

Blue Oak Charter School
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Room 24
CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

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Monday, April 16, 2024, at 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

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

- 1.1. Call Meeting to Order 6:07pm
- 1.2. Roll Call of Council Members to establish a 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	
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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 - None

1.5. Audience to Address the Council - None

This is an opportunity for community members to address the council concerning items not on the agenda. Council Members will not respond to comments due to Brown Act expectations concerning agendas. 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 Special Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2024

2.2. Cash Flow

2.3. Balance Sheet Detail

2.4. Warrants/Aged Payable

2.5. Actual to Budget Summary

2.6. Point of Sale Transactions/Check Register (March 2024)

2.7. Credit Card Statement (March 2024)

2.8. Overnight Field Trip (fall 2024) 6th grade

2.9. Accept Donations:

2.9.1. Valley Oak Children’s Services

2.9.2. 5th Street Steakhouse

2.9.3. Armed Guard Private Security

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Donna Kreskey. Second by Trisha Atehortua.

➤ Vote

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

➤ Approved.

3. FACULTY

3.1. Faculty Report

Nick Meier/Sarah Lee

Sarah Lee reports for - Welcome to April we are almost done with the school year! For the report today we have a slideshow including the following, Ms. Cheryl's kindergarten, 1st grade Mrs.Jones., 3rd grade Mr.Meier, 5th grade Ms. Machek, 6th grade Ms. Lee's class. 7th grade Ms. Madera., and Mx.Cooley for 8th grade. Discussion about graduation and venues.

4. BUSINESS

4.1. Advanced Document Proposal

Susan Domenighini

Brief discussion.

Motion to approve Advanced Document Proposal by Trisha Atehortua, Second by Kristen Woods.

➤ Vote

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

➤ Approved.

4.2. Finance (Discussion) - Susan discusses meeting with Annie Gilbert from Charter Impact and the budget planning that they are doing. Susan has additional resources that have not been included in the budget because they have not officially been received at this time. These items include \$520k for ERC, Food Services/Nutrition funding, Potential Sublet, Mental Health Insurance billing, CCSPG, and other grants for SEL. Potential budget cuts to Certificated Faculty, Administration, Classified Education Support, Other Classified. Annie shared a planning document with the board. Previously in the Finance Meeting we projected a \$167k deficit. The biggest change for next year is the decrease in one time funding grants totalling \$849k to \$444k next year. Our revenue had decreased to \$405k. Susan and I have been working on this pretty diligently at where cuts could be made and now can predict a surplus of \$135k for the next couple of years. It is important to project out multiple years. Plus we have an additional \$188k in state funding allocated to next year that could potentially move back if necessary.

Grant funding will be known to us by June. Food Service funding will be known over the next few months. The mental health billing and the potential for sublet are still in the process of planning and feasibility. We want to schedule a special meeting to discuss budget cuts and other options for next year. Board schedules the date for the Special Meeting Wednesday May 8, 2024 at 6pm.

- 4.4 Teacher/Staff Appreciation (Discussion)
Parent Council members join in the discussions. Teacher appreciation week is the same week as the May Fair. Lots of suggestions on how to support teachers. Thursday May 9th luncheon. Discussion will be continued in the Parent Council Meeting.

5. GOVERNANCE

- 5.1. Parent Council Report Ryan Sanders
Very short meeting. Ms.Jennifer attended the last meeting. She brought some information on the difference between Parent Council Representatives and Classroom Parents. This really helped clarify roles for the parents. She made pitch for school uniforms and the quality swag for schools. The music festival Oaken Lands is happening this weekend!
- 5.2. Finance Committee Trisha Atehortua
Trisha reports on budget discussions in the Finance Committee. Trisha
- 5.2.1. Facilities Report - The PSA is currently in negotiations between the seller and CUSD. they appear to be moving forward positively. Kristen Woods
- 5.3. Executive Director Review Committee -
Discussion on how to proceed with the current tasks and responsibilities. Members of the committee chosen, Kristen Woods, Vicki Wonacott, and Trisha Atehortua. First committee meeting scheduled for April 24 at 6:00pm. Kristen Woods motion to approve the Election Committee. Ryan Sanders second 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			

➤ Motion Passed.

- 5.4.** Charter Council Election Appointment - Two positions open this year, 1 parent and 1 community member. Leanna Glander, community member will not be returning. Kristen Woods, parent member, would like to offer her position to another parent however, if no one steps up she has agreed to carry on as a parent representative. We have a Charter Council Member that oversees the voting. Primarily the process is that while the votes are counted then the Charter Council Member observes the process. New members are invited to apply to join the Charter Council. The Parent Council organizes all of the outreach for collection ballots and voting day planning. Trisha Atehortua volunteers to oversee the election. Vicki motion to approve Trisha. Kristen second 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			

➤ Motion Passed.

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Executive Director's Report

Susan Domenighini

Favorite moments shared. Visits from alumni. Testing is this week for 8th, 5th and 6th grades. Middle school (6th through 8th grade) was visited by Catalyst this week. They will return next week for a visit to 5th grade. Parents are always notified and they are welcomed to opt their children out. Catalyst will be discussing the consequences of drug use and vaping. It is a Chico community wide concern. Oral Health Assessments will also be happening this week. We have partnered with the Butte Co. Health Department for oral health presentations to all students K through 8th grade. We have free dental health assessments that are offered to all of our families should they want their children to receive free care. We have a high percentage of low income families which has made this opportunity accessible to our community. Kari Madera is continuing with her Waldorf Mentor training this year. Katherine Lehman is currently supporting all of our teachers through classroom observations and recommendations. We did make the decision to wait to schedule a parent night with Waldorf Education offerings for this year as we are doing a lot of work around this and would like to continue our focus this year on supporting faculty. Next year Parent Education nights will

be focused on supporting the parents and understanding of Waldorf Education. We are working with BCOE's Differentiated Assistance team this year. The work that we are doing is looking at how we review the LCAP and the correct ways to actually do this. We are looking at how we collect data and review data. The actual writing of the LCAP is going to be reviewed as well as the goals we set and how these are determined.

6.1.1. Teacher Assignments 2024-25

Last month I reported that 2nd through 8th grade positions were filled as the teachers had all committed to returning for the next school year. The only position that was not certain was 1st grade. This position was offered to the current ELA/ELD teacher, Hunter Hamblin. Hunter accepted the position. She has a lot of experience in the classroom. We are excited to look forward to next year with a very solid core group of teachers.

- 6.2. Behavior Update -** Amanda Hurd, Assistant Director has prepared the report for the BOCC to review. Behavior data is reviewed and discussed. The board has requested last year's data but unfortunately this data collection process was done for previous years. This is a new process that was started this year. Consistency in consequences between classrooms, students, and different processes for different teachers is discussed. A breakdown of information is requested, last year's data collected on paper, also a K-3rd, 4th & 5th grade data group, and 6th through 8th grade data group breakdowns are requested. Question - What are we doing with this data now that we have it? Positive Behavior Interventions, (PBIS), are explained and discussed. We are here as a school with PBIS, we have a Blue Oak Leaf process for when students are showing one or more of our Virtues. Students receiving a certain amount of leaves get positive feedback in the form of staff recognition and mini celebrations. There are Good Citizenship Awards given at assemblies for positive behavior. Kristen says she is hearing the good stuff, but wants to know how this supports reinforcing bad behavior in a positive way? Donna responds, PBIS is the process of us removing as much focus on the bad behavior as possible then you teach the kids to replace the bad behavior with a positive behavior then we reinforce them for that positive behavior. The idea is that the tangibles come first to get the positive behavior in place then you fade the tangible once the kid begins to experience the natural rewards of appropriate behavior. So you can't completely do away with punishment but part of the problem with not being PBIS focused is that much of traditional school discipline has been focused on punishing negative rather than actively encouraging what you want to see. Blue Oak does a great job of putting emphasis on what we want to see but our conversations here at the board level seem to veer toward punishment rather than building those positives in. Lots of times, punishment makes it difficult to build community especially if it's not consistent. Kristen says that she still doesn't understand. When things happen in the classroom 23 to 27 students get removed and one child stays. It's hard with positive reinforcement right now because you have repetitive behaviors in multiple grades and classes but the policy right now is that the classroom isn't protected.

That community needs to rebuild. She thinks we need to change our policies. Community is really important but we are not focused on the behaviors and that is the problem. Susan discusses special education and high needs students and what is needed to provide adequate support in a timely manner. The process takes a lot longer than we want but what you are seeing now is that the blow ups are happening less frequently. Trisha mentions that it is understandable that Kristen is concerned for the classroom environment and how the students have to rebuild their community each time there are incidents. How we respond to the student communicating at this level, teamwork in responding to students, and supporting all students are discussed. Kristen shares that we talk about community but not everyone gets the same support. Only one or a few get all of the support and chances. Not all of the students get as many chances as the one that is misbehaving. Not all of the students get the same support. Susan agrees that it is a challenge to meet the needs of all and gives an example that everyone can understand that different students have different needs and therefore receive different support. Having that discussion is part of public education. Public education is intentionally set up to bring communities together and educate everyone on how to live together. Tracking the intervention is discussed. Different data collections discussed. Check in/Check out process discussed. Susan asks that the board continue this process of looking at data. This is an important topic for the community. The processes that we are implementing have been studied as effective procedures to address behavior. The implementation is important to look at as well.

6.3. Attendance Update - Attendance data is shared.

K -90.4%

1st - 93%

2nd - 92%

3rd - 92.6%

4th - 96%

5th - 92.75%

6th - 87%

7th - 89%

8th - 81%

Kate McDonald's 4th grade class won the March madness attendance competition!

6.4. Enrollment Update -

	Current	Outs	Ins	August 2023
TK	10			Not separated
Kindergarten	27			37
1-5	120			124
6-8	75	19	17	79
Totals	232			240

New Enrollment ended April 1st.

6.5. Community Partnership
Including a Review of Diversity Goals

Caren Lehe

Report from Caren Lehe shared.

7. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday May 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT - 8:32pm

Minutes Taken By: Maggie Buckley

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Name	Present	Absent
Vicki Wonacott		
Kristen Woods		
Laurel Hill-Ward		
Leanna Glander		
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Donna Kreskey		
Trisha Atehortua		



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