



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

Approved Parent Council Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 @ 6pm in the Band Room

1. OPENING (~ 6:00 pm)

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

1.2 Invocation/2 word check-in

1.3 Roll Call of Council Members & Introductions (if needed)

Voting Members Present: Nick Kartychok, Franki Boisseree, Lacie Perrot, Michelle Doherty, Jackie Hammer, Amanda Chambless, Amber Pierce, Angie Ernest

Liaisons & Staff: Rachel Ceja, Riley Murray, Trisha Atehortua, Susan Domenighini, Maggie Buckley

Guests: Ryan Sanders

2. PUBLIC COMMENT > AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL (~ 6:10 pm)

Persons addressing the Council without giving previous notice need to realize that there will be no action taken on the items not on the agenda. The Council may limit presentations to no more than three (3) minutes each.

2.1. A Chambless discussed the meeting guidelines of the Brown Act, which is used as a guideline to follow for PC meetings and posting of Agendas. Since the PC is not publicly funded, it is not required that we strictly follow the act, but it is voluntarily used as a guideline.

2.2. Angie E. – Discussed a Middle-School Film Festival – which will consist of 5 min films. Discussions will be occurring through the end of February. Would also like to do a Valentine’s Day Box Dinner. Past years a three course meal for two had been very successful which offered homemade pasta with rolls and a side.

2.3. Amanda C discussed that Tara is working on getting tee shirts, and Amanda is still working on ordering Bumper Stickers.

2.4. Amber P. – Discussed that she recently became aware that after school program through CARD is only available up through 5th grade. Other clubs are available, but this could present a challenge for her family as they transition to the middle school and realized that it may also affect others as well. Susan D. mentioned that there may be gaps to be filled here and this could be looked in to.

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (~ 6:20 pm)

3.1. Revise Riley McMillan to Riley Murray.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (~ 6:25 pm)

DISCUSSION/ACTION

4.1 Minutes from 12/3/19 Approved. 1st. Angie E. 2nd. Nick K. Minutes were approved unanimously.

5. REPORTS (~ 6:30 pm)

DISCUSSION ONLY

5.1 Charter Council Liaison - Trisha Atehortua - Next Year’s School Calendar was approved. Strategic plan is on the web to review. A Dashboard was reviewed with the council for current items under review. This year did see an improvement in some testing results such as English and language arts. 313 are currently enrolled.



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5.2 Administration Liaison - Susan Domenighini - Discussed how the Brown Act is voluntarily used as the Parent Council meeting rules. The school is continuing to work with Parent Square more instead of the Acorn and the One Call system. It meets ADA requirements and the format is more pleasant as well. School may be calling parents to encourage them to sign up. She encouraged Parent Reps to sign up to Parent Square so that we can distribute information to our class parents in the ways that each parent has set as their desired method of communication. Tess may be contacting reps to remind them to sign up.

Growing Up Chico will be holding an event and the school will have a booth there (Free Advertising). Rachel C. will be at the booth at this event - Feb 8th. At Chico Mall - 11 - 3 (plus set up and take down). Need additional reps to help at this event. Flyers are being distributed to pre-schools and are available for the upcoming Saturdays in Kindergarten.

Read-a-thon and Book Fair is coming up in March: 2nd to 6th.

Suspensions were up this year, but apparently this was also true for the rest of Butte County after the trauma from the fire.

Attendance is also being looked at for improvement - 23% are absent more than 90% of the time. Incentives for attendance could be instilled. Popcorn and snow cones could be used as rewards.

5.3 Faculty Liaison- Riley McMullen - Classroom updates - K - Lots of Birthdays. Welcoming back the children. Sharing stories with finger puppets, and making gnomes with hats. Gourds being decorated as bird houses. 1st - studying the four math gnomes. Singing High and Blue Sky - 2nd Math Block - Studying Number lines, paintings and dancing to folk songs. Working on skip counting, journaling nature experiences. 3rd Grade - have been assigned Pen Pals and they are studying the Hebrew block. Soon, they will be cooking with Emu eggs from a local farm. 4th - Norse block. 5th - Greek Mythology and the Trojan Tragedy and preparing for the Iliad and a class play, Studying science experiments, Mr. Myers - prepares for their performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and they are practicing Mozart song on the recorder. Mrs. Lee - reviewing parts of the Skeleton. Mc. Donald - studying Civil War period. and working on Silk Screen project with all the parts of a bird.

Girls On The Run is coming up. Look for a Survey for WOW summer Camp. She encouraged participation in the survey.

Games Class - will be holding a Jog-a-thon in late spring. This will be a fundraising event to raise funds for both the classrooms and PC.

6. NEW BUSINESS (~ 7:00 pm)

DISCUSSION/ACTION

6.1 LCAP- S. Domenighini- 6.1 LCAP - Local Control and Accountability Plan - Is how schools plan budgets and is a State requirement for funding. Review of the LCAP will occur at an event likely after Feb 13th. Must be completed by the end of February. An event for the children during the Town Hall meeting. Parts of the Strategic Plan will be included into the LCAP.

GeorgerHoeffecker and Wife Donna will be coming to the school the 1st Week in March. We need to help him focus on what he might present to the parents about Waldorf. i.e. how is Waldorf different. Why is reading taught later than other schools? Why Waldorf Teaches what we teach when we do. Looking at the whole



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education and the benefits for K-8 at a Waldorf School. Coming for Teacher Evaluations, but also to encourage Parent Engagement.

6.2 Strategic Plan- S. Domenighini- This plan will be incorporated during the LCAP discussion above.

6.3 A Walk into Winter Recap- A. Chambless

Made over \$850. (\$138 from cake walk alone). Vendors and Food Sales.

\$192 dollars were also collected at the Winter Concert with leftovers from Walk Into Winter, bringing total PC profits above \$1,000.

Classrooms also made money on the event. The final total is being tabulated and will be available within a week. Collaboration and community building was also a benefit of the event.

Advertising could be improved – to make sure that the word gets out earlier.

Free advertising could be used more to share the event on the community radio.

Prices could be higher. Aroma therapy could be included.

Booths – could clearly delineate tickets vs. cash booths.

Schedule of Activities in advance. More free activities.

More craft stations. Better advertising of the gift wrapping station.

Loved - Kitchen Setup in the corner.

Next year – Michelle has a friend who will help with the Santa event. Candy canes or something to pass out to the children is the only requirement he would ask.

Set a date so that teachers can incorporate into the curriculum earlier in the year. Pick a date in May. Having a Headliner band would help with attendance later in the event as well.

Selecting a date as early as possible. Helps the teachers and the parent community.

Control of Children could be improved and communication about areas kids can be during the event. Mrs. Marsha's class was a great option. More options like this could be entertained for other kid activities - with a schedule to encourage attendance.

Next year – more light activities as a look through into each class. Less weather dependent. Lights walk outside were hindered by the rain/weather.

Music was well appreciated.

Events need to be submitted two weeks in advance to be included on KZFR Community Calendar.

6.4 May Faire- A. Chambless

(See Planning Sheet from Amanda) This will be a PC-run event. More like it had been in past years.

Will need people to start thinking about positions such as Project Coordinator, Vendor Coordination, Activities, Fundraising, and other ways to help.

Amanda will help project manage, working with coordinators. Tess will be a resource for the PC as well. She will share old documents. List of Vendors.

Venue Details – Cedar Grove is an option for the event, has its advantages and disadvantages.



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Maggie B. - Input – it could be a lot of work for volunteers to set up. Lots of trips were required to set up. Parking is difficult. An advantage of holding the event at the school, is that the family can come visit the school, which is where the students are all year. For some parents, this is an opportunity for them to see the campus.

Informal vote was taken to 7 voted to keep the event on campus. 1 vote for holding the event at Cedar Grove. Jackie Hammer agreed that there are benefits to holding the event here on campus.

Angie E. Made a motion to hold our 2020 May Faire at the Blue Oak Campus. 1st Angie E. 2nd Franki. Approved. Motion passed. Unanimously. Comments on the function of May Faire: Significant celebration of the coming of May. Winter King and welcoming of Spring. There will be class fundraiser opportunities and Bake sale. May 9th. Event is our community outreach and fundraising.

6.5 Scholastic Book Fair- A. Chambless

Michelle D. and Franki B.'s husband would possibly like to help. The fair is during the first week of March. Reading minutes rewards will also be available for the classes with the most reading time logged as well. Tess will be coordinating with a staff member and another teacher and a parent volunteer to help with setup. There are a few options for the location of the faire, potentially in the Big Room this year. This will also be the same week that George will be here (see above).

7. CLOSING COMMENTS

DISCUSSION ONLY

Angie E. - Mr. Carr's son painted an S&S for Art from the Art – Potential sale of the donated art for PC funds.

Follow up with Angie on Box Dinners or the Middle School Film Festival. Look for Amanda's tl;dr email to distribute to each class community.

Parent Square? Get on there! (please connect with the teacher of the class you represent to gain ability to post on Parent Square for communication with your class)

If anyone is interested in starting a Blue Oak Choir - Michelle D. expressed an interest in starting a choir.

8. ADJOURNMENT (~ 8:00 pm)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm