



# Approved Meeting Minutes

**Parent Guild Meeting**  
**450 W. East Ave, Chico Ca 95926**

**When: Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 5:30 p.m.**  
**Where: 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom**

**Attendees:**

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| ✓ Chris Grettum – Chair/K Columbine/Susan              | ✓ Bernadette Ross – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Elsa K.             | ✓ Caryl Brown – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Barbara O.      |
| ✓ Portia Ceruti – Co Chair (Parent Member)             | ✓ Summer O’Neil – K. Lavender/ Melissa                  | ✓ Elizabeth Jennings – 4 <sup>th</sup> Carol F. |
| ✓ Heather Jensen – Secretary (1 <sup>st</sup> Kurt G.) | X Susie Nightowl – K. Tiger Lily / Sarah                | X Amanda Rose – 5 <sup>th</sup> Shannon O.      |
| ✓ Julie Quinn – Treasurer (Parent Member)              | ✓ Nicole Meyers – 1 <sup>st</sup> Brianna L.            | ✓ Maria Amatuccio – 6 <sup>th</sup> Alexia A.   |
| ✓ Stephen Montana – Director                           | ✓ Erica Charlesworth – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Natalie W.       | X Sarah Pape – 7 <sup>th</sup> Nicole B.        |
| ✓ Marc Kessler – Charter Council Rep.                  | ✓ Jessica Hunt – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rebecca G.             | ✓ Martin Schwabe - 8 <sup>th</sup> Edward P.    |
| ✓ Natalie White – Faculty Rep.                         | ✓ Monica McDaniel Berg – K. Calendula<br>Rose / Claudia | ✓ Kelly Angel – Parent Member                   |

✓ = present x = absent

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| <p><b>1. Opening</b></p>  | <p>1.1 Meeting called to order at: <u>5:30</u><br/>         1.2 Roll Call/Quorum: Yes<br/>         1.3 Agenda Modifications: 5.3 moved before 5.1</p>  |   |   |
| <p><b>2. School Verse</b></p>   | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>                 This is our school<br/>                 May peace dwell here<br/>                 May the rooms be full of contentment<br/>                 May love abide here<br/>                 Love of our school             </td> <td>                 Love of one another<br/>                 And love of life itself<br/>                 Let us remember<br/>                 That as many hands build a house<br/>                 So, many hearts build a school             </td> </tr> </table>   | This is our school<br>May peace dwell here<br>May the rooms be full of contentment<br>May love abide here<br>Love of our school | Love of one another<br>And love of life itself<br>Let us remember<br>That as many hands build a house<br>So, many hearts build a school |
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| <p><b>3. Public Comments</b></p>  | <p>3.1 Public Comments and Announcements<br/>         Caryl Brown said that Barbara Otts class had an announcement to parents and that a good attitude prevailed.</p>  |   |   |
| <p><b>4. Committee Reports</b></p>  | <p>4.1 Fundraising --Wendy Kaplan, Chair - Our School Store (aka, the old Mercurius/Parent Guild Table) will soon be selling T-Shirts ...Rummage Sale coming in April..Potentially lucrative fundraiser (60% of revenue plus \$10,000 bonus to the most involved school) with Chico Outlaws also coming soon. MaMuse has declined to do a fundraiser.</p> <p>4.2 Garden &amp; Grounds --Tighe O’Neill, Chair – Winter is quite time in the yard, but they have the Lowes Grant application in and are working on designplans.</p> <p>4.3 In-Reach --Erica Charlesworth, Chair – We are working on appreciation gestures, the first one being a luncheon hosted by the parents of Natalie White’s 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class for faculty and administration. Kelly Munson has made beautiful Parent Guild thank you cards that are kept in the Parent Guild room.</p> <p>4.4 Out-Reach --Dean Fairbanks, Chair - Parent Council and the School are co-funding several advertisements. We are now in the Enterprise Record regularly, and have ads in Growing Up Chico and North State Parent Magazine where we will be the featured school (front cover) in February (probably...)...also, the Parent Handbook is being updated.</p> <p>4.5 Events (formerly Festivals) --Summer O’Neill, Chair- This is a new role that is seriously coming together. Imagine one person who keeps us all informed of every major event BEFORE it happens! We are going to have a MAIN Calendar, both online and another logical location yet to be precisely determined.</p> <p>4.6 Site Maintenance --Kelly Munson, Chair - SINKS!!!! They are installed. Teachers are so happy. Major thanks to Dean Fairbanks, Michael Durand, and United Plumbing</p> |   |   |

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|                                  | <p>(Michael's brother and someone's very kind wife) for volunteering the labor to install so many sinks. These folks saved us a lot of money! THANK YOU. And thanks to whoever left the sweet handwritten notes. ALSO, many gnome and fairy types fixing leaks and doors and plastering stuff. Working on a window inventory and a Fix It Please form. Has ideas for Love Chico involvement.</p> <p>4.7 Library –Holly Neilson – No report</p> <p>4.8 Green –Stephanie Ludwig-Cooper, Chair - Green Committee is back and ready to get recycling going for each of the classroom plus additional bins around campus. This includes working with our Janitor who spends too much time picking up little bits of trash. PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SCHOOL TIDY AND CLEAN BY PICKING UP TRASH WHEN YOU SEE IT.</p> <p>4.9 History –Caryl Brown, Chair - Please contact Caryl Brown if you have photos of Blue Oak from prior years that you would like to see in a yearbook...That's right, we are working on the first Yearbook for the first graduation class coming up this June.</p> <p>4.10 Parent Volunteer Coordinator –Jessica Hunt - We are still working on collecting these and finding simpler ways to tabulate them. It's never too late to turn In your hours! Each class has a folder at the back of their teachers inbox/file by the classroom door. There is a definite pattern to a volunteer hours, with a decrease in hours with an increase in the grades. Total volunteer hours to date are 2,143!</p> |
| <p><b>5. School Reports</b></p>  | <p>5.3 Charter Council Representative --Marc Kessler - Marc Kessler, liaison , reported that the faculty brought issues of serious concern to the last meeting...resulting in a special session (held the day after the Parent Guild Meeting on Jan 20th) to address how to address the issues of concern. Does that make sense to you? Well, bottom line is, we are a growing school and each of the main bodies – Parent Council, Charter Council, Faculty and Administration – who support the life of the school (i.e, the children) need a viable infrastructure in which to support its members. Did that make sense? Hmmm, well stay tuned....no doubt there's more to come.</p> <p>5.1 School Administrator --Stephen Montana - Have you heard of the nine year change? Usually it applies to children/students...well, our school is also nine years old....and we seem to be going through some changes. Planning another Town Hall meeting ...to provide a forum for open communication. February 4th – Thursday – 6pm. Amanda Bosschart wrote a Grant for new kitchen equipment....Stephen Montanya wrote grant for the backspace....Tighe O'neil helped write Lowes Grant....Results coming soon. THANK YOU GRANT WRITERS, those mentioned and those behind the scene writers.</p> <p>5.2 Faculty Representative --Natalie White – THANKS A MILLION for the sinks! Teachers love them! Also, thanks for keeping the kitchen clean and supporting your classroom teachers. Our efforts go noticed.</p>  |
| <p><b>6. Officer Reports</b></p> | <p>6.1 Chair –Chris Grettum -</p> <p>6.2 Co-Chair –Portia Ceruti – Nothing to report.</p> <p>6.3 Treasurer –Julie Quinn – Update on finances. Our savings balance is \$9,731.04. Would like to get an annual budget of anticipated expenses.</p> <p>6.4 Secretary –Heather Jensen – Nothing to report.</p>  |
| <p><b>7. Consent Agenda</b></p>  | <p>7.1 Approval of Parent Guild meeting minutes November 17, 2009 - Tabled</p> <p>7.2 Approval of Parent Guild meeting minutes December 15, 2009 - Tabled</p> <p>7.3 Approval for purchase of bees wax for Parent Guild meetings. \$28.04 - Passed</p> <p>Corrections to minutes were not made before the meeting, a motion was made to remove and table those items.</p>   |
| <p><b>8. New Business</b></p>    | <p>8.1 Funding request: School advertisement –Dean Fairbanks- \$1,211 Passed</p> <p>8.2 Funding request: Purchase of Waldorf handouts for school tours –Dean Fairbanks - \$331 Passed</p> <p>8.3 Funding request: T-shirt purchase for Fundraising –Wendy Kaplan – Up to \$1,400 Passed</p> <p>8.4 Funding request: Chair rental reimbursement for Winter Program –Mark Kessler - \$394.13 Passed</p> <p>8.5 Bylaw Task force Update – Portia Ceruti – With respect to Consensus Items (points to which the Task Force was in agreement and recommended), Passed. Discussion was held on Points of Alignment and Discussion: With regard to Class Representative "appointments" the Council felt that they would like some autonomy in choosing</p>   |

representatives, with the option of an election if necessary. With regard to Meetings and Term Dates, the Council supported moving Officer elections and Class Representative selection to September. The Council also choose to support the removal of the three Parent Representative positions with the addition of four Officer positions. With regard to attendance the Council as support of a change to removal of Class Representatives from their position, with the exception of extenuating circumstances.

8.6 Creation of Task Force to explore 501c3 status for Parent Guild – Created by Chris, members are Martin Schwabe, Monica McDaniel-Berg, Elizabeth Jennings, & Tighe O'Neill.

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Next Meeting: Fed. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 5:30  
Adjourn time: 8:46