

Blue Oak Charter School
450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
Room 24
CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

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Monday, May 21, 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.*

***Virtues:** Hold Reverence - Have Courage - Build Friendships - Seek Wisdom - Show Compassion*

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

- 1.1. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:00pm.
- 1.2. Roll Call of Council Members to establish a quorum

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

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

Pull agenda items 2.2,.2.3.2.5,2.10 and move to front of the consent agenda for discussion. Also, move school enrollment 4.3, to 4.1. Then move 4.1 down.. Board member wants to talk about the enrollment first. Remove the closed session Public Employee Review 7.1.1 evaluation needs fine tuning not ready yet. Laurel Hill-Ward motion to approve agenda modifications. Ryan Sanders second.

➤Vote

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

➤Motion Approved

1.5. Audience to Address the Council

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)

Kellie Machi, Blue Oak School Registrar, written statement attached to minutes.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from 4-16-24 & Special Meeting Minutes from 5-8-24
- 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 Construction Engineering Consulting Group Inc. (\$500)
 - 2.9.2 Members 1 Credit Union (\$250)
- 2.10. Accept Offers of Employment 2024-25
- 2.11. Accept Resignations 2024-24

Motion to approve consent agenda without items 2.2,2.3,2.5.2.10, by Trisha Atehortua. Second Vicki Wonacott.

➤Vote

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➤Motion Approved

Discussion and recap of Finance Committee recent meeting discussion. Questions regarding 2.2,2.3,2.5.2.10 items addressed. Request from board moving forward that more detailed financials be included in the report.

Trisha Atehortua motion to accept remainder of consent agenda items 2.2,2.3,2.5,2.10, Ryan Sanders second.

➤Vote

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Donna Kreskey	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			

➤Motion Approved

3. FACULTY

3.1. Faculty Report

Nick Meier/Sarah Lee

No power point slides today. This is super crunch time everyone is busy! 7th grade going to Ashland - lots of plays are happening at this time. The 6th grade Pentathlon was fantastic! We went to this last week. Thanks to the Parent Council and all of the parent volunteers that helped support that trip!

3.2. School Enrollment

3.2.1. Current Enrollment - share doc

3.2.2. Increasing Enrollment Trisha wants to talk about this for increasing enrollment before we talk about moving to a new site. Talk about a new sign
Concerns about the budget. Caren - A parent of 3rd & 5th grade students, submitted a proposal for a new sign for the front of our school. "Free public school" "Enrolling Now" This parent has offered to fund this for the school! We will be going to more events for outreach. Caren is doing a lot of good work! Kellie Machi will be working with Caren to promote the school this summer. Trsha says we should do more social media and we should ask parents to post more. Field trips like the pentathlon should be talked about more. Caren is talking to and reaching out to families. Can we do "Press releases" ? Caren says the boys and girls club does great things for outreach by offering free memberships if you show up to meetings. Getting parents engaged in promoting the school is a great idea. Additional discussion regarding efforts being made to increase enrollment.

4. BUSINESS

4.1. PSA for Miriam Park Property -We are in escrow the CUSD board approved it We have until August 15th and now we are working on getting certifications. We will be moving forward with the process with the facilities team looking at architects. Are we gonna be at the new site next year? No we will not be there next year, but we are moving forward. Not sure how long this is going to take.

4.2. CUSD Bond Issue-CUSD is going out 239 million and charter schools have 15 to 16% of the overall amount. Last time when discussing Measure K funding for charters it was based on charter ada. CUSD board decided that they did not want to fund charters in this same way this time around. So they have determined that the most probable amount for us would be around 35% of the 15% will be based on ada. Last time we got 3 million funded to our school. The funding left over this year to be divided up is 17 million for larger projects. Structural projects like our new school. They want us to support the passing of this bond issue. The focus in on supporting schools that do not have a permanent site and we fall into that category. The funding that comes from this bond we do not have to pay taxes on. We will get a significant amount of money to cover the cost of building the new school. We as a board will not be able to talk about this again as they will be voting and we cannot discuss or approve as elected board members. Someone asks if we have to pay this money back? We do not have to repay the bond money. Laurel suggests an ad hoc committee to look at the other schools that have higher enrollment. Find out what they are doing. What is the cost of the new school? Will we discuss this in facilities or finance? It will go to finance per Susan.

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Caren says the boys and girls club does great things for outreach by offering free memberships if you show up to meetings. Getting parents engaged in promoting the school is a great idea.

5. GOVERNANCE

- 5.1. Parent Council Report Ryan Sanders
Parent council is a busy time of year. Last meeting recap of Oaken Lands somewhere around \$7k was earned - 7th grade is leaving soon on their trip soon so we hope to grow the fund. May Fair went well - one day of rain! Moved inside. Spring concert concessions decorations sound - getting house in order- final meeting in June - more participation more reps is the goal
- 5.2. Finance Committee Trisha Atehortua
Trisha was absent. Kristen sat in but is not here tonight. How do we get more volunteers? Options ? Increasing attendance. Trisha asks, should be doing outreach if a kid has been out for a few days to ask if they want a independent study packet? Susan replies that this is being done. Independent study works for some and not others.
- 5.3. Facilities Report Kristen Woods
Has been on hold but they will be coming back together soon to talk about next steps.

6. ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1. Executive Director's Report Susan Domenighini
Susan has been very involved in the budget- we are starting a new payroll system. This is a stressful time for everyone. New photocopiers and moving forward to next school year other copiers will be having limits per user. Accountability for employees. This is a budget issue.
- 6.2. Behavior Update Amanda Hurd
We always look at the month prior which can be a little confusing as the data is kinda outdated. Adopting a curriculum for SEL (social emotional learning) we are working with BCOE (Butte County Office of Education) who will be funding up to \$6k to support SEL Grant for a wellness room for students and another one for staff. Submitted last week - \$7k Positive Office Referrals are discussed and how they have increased.
Attendance Reward trip to Bolero! K - 8th graders got to go and it was a blast.
Amanda Hurd reports.
- 6.3. Attendance Update Report is shared We are at 91.2% attendance for this year.

6.4. Community Partnership

Caren Lehe

Including a Review of Diversity Goals

Document is shared. Currently K.Sexton and herself are inviting parents to review the SEL program. We are also working on the LCAP hoping to get parent feedback. This Thursday after school will be in parent square and the acorn The last two town halls didn't get good turnout. Staff have been participating. Caren talks about her efforts to build community. Talked about empathy interviews with students. Stonewall Alliance visited the school multiple times this year. I attended the 8th grade field trip. April 24th was the first "donuts with the director" which will continue on. We are currently planning the graduation and graduation reception for 8th grade graduation this year. Lots happening!

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1.1 Executive Director Evaluation

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§54957)

This item was removed as it is not ready yet the report still needs fine tuning.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT 7:37pm

Minutes Taken By: Maggie Buckley

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

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