

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

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Topic: Charter Council (BOCC) Regular Meeting  
Time: Oct 17, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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**Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 6:00 PM- 8:00PM**

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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 - 6:05pm
- 1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

Name	Present	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	X	
Kristen Woods	X	
Laurel Hill-Ward	X	
Leanna Glander	X	

Ryan Sanders	X	
Donna Kreskey	X	
Trisha Atehortua	X	

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.”*

1.4. Agenda Modifications - No agenda modifications.

1.5. Audience to Address the Council - Lisa Batten, parent, addresses the council with behavior concerns. Has done some research around Senate Bill that she says allows teachers to do in school suspensions from their class for up to two days. She says she knows that there are some repeat offenders in certain classrooms. Her child has reported seeing teachers crying at times. She wanted to see if there is something being done? She knows that there are things being worked on but she wants to suggest Saturday school as an option. She just wanted to bring this to the board's attention as an issue. She mentions that there are parents volunteering in the classroom that have seen the behaviors that are happening first hand. She asks if we can suspend repeat offenders and or expel students? Board members respond that this has had their attention already but thanked her for coming forward with her concerns. As this issue involves confidential student information and is not on the agenda there can be no further discussion at this time. However, since this is an ongoing issue it can be agendized at a future meeting.

*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)*

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2.1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 19.2023
- 2.2. Charter Impact Monthly Reports Jim Weber
- 2.3. Attendance and Enrollment
- 2.3.1. Cash Flow
- 2.3.2. Balance Sheet Detail
- 2.3.3. Warrants/Aged Payable
- 2.3.4. Actual to Budget Summary
- 2.4. Point of Sale Transactions/Check Register
- 2.5. Credit Card Statement
- 2.6. **Accept Offers of Employment**
  - > Abraham Garcia - Substitute Teacher
  - > Naiyer Shapouri - Substitute Teacher
  - > Nolan Rae - Custodian

**3. FACULTY**

- 3.1. Grade Level Report Sarah Lee & Nick Meier  
Nick shares what's happening in the kindergarten, grades and specialties classrooms. He included a wonderful slideshow illustrating the learning and excitement students are experiencing throughout the school. This is a highlight of the Charter Council Meetings.

#### 4. GOVERNANCE

- 4.1. Finance Committee Report Trisha Atehortua  
Trisha was not present for the last Finance Committee Meeting however, she deferred to Susan to share information. Susan mentions that most of the financial reports are under the consent agenda review. Other items will be discussed later in the administration report.

- 4.2. Parent Council Report Ryan Sanders  
Parents are busy planning and preparing for the Harvest Festival this Friday! Doors open at 4:30pm and the George and the Dragon Play will start at 5:15pm. There will be lots of games, and food. The Parent Council reestablished the classroom parent roles. Divvying up classroom responsibilities will help a lot. A request from Nick to fund the citizenship awards was approved so this really valuable reward for students can continue on.

- 4.3. Facilities Committee Kristen Woods  
Kristen was not present for the last Facilities Committee Meeting and deferred to Susan to report. Susan mentioned that the committee continues to view properties and discuss pros and cons of each. We started with 9 properties to review and now have 3 properties of interest. We will start seriously considering properties soon. Laurel mentions that it would be helpful to explain to the community why closed sessions are important to avoid a recurrence of the issues surrounding the last attempts at procuring a site for purchase. Ryan wants to know if there are plans to communicate progress and plans for everyone who is ignoring the meetings and not attending? Communicating perhaps through Parent Square? Kristen mentions that this is a good Parent Council Representative task. Susan says that she thinks that communicating in several areas will be helpful. Vicki mentions that you can zoom into any and all of our school meetings. The information is already readily available. Kristen agrees that no matter what there will always be someone that reports that they didn't know or the information was not shared enough. Board and audience members agree that if you are attending meetings you have all of the information however, if you are not attending there is no public communication. It was suggested by Thea Wilson that we post updates on Parent Square just to inform the general community of the progress.

- 4.4. **Williams Act Public Hearing 6:20 pm** Susan Domenighini

##### 4.4.1 Reports

This is a yearly audit of our instructional materials performed by the Butte County Office of Education. We will probably be audited for the next couple of years due to our average test scores. We are I'm required to have instructional materials that meet the State of California standards for instruction. We have math and ELA instructional materials CPM, Bridges and Sadlier Materials. Our Science and Social Studies curriculum is supported by our block plans which meets the common core requirements for this part of the standard. Another part of the Williams inspection is a building safety review. Our building meets the requirements for health and safety.

##### 4.4.2 Resolution - must be voted on and passed.

Laurel Hill-Ward motions to accept the resolution of sufficiency of instructional materials. Kristen Woods seconds the motions.

>Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Kristen Woods	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Ryan Sanders	X			
Donna Kreskey	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

>Approved.

## 5. ADMINISTRATION

### 5.1. CEI application and approval

Susan Domenighini

This is a grant which supports small schools such as ours that have the Community Schools Partnership Grants. It helps us be successful with implementing the grants. The grant is for 70k. We are committed for 3 years to this endeavor of community building. Please approve this application that was submitted earlier this year. We are looking for someone to help improve mental health on campus. Members of the committee will get a stipend. Motion to approve by Donna Kreskey. Leanna Glander seconds the motion.

>Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Kristen Woods	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Leanna Glander			X	
Ryan Sanders	X			
Donna Kreskey	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

> Approved

- 5.2. CUSD Bond Measure-  
CUSD Facilities Department and the Superintendent reached out to the Charter Schools in the district area. They are seriously considering a Bond Issue to be on the ballot for November 2024. They have committed to continuing to fund Charter Schools with this bond but are reviewing and considering allocation of funds.
- 5.3. Prop 39 Request - In spring we looked at facilities recommended by CUSD. They are only required to house district students and so we may or may not get site recommendations that work for our school and program.
- 5.4. Teacher Remuneration for online training - The Finance Committee discussed this in their last meeting. This is regarding teachers being paid for online training. We have an amount that was set for teachers to attend training but this was set years ago when training was mostly in person. Online training is much different than in person training therefore allocation and many other details for reimbursing costs will be updated. More discussion later as this new proposal develops.
- 5.5. Classified Salary Schedule - Changes have been made to the classified pay scale. Changes mostly related to ranges and classifications. The changes were made to be more in line with the Chico Unified Pay Scale for Classified staff. We have added a "Facilities Assistant" position due to the added responsibilities in the Kitchen with the addition of the lunch program. Trisha Atehortua motions to approve. Donna seconds the motion.  
>Vote

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Vicki Wonacott	X			
Kristen Woods	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Leanna Glander	X			
Ryan Sanders	X			
Donna Kreskey	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

> Approved.

- 5.6. Executive Directors Report - Susan reports on fun student activities and humorous student comments. Staffing report- We are taking more time and enlisting the help of our parents to hire a 2nd grade teacher from paper screening all the way through interviews. Field trips are underway. The three biggest trips have been done already and we look forward to more in the upcoming months. ELOP afterschool programs are underway and very popular. From fencing to the school newspaper we have had a lot of positive feedback. Grade Level teams are currently meeting to discuss more deeply intervention and instruction. Professional development is

always happening. Matt Reddham from BCOE came to discuss the effects of trauma on our work with students. Some highlights;

- Everyone has different needs
- Connect before correct
- Trauma affects how our brains function
- Recognize the positives
- Establish Connections!

Liz Bevin of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education will work with our faculty on the 7 Core Principles of Waldorf education. This is part of the work that validates our use of the Waldorf trade mark. It is also part of our LCAP Goal.

Last, Maggie and I will be attending the Breakthrough Coach Training in Southern California next week.

**6. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00PM**

**7. ADJOURNMENT - 7:25pm**



- No further discussion.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vicki Wonacott				
Kristen Woods				
Laurel Hill-Ward				
Leanna Glander				
Ryan Sanders				
Donna Kreskey				
Trisha Atehortua				

- Vote passes.

Minutes Taken By: Maggie Buckley

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_