ea. year allotted for PC Festival Supplies Wish List -Cheryl G. -D&A

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https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qp028RsZkSO7UgIfOo6fK_4jTlvDVWzc1e7h6YYX1iE/edit?usp=sharing

Mrs. Cheryl reminded the PC that this is an up to amount and that we have managed to get free walnuts and mandarins in the past, which would then reduce this cost.

Ryan asked why the school doesn't cover this cost. Susan clarified that the school has always asked for donations.

Most items are festival related. Question was raised why the school doesn't cover the costs. Traditionally donations are requested. People like to help where they can.

Brandy motions that we give up to \$600 a year to school festivals from PC Funds supplies. 2nd Paige Approved.

6.5 Review PC Rhythm Doc

-Discuss

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SUXJn_P6fSc02Rewc1echjiP85JwjESF/edit?usp=sharing&oid=112236016900195925463&rtpof=true&sd=true
- **Plan for next month**

Opportunity for an Easter Fundraiser – April

Read across America – had a fundraiser connected to it. A coin drive to help raise money for books if costs are not covered (taxes of a \$5 book) to allow child.

March 2nd – Will be Read Across America – there will be dress up days associated.

Do we need to set up a sub-committee for this?

Allocate funds for State Testing: End of March through April

Easter Boxes: Historically average \$400 for this type of project.

Carrot Cake, Quiche, or cookie kits, or cake tops.

Would need to set up a Pre-Sale: **Paige, Amber, Angie, Nicole** will start an email for the Easter Carrot Cake project.

Spring Concert: Date in May

May Fair – **Fundraiser Application needs to be submitted and it needs to be put on the Calendar. Ryan will add the event on the calendar to May 6th 10 am – 1 pm**

CC Election Process – PC oversees – **Elections are in May.** New Board takes over in August. **Go over this process in March.**

7. REPORTS (~7:48 pm)

DISCUSSION

7.1 Overview from Charter Council Liaison- Kristen W. – Thanks to Susan for filling in during Kristen’s absence.

After school Ed. and Safety Grant was increased to \$60,000. Rent did increase. After the Town Hall meeting – a schoolwide survey will be sent out soon. Meeting was fairly short. Equity and Admin to be reported.

7.2 Administration Liaison- Susan D. – Executive Director’s Report. Weekly Favorite moments – 7th Graders went into Kindergarten – got the most votes and were adorable.

Last Aid has been hired. Process of starting them. This will bring us up to being fully staffed. Market is tight for jobs. Audit did get done by the end of January – no exceptions. Questions were raised about state independent study. Book Fair and Coin Drive (which were discussed earlier).

Survey to faculty – things that would help with mental health support – A sense of a warmer environment. Working with Emma Todd to implement some of the ideas.

Staff/student confidentiality. Ask for Understanding and Compassion. It is difficult to address difficult issues. Since Susan's arrival in 2017 there have been events including - fires, dam failure, and the issues keep going. She Asked for our understanding as staff addresses these issues.

Wellness: Amber Bass and interns at Chico State making space available. Nonperishable food items and food pantry available for families if there are families in need. Middle School Student Survey. Support for Jen Bryan – Also has a Spaghetti Feed in April being planned and a music performance at PV.

Laurel Appreciates that although some things need to be kept confidential, asked if there is a plan to strengthen communication. Susan responded that Amada Herd is on her 3rd week here and communication is one thing that can improve now with having this position filled. Policy and Procedures can now continue to improve.

Luis wanted clarity – Communication and Safety are a concern for his children. Expressed concern about their safety. Education and clarity around the issue can help solve the problem.

Nicole mentioned that Negative news travels quicker than positive news.

Trust that protocols are being followed. Legal protections are in place that cannot allow some things to be shared.

Paige reiterated that overcommunication is preferred over no communication.

Kristen closed by confirming that Ms. Jennifer may be able to do a story in the Media – could be a way for the School to get some Positive news in the media.

2 speakers were suggested by alliance – Diana Graver Raising Humans in a Digital World – her contact information has been forwarded to all PC members. Her schedule is available. Susan will look into this. March or April. PC can help share costs if/when Admin determines what the costs are and how PC can help cover some of the cost.

7.3 Faculty Liaison- Cheryl G.

Slideshow Shared: 8th Welch – French Revolution – Madera - Mentor projects, dance, hair dressing, flax farming, natural remedies, florists. K and 7th Grade: Indoor picnic. Mrs.

Jones – Physics – Light and Sound. Kinder: Crafters with scissors Mr. Meier – Specialties Students. 2nd grade handwork – Chickens. Handwork club – very popular there is a (waiting list). Spanish – Axolotl – each class once a week. Jennifer Update – She is staying up beat. She will respond when she is able.

7.4 Equity Task Force- Susan D. – 2 things to report. Alliance conference was excellent. Key speakers are still available if you're interested. "What is neuro-diversity?" Researching this and looking into this more. Also looking at what listening looks like. Not always just sitting with hands folded in front of you.

8. CLOSING COMMENTS (7:55pm) DISCUSSION

Luis offered to help every other Friday to come into Spanish class. Luis can email Ms. Beca and let her know that he and his wife Kristen can help.

9. ADJOURNMENT (~8:36pm)