

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

Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 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

- Vicki Wonacott called the meeting to order at 6:06PM

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

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

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.”

- All present read the verse together.

1.4. Agenda Modifications

- Susan Domenighini requested that items 2.7 and 2.8 be moved off of the consent agenda for discussion. Chelsea Parker requested that item 3.3 be moved to 3.1 to allow parent representatives to be addressed earlier in the meeting.

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA - 10 Minutes

2.1. Approve Minutes from regular and special meetings both on January 21, 2020

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. 2nd Interim Report

2.8. ConApp Winter 2020

2.9. Resignations

2.9.1. Bailey Akin

2.10. Field Trips

2.10.1. Sacramento / San Francisco - Sarah Lee - May 2020

2.10.2. Ashland, OR - Brianna Lee - May 2020

2.11. Occupational Therapy Contracts

- Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of items 2.7 and 2.8, Trisha Atehortua 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.
- Jim Weber from Charter Impact went over the financial reports. Financial reports for the school show a favorable forecast for the remainder of the year. He reviewed compliance deadlines through the end of the school year. The board had positive feedback and is looking forward to continued work to move away from factoring. The 2nd Interim Report was reviewed. It was requested that Jim Weber include his notes with the 2nd Interim Report when it is turned in to Chico Unified School District.
- Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve the 2nd Interim Report, Laura Swanson seconded.
- 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.
- Consolidated Applications for Title I and Title II were presented by Jim Weber of Charter Impact. This reflects a Title I status update for the year and any reservations, though no reservations were requested. Title 2 and Title 4 had no changes. The certification from the prior year for Title I was fully utilized.
- Laurel Hill-Ward made a motion to approve the Consolidated Applications. Trisha Atehortua 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.

3. GOVERNANCE - 15 minutes

3.1. Finance Committee

- Chelsea Parker shared the Finance Committee’s work on the Strategic Plan Goal #1. She clarified that they would be working up scenarios with general information. The finance committee will as well continue work on pay scales for next year. They will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month for the remainder of the school year to complete these tasks.
- Ally Welch, as a co-chair, made comments about changes that impacted faculty this year. She brought up the move for faculty to a 10 month contract versus a 12 month contract, an increase in the cost of health insurance this year, along with fluctuations in retirement withholdings and the challenges these things have presented for the certificated staff. She commented that faculty members are upset due to what they perceive as a lack of communication of issues and mistakes.
- It was recommended that a letter of explanation be sent to the teachers.

3.2. Strategic Plan

- Susan Domenighini spoke about the plan to formulate a task force for each goal and that meeting were being set up with board representatives for each goal to discuss the work that needs to be done this year. As well, the strategic plan goals and task force creation will be discussed with the Parent Council at their next meeting.

3.3. Charter Council Elections

- The Charter Council bylaws were shared and discussed. It was brought up that a new set of bylaws may have been approved and that verification of the bylaws may be needed. All Charter Council members will be up for election this year. Parent Council representatives were present and joined in the discussion. Options to stagger terms were brought up as well as three year terms. The Parent Council has elected Renae Turner as the Election Chairperson.
- Chelsea Parker nominated Trisha Atehortua as the board representative on the Election Committee. Laurel Hill-Ward 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.
- A faculty member may be needed for the Election Committee. The faculty co-chairs present were asked to reach out to faculty to see if anyone would volunteer.

3.4. Policy Review

3.4.1. Tobacco Policy

- This was a first look at a tobacco policy for Blue Oak School. A letter from the state superintendent of schools regarding the need for schools to adopt their own tobacco policy was discussed. The need for lighters and the use of fire in middle school science experiments was discussed. The need to make sure the policy covered vaping and electronic smoking devices was pointed out along with the need to educate students on the dangers of vaping and impact it has on one's health. It was differentiated that this is not a drug policy but specifically a tobacco policy. The policy will return next month for a vote.

4. FACULTY

4.1. Grade Level Reports

- No one present to give grade level report.

5. ADMINISTRATION - 30 Minutes

5.1. Executive Director's Report

- Susan Domenighini shared the public relations work that is being done at the school, specifically about the Growing Up Chico event at the mall attended by the Assistant Director, Rachel Ceja, and several teachers, where main lesson books and projects were presented to the public. Staff favorite moments from the month were shared along with school science scores and the need to publicize how well our students are doing in science.

5.1.1. Enrollment and Attendance

5.1.2. Marketing

5.1.3. Town Hall Meeting

- The Parent Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at 6PM. The topics will include goals to move the school forward over the next three years, the Local Control Accountability Plan, and the Strategic Plan. The option to possibly live stream the event was suggested and discussed.

5.1.4. Attendance Improvement Plan

- Our attendance is improving from last year. The new student information system Aeries is helping us track absent students. Rewards for perfect attendance are being planned. Several ideas were discussed.

5.2. CDE Public Release of Data Files

- The California Department of Education (CDE) release regarding data files was discussed. Blue Oak qualifies for additional funds and will be completing the application process.

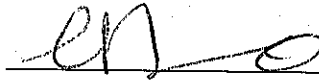
6. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, March 24, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

- Vicki Wonacott adjourned the meeting at 8:08PM

Minutes taken by: Tess Slaton

Approved by :



Date:

