



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

Approved Parent Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 2, 2023 @ 6pm

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

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1. OPENING (~6:03pm)

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

Paige - Reminder to promote Cal Java Coffee Fundraiser. Flyers will be printed for all students. She suggested PC Reps send out updates to Parent Square and Blast Social Media Etc..

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 4/4/2023

1st. Ryan S. Motioned to Approve Minutes. 2nd. Brandy. Vote: Approved

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

No transactions have changed from last month.

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

6.1 General Funding Request Discuss/Action

6.1a Funding Req of up to \$200 reimbursement for food products at May Faire -Angie E.
3 classrooms with food. Classrooms will have priority. This amount is not needed.

6.1b Set Aside Child Care funds/budget for next year Discuss/Action

- Average yearly child care costs -Ryan S.

This will ensure that child care funding is already set aside for teacher meetings at the beginning of the fall semester. Teachers will need to inform the Parent Council so that Child Care can be scheduled.

If the classes want to donate to cover the costs, it could go to PC Account to help supplement the Costs of Childcare. Childcare is covered via 1099 so payment will come from the admin office.

1st. Paige. Set aside up to \$500 for the next school year . 2nd. Ryan S. Vote: Approved.

6.2 Requesting By Law Update -Susan D. Discuss

- Update the Funds gifted to Miss Jennifer to proceed. We are a 501c3. Individual gifts can be set up in a "Class" that we can gift the money to. At any time, the funds could be re-filled to ensure that the release can be made. Ryan asked about the timeline: hope to be as quickly as possible. About 2 weeks are expected to finalize the solution.

6.3 May Faire Updates -Ryan S.

Started discussions in January, which was very helpful to plan the event. Will be Saturday.
Entry/Exit on the 3rd Grade side only.

Opens at 8 am - Setup

Open to Public at 10 am. - Play/Skit

May crowns and vending

Booths close during dancing at MayPole

Grade 2 Skipping

Grade 3 Spider Web

Grade 4 Weaving

11:15 Open to all crafts and activities

11:30 Talent Show

12:00 Ballet Folklorika

12:45 Talent Show

1:15 BO Parent Band

1:30 Closing

Amber will print out pages with directions for Donations made on the Web Page - Memo

Supplies are not needed for the Face Painting. A large packet of Baby wipes and sponges will be available. Need roll of paper towels & a garbage nearby.

6.4 Field Trip Fundraising brainstorming -Cheryl G. Discuss

Fundraising for Field Trips - Ryan doesn't like it because it can be stressful. Creates in-equities for classes that don't know how to donate.

Ryan is going to try for small amounts monthly to be donated. Create a dependable pool for resources. PC could also help with this process to alleviate the 8th grade classes from the stresses.

Paige - a partially formed idea - Set Fundraisers. 2nd grade always does popcorn etc. for anchor fundraisers for the year. IF the PC and Faculty establishes this as a foundation it could be built into registration day - 2nd grade will have a movie night sign up at registration days. This could be a way to sign up for Volunteer Hours and gain commitment.

Susan - Registration Days are another opportunity for donations to the General Fund.

Kristen - Fundraising is an opportunity for more Community Outreach. For 6th, 7th, 8th - Latin American Heritage Month - 2 or 3 bands with 8th graders opening up. It is cultural, fun and food could help support it. Boys and Girls help serve the food. This could be a great way to get the big funds taken care of.

Ryan shared class breakdown for expected funds of field trips 3rd thru 8th grade. Break it down into digestible amounts. Start now with monthly donations of \$25/month and the bigger event - Help Kids go on Field Trips! It is a great sell! The event also helps get the school name out.

Nicole - Suggested two events. Historically the 8th grade would have in the fall - the Blue Oak Ball. Could we pull together a second event? Perhaps a gym could be available for a Member for Free or reduced cost. Donations accepted (end of year tax deductions could be promoted).

The Banquet Dinner - not on campus, so it could be themed for Martis Gras, in the Big Room, Elks Lodge, Art for the Heart Monka - Silent Auction, for Adults can be big Fundraisers.

Jackie - All the little fundraisers are wearing people out.

Paige - Waldorf school in Petaluma - used to live and they held silent auction leading up to the event for months before the event. We have had a hard time to get volunteers for even an hour this year here at BO.

Jackie - Wildflower is putting on a music festival. Suggested tapping into how multiple grades can help throw 1 event. After 14 years, fundraising hasn't been such an issue, until now. Prevent re-inventing the wheel! Art from the Heart.

1078 Gallery - Students put out their art for sale.

Concerts and art can happen at the same time.

Paige - Events we could work at may exist that we would get paid for.

Paige - PC could have a grant writing position - for all kinds of Elementary School programs.

Brandy - Likes the idea to re-allocate the thought process 3 different things we do throughout the year. Dedicated for the Middle School. Smaller Event for 1-3rd grade. Classes could then work together.

Amber P. Suggested that there may be organizations that would benefit from making donations to sponsor the school as well. Asked why this isn't being pursued. Susan D. clarified that the process is set up for Tax Deductions and work with Alex and Maggie - for donations to be made.

6.5 Review PC Rhythm Doc

-Discuss/Action 7:26

- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SUXJn_P6fSc02Rewc1echjiP85JwjESF/edit?usp=sharing&oid=112236016900195925463&rtpof=true&sd=true
- **Plan for Last Meeting. Possibly Tues May 16th?**

Reviewed activities for May - Elections - Booth will be available at May Faire for election information.

Spring Concert - Concessions and decorations will be available by the PC. Light Concessions will be available. Time allotted for the concert is from 5 to 7 pm. Angie will make something a little dinnery too for the kiddos to enjoy.

June - Summer Tasks/projects - Updates for Summer Projects i.e. painting walls etc. Look for Acorn for ways you can help next month.

Move will be 3 days of the last week of school - Some set up on Friday. Students will be packing up the week before that.

Plan for last PC Meeting May 16th? Needs to coordinate with Maggie for End of Year activities.

Charter Council Table / Raffle Shared table.

Suggest Parent Reps coordinate with Teachers to see if parents can get time off work to help with the move.

6.6 PC Goals for next school year

Discuss

- **At Beginning of school year Form Event Committees for the whole year.**
- **One Committee for Harvest Fest, Winter Faire, & May Faire**
- **Also Second Committee for Decor & Concessions for Winter & Spring Concerts**
- **Opt. Food/Treat Fundraisers, Ex: Valentine's and Easter**
- **Middle School Gala Fundraiser**

Ryan suggested that PC Reps should serve on a Committee for Harvest Festival, Winter Walk & May Faire.

PC Booth at Registration - PC People need to be there, but other positions can be filled if they know there is a need and can know ahead of time. This could be really helpful to have jobs that were pre-defined. Rather than asking if someone wants to help. It is an expectation that we participate in these

Jackie - Suggested that the upper grades help early in the year.

6.7 LCAP town hall meeting follow up -Susan D. -

Local Control Accounting Plan (LCAP) - Goal Setting and Meeting Expectations for the State of CA. Look for the survey by the end of the week. To the Families. Faculty/Staff to discuss on Thursday.

Susan does need parent input. 3 Primary Goals: Safety, healthy, equity based meeting the needs of the whole child. Educational Program to meet the needs of the whole child.

Goal 1 Actions and improvements: New Site, Security Upgrades. Now looking for new locations. District to include us in their plan. Healthy Lunches. Handwork/Specialties needs to be credentialed by next year.

General Consensus: Priorities - of Healthier Lunches in Research Phase. Reach out to Grub Foods.

Paige suggested that Parent Input and Needed Support for these items could be something to include in Registration Days.

Assemblies - Focus for this year. I.e. Harvest Festival - Indigenous Persons could be recognized and add a broader base of cultural recognition. Reminder for PC to think about diversity in our events too.

All staff / paraprofessionals also receive professional development.

Looking at Curriculum at a glance.

Goal 2

Parent Engagement

More Parent Enrichment Evenings

Less Parent Square / Parent Meetings - Every Other month - Keep the doors of communication open. More Classroom Parent Meetings.

Larger Parent Education Event.

Ryan - Suggested that Bringing back the Classroom Parent

Student Engagement

Keep children in the classroom rather than pull them out for specific needs.

Meet all needs of the children.

School Climate: Attendance and Behavior

RTI-response to intervention - for Reading currently. Not currently available for math.

Homework: 10 min/day per grade level.

Goal 3

Student Achievements/ Assessments

Other Student Outcomes: Civil Engagement, Experimental Living

7. REPORTS (~8:20 pm) DISCUSSION
7.1 Overview from Charter Council Liaison- Kristen W.
Nothing to Report.

7.2 Administration Liaison- Susan D.
Move

Graduation Thursday 6:00 at Campfire Ring
Rose Ceremony in the AM. Has been
Summer School process working with Card
New Site is being discussed
Endangered Earth Event - Attempted to Participate - Booths are able to set up in the
Evening. Kids event was in the AM. Would be good to have a booth when the kids are
present too.

7.3 Faculty Liaison- Cheryl G.

Slides shared from the classes - 6th Grade: King Arthur
5th Grade: Testing Week - Spirit week/PJ Day
8th Grade - Civil War
2nd Grade - Shapes and Geometry
Kinder - Golden Silence and Creative play, May Day Celebration
3rd Grade - Shelter Museum
8th Grade Field Trip to Santa Cruz- Kayaking, Crooked House
Spanish - Folk Dancing
Games - Meier

7.4 Equity Task Force- Susan D. - Nothing to report.

8. CLOSING COMMENTS (8:35pm) DISCUSSION

Jackie - Wish us all the best, as this will be her last PC Meeting at Blue Oak. She wishes us
good luck and has really enjoyed being there.

9. ADJOURNMENT (~8:36pm)