

Blue Oak Charter School
450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
CHARTER COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Band Room / Meeting Room

MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21 , 2020 - 6 pm

Vision: To be a model for successful education of the whole child.

*Mission: To nurture and deepen each child's academic and creative capacities using methods
inspired by Waldorf education in a public school setting.*

LCAP Goal Summary: Build the parent community, support success for all students, and prepare students for high school

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6 PM

1. OPENING - 5 Minutes

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Monica McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

- Present: Trisha Atehortua, Monica McDaniel, Chelsea Parker, Laura Swanson, and Laurel Hill-Ward
- Absent: Vicki Wonocott

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, Love of life itself. Let us remember that as many
hands build a house, So many hearts build a school.”*

- The school verse was read by all present.

1.4. Agenda Modifications

- Chelsea Parker requested that item 2.10 Summer Camp through CARD be pulled from the consent agenda so teacher Riley Murray could speak more about it.

1.5. Audience to Address the Council

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)

- No audience to address the council

2. CONSENT AGENDA - 10 Minutes

- 2.1. Approve Minutes from December 17, 2019**
- 2.2. Warrants**
- 2.3. Point of Sale Transactions**
- 2.4. Cash Flow**
- 2.5. Actual to Budget Summary**
- 2.6. Balance Sheet Detail**
- 2.7. Donations**
- 2.8. Resignation**
 - 2.8.1. Jennifer Wagner**
 - 2.8.2. Caitlin Morrison**
 - 2.8.3. Rachel Oakes**
- 2.9. Overnight Field Trips**
 - 2.9.1. Nick Meier Ashland Oregon in May 2020**
- 2.10. Summer Camp through CARD**

- Laurel Hill-Ward made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, save the pulled item 2.10 Summer Camp through CARD. Chelsea Parker seconds.
- No discussion
- Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott				X
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- Vote passes.
- Vicki arrives at 6:07PM
- Riley Murray, third grade teacher at Blue Oak, spoke to the council about WOW Summer Camp. She presented feedback from last summer's participants and feedback from a recent survey of Blue Oak School via Parent Square. Her data showed that the program was well received. Parents were not aware that students not attending Blue Oak School could attend WOW Summer Camp. They seemed excited to learn this. She received positive feedback about the program and about interest in enrolling again. Last summer the program broke even, this year the goal will be to make a profit. Riley requested that the council approve the program for the summer of 2020.
- The council noted that an earlier start time could allow working parents to more easily have their students attend. Transportation from WOW Summer Camp to other afternoon CARD camps was discussed. Excitement for the program and gratitude to Riley Murray were expressed for providing a Waldorf option for summer camps in Butte County.
- Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve another reiteration of WOW Summer Camp through CARD. Vicki Wonacott seconds.
- No discussion

➤ Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- Vote passes.
- Meeting break at 6:25PM.
- Meeting resumed at 6:37PM.

3. GOVERNANCE - 15 minutes

3.1. Finance Committee

- Chelsea Parker shared an update from the Finance Committee. A special training with Charter Impact was held on Thursday, January 9 to train Finance Committee members on financial reports. Our updated financial reports from Charter Impact are not yet available for our meetings as they are still processing and compiling all of our data from the prior months of the year. These reports should be available by this Friday and updated reports will be brought to the next Finance Committee and Charter Council meetings. Overall progress is being made.

3.2. Budget Discussion and Review

- No discussion at this time.

3.3. Strategic Plan

- An outline of each goal was shared. Potential objectives for each goal were discussed at length. Several passionate perspectives were communicated regarding the direction each task force should take.
- Goal #1 was discussed as potentially being a financial outline of different scenarios in its first phase. The Finance Committee was suggested as a possible group for addressing this goal.
- Goal #2 objectives were summed up as being outreach that builds community within the Blue Oak family that may also be fundraisers, but the main goal is to build community and allow the Blue Oak family to share its passions and talents. A team approach to events was discussed and is being implemented.
- Goal #3 is an opportunity for us to expand our thinking and reach out to donors beyond the Blue Oak Community.

3.4. Policy Review

- Susan Domenighini shared that the administrative team is looking to review policy on a more regular basis. The next policy we are looking to review and bring to the council after the homework policy will be the Charter Council elections policies.

3.4.1. Homework Policy

- This is a second look at the homework policy. The council was pleased with the updated wording regarding parent involvement and the overall clarity the policy gives to the expectation of homework.

- Chelsea Parker made a motion to accept the homework policy as presented. Trisha Atehortua seconds.
- No further discussion
- Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- Vote passes.
- 3.5. Measure K**
- Susan Domenighini reported that while we want to preserve the majority of our Measure K funds for a building purchase, there are a few items we can purchase at this time that will enhance and improve our program, having a huge impact on our students and faculty daily life.
 - Faculty co-chair’s Ally Welch and Brianna Lee were present and spoke with excitement regarding the purchase of items listed on the Measure K proposal.
 - Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve up to \$15,000 of Measure K funds be spent on the proposed items. Trisha Atehortua seconds.
 - No further discussion
 - Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			

- Vote passes.

4. FACULTY - 15 minutes

4.1. Grade Level Reports

- No reports this month.

5. ADMINISTRATION - 30 Minutes

5.1. Executive Director’s Report

- 5.1.1. Enrollment and Attendance
- 5.1.2. Marketing
- 5.1.3. Borrowing Statement
- 5.1.4. Mentor Visit
- 5.1.5. Town Hall Meeting
- 5.1.6. Alumni Survey

- Blue Oak Executive Director, Susan Domenighini, shared a few favorite moments from the staff. She highlighted ongoing organizational projects and upcoming events, including a mentor visit with teacher observation, a parent education night on Thursday, March 5 and a Town Hall meeting to be held on a Thursday night in February. Attendance was reported as being up and an alumni survey to be sent out in February was reviewed and discussed.

6. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, February 18, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

- Monica McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

Minutes taken by: Tess Slaton

Approved by:  Date: 2/21/20