BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
450 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926
Charter Council
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05pm

2. INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS
Veronica Coates, Talia Scherquist, Marc Kessler, Clair Hudkins Seda, Tighe O'Neill present. Heather Altfeld and Jeff Plotnick, absent.

4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS
Michael requested to Table 8.5.

5. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL
Chris Grettum asked for clarification of hours for the Council Meetings, Marc clarified that the regular time will continue to be at 6pm. Chris also asked for clarification about the hiring committee and how the committee was formed. He requested that the committee make up be outlined in writing to ensure ethics and confidence in the process. Marc responded that there is a document in place, Michael agreed with Chris that a document would help ensure consistency, although this last hiring committee was carried out with rigor. Marc brought up that the parent representative in the committee should come from the Parent Council.

6. REPORTS
6.1 Administrative – Michael: Michael shared the 2011-2012 daily schedule, all grades will have an increase in instructional minutes, with the majority of the increased time focusing on mathematics. This overage also provides more of a cushion over the state minimum. Michael passed out a map of the building to discuss room reconfiguration of classes. Anticipated enrollment is 426, with 26 IEPs. Michael will be re-writing the parent handbook and will present in August.
Linda: Linda is busy! Transferring to the new fiscal provider, closing the books for BOCS and getting started for the BOS 2011-2012 school year. Linda requested the Board move/have a special meeting for the Financial Committee earlier this month.

6.2 Parent Council Report – Tighe O'Neill: The June meeting which discussed the Garden and Grounds Committee that will no longer have a chair (Tighe). Admin needs to hash out which responsibilities of that committee will go to the Janitor. The Council will be designating funds to the Janitor for his extra projects. Up to $200 has been designated to faculty for professional development. A Budget Task Force has been created to look at professional development funding for faculty and other Blue Oak/Waldorf specialty projects. This Task Force will be chaired by Chris Grettum. Portia Ceruti has resigned as Co-Chair and Summer O'Neill has been appointed as Co-Chair.

6.3 Teacher Report – Jennifer Glennen: not present. Barbara Ott

6.4 Committee Reports: Marc explained that the Committees will be standing agenda items.

- Charter Review: (2nd Wed of month)
- Capital Development: (2nd Tues of month)
- Academic Achievement: (no standing meeting day)
- Finance: (last Tues of month at 3pm)

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes, June 7 and June 13.
Tighe moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a modification that the June 7th Corp. Meeting include the resolution for 4.6. Veronica seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Financial Services Provider: Linda reported the Charter Schools Management Corporation has been approved without the originally required SACS report.
8.2 Approval of Con-App: Linda shared that this entitles us to apply for Title 1 money. Linda applied, stating our intent to apply for 2011-2012 funding of Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs. This needs Board approval. Clair moved to approve the Consolidated application, Veronica seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
8.3 New Quarterly Prof. Dev. Workshops-RFP: Michael shared a proposal to hire high level trainers to train staff in Waldorf methods. In Oct 2012 our Charter requires us to hire a pedagogical coach. Michael does not want to move forward without including the faculty so he has postponed this topic until faculty have returned.
8.4 Fundraising Coordination Services-RFP: Michael reported that this RFP has been posted on the website with a link on EdJoin. Linda brought up that since this is a contractual position, should it follow the full hiring committee process. Marc shared that like other contractual relationships, this is an Administrative process. However after discussion, it was decided that since this position will be the face of the school, the hiring committee should facilitate the process.
8.5 Parent Survey results: tabled.
8.6 Facility Use Policy: Michael shared a hand out on Community Use of Facilities. Discussion took place regarding use of facilities for private lessons, events, summer programs, etc. Michael will meet with the current providers and request a proposal for collaboration.
8.7 Limit 6/7 class size: the current space for this class is limited, therefore Michael requested of the board to limit the class size of this class to 24. Talia moved, Tighe seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.
8.8 Noise Assessment: the report demonstrated that within a 72 hour period we only exceeded the noise code for 11 minutes. The company who conducted the study felt that this was not enough to warrant a citation. Michael sent a letter to the head of the neighborhood committee.

Barbara Ott joined the meeting and was invited to provide the Board with a teacher report. She shared that faculty are currently at training and that they are working on the class schedule.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Chair called the meeting into closed session at 6:15pm and announced the following items:

9.1 Conference with labor negotiators:
54957.6 Exec. Director

.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators.
Property, 450 W. East Ave. Chico, CA
Blue Oak Charter School/Leen Bro. Lease

.3Public Employment
54957 Asst. Director.

9.4 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code § 54956.9.

The Chair called the meeting back to order and announced that the Board approved $3000 for additional salary for the month of July for the Executive Director and approved the hire of an Assistant Director.

10. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

.4Date of Next Regular Meeting – August 2, 6pm
.5Possible Board Agenda Items: Parent Survey.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE CHARTER COUNCIL

Welcome, Laurie Kopping

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm