



Approved Minutes

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

When: Tuesday, March 16th 2010 5:30 p.m.
Where: 7th grade classroom

Council Attendees:

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

✓ = present x = absent

<p>1. Opening</p>	<p>1.1 Meeting called to order at: <u>5:40</u> 1.2 Roll Call/Quorum (10): <u>yes 15</u> (yes/no) 1.3 Agenda Modifications</p>	
<p>2. School Verse</p>	<p>This is our school May peace dwell here May the rooms be full of contentment May love abide here Love of our school</p>	<p>Love of one another And love of life itself Let us remember That as many hands build a house So, many hearts build a school</p>
<p>3. Public Comments</p>	<p>3.1 Public Comments and Announcements</p> <p>A parent graciously informed us of a generous donation of \$17,000 to the school thanks to her family foundation....She lives in Magalia and is interested in hiring a bus to come from the Paradise area to more economically transport families to and from our school.</p> <p>A parent asks that we are all vigilant in the battle against lice at our school. Please do not leave clothing at school, in the cubbies, or on hangars. Please educate your family on how to manage this trying school wide issue.</p> <p>Also, a parent reminded us of the Chico Green School Green Tie Event, Saturday, March 27, 5:30 - 11:00pm – Call Sarah Prada at 342-4840, 870-6974 if you can volunteer. For tickets go to www.chicogreenschool.org at Lyons Books....</p> <p><i>Audience members wishing to address the Parent Council without giving previous notice must realize that no action will be taken on items not on the agenda. Persons addressing the Council will be allowed 3 minutes for their presentation.</i></p>	
<p>4. Special Report</p>	<p>4.1 Stephen’s proposed resignation—Marc Kessler</p> <p>End Note: We began the meeting talking about our Director’s Stephen Montanya’s resignation letter to the Charter Council...and discussed what the public (as in the parent body) has a right to know and not know regarding personnel issues. (very little...according to the California law....hence closed sessions of the Charter Council.) At the end of the meeting, just prior to adjourning, a letter was delivered to the Parent Council written by Stephen rescinding his resignation.</p>	

Committee Reports

5.1 Fundraising --Wendy Kaplan

Some of our current School wide fundraisers: SCRIP, rummage sale, Thurs mkt place, Pizza sales, Egg sales, and various classroom fundraisers....Coming next year: A large community based fundraiser dinner, dance and silent auction.

5.2 Garden & Grounds --Tighe O'Neill

Currently focusing on refining some of the design ideas and looking at fundraising opportunities...we have applied for the Chico State Sustainability Grant, up to 25k...and looking into the Honda Grant, up to 60k, to focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics...this grant would be used to further our plans for the "outdoor classroom."

5.3 In-Reach --Erica Charlesworth...Nothing to Report

5.4 Out-Reach --Dean Fairbanks

New Parent Handbook is amazing! Please download it from the website...It's new and improved....We had lots of requests for information about our school which is likely tied directly to recent advertisements in Growing Up Chico and Parent Magazine.

5.5 Events --Summer O'Neill

The great room cleanup was a success, including moving the sewing area, creating a festivals closet, creating a new Parent Guild office and cleaning out the old room. A BIG THANK YOU TO SUMMER and SITE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE, and their approx. one dozen helpers from the administration (thanks Linda!) and parent community. Summer sends out the weekly emails of upcoming events. If you have an event, please mail Summer.

5.6 Site Maintenance --Kelly Munson...Nothing to Report

5.7 Library --Holly Nielsen...Nothing to Report

5.8 Green --Stephanie Ludwig-Cooper

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5.9 History --Caryl Brown

We are about to initiate photo collection for year book collection.

5.10 Parent Volunteer Coordinator --Jessica Hunt

Please continue to email Jessica Hunt when you have a need for a volunteer and don't forget to let her know if the position is filled..... New form for collecting hours will be piloted end of March. Faculty lunches are going very well...They are appreciated by faculty and very rewarding for those who have a chance to contribute to the meal or see the faculty as they happily exit the library/dining room. 3rd grade to do March....6th Grade to do April.....5th Grade to do May.

5.11 Hospitality -- Amy van Vorst

Planning to work with Wendy on next year's dinner/auction (for)...developing ideas for a monthly M&M, meet and mingle for parents...planning a summer time welcome for families of kindergarteners and other new students....assisting with monthly school tours.

5.12 Election --Chris Grettum

1st week of May -- We will be holding Charter Council elections. We need two new community members, and one parent member. We are actively recruiting qualified people. Applications accepted until April 16th...during the April PG meeting we will have an open forum for these candidates. Table set up at Pizza day to get the work out about elections. If you know of anyone who would be willing and able, please let Chris know.

5.13 Acorn --Jenny Johnston

We have an awesome editor who is a future Blue Oak Parent...She accepts submissions from ANYONE on any topic!...Isn't that cool? Poetry, essays, commentaries...It is subject to the approval of the Parent Council Chair and Co-Chair. Thank you Jenny! (P.S. It took 8-10 hours to do the first one.) Deadline March 23rd for submissions by committee chairs, faculty, poetry, letters....artwork...this is our community newsletter.

5. School Reports

6.1 School Administrator --Stephen Montana

Marc Kessler reported on Stephen's behalf that the lottery went well. The lottery is how we choose students from the waiting list for next year.

	<p>6.2 Faculty Representative --Natalie White Thank you for the new sewing room area!!!! Did you know our sewing teacher is a VOLUNTEER! Please thank her if you see her. Also, thanks for the clean up...especially the people who brought their personal vacuums....and major thank you's for parent efforts to keep communication lines open. Els Gotkins is coming (actually now she's here.) She'll be focusing the first week on the kindergarten and then a week in upper grades. One day will be the FEAST of WORDS.... At the downtown plaza...probably on Tuesday March 30th...recitation by each class plus refreshments. Spring concert is coming up – There will be two...one for the lower grades including singing, flutes....One for the upper grades including strings and orchestraDates to be determined...</p> <p>6.3 Charter Council Representative --Marc Kessler The Parent Council liaison to the Charter Council, Marc Kessler, reported that currently, the first priority of the Charter Council and the Faculty is ensuring that the school has adequate administration. It's clear that in our desire to stay true to a Waldorf methods curriculum we have put a huge burden on our current administrators, namely Linda Hovey our Business Manger, and Stephen Montana our director, and this burden needs to be ameliorated ASAP for the good of the school. For more info on Marc's report, please see last section. There have been over ten hours of meetings with packed agendas...We've had a final report on faculty conflict resolution with mixed results... The board plans to review the resolution model used in light of this year's events to improve the process for next time....Regarding admission requirements – faculty and council came together with a solution: Cutoff date for Kindergarten is Dec. 2, for 1-3rd grade cutoff is Aug 1st , for grades 4-8 student</p>
<p>6. Officer Reports</p>	<p>7.1 Chair –Chris Grettum...Nothing to Report 7.2 Co-Chair –Portia Ceruti...Nothing to Report 7.3 Treasurer –Julie Quinn School Store Coming \$\$\$\$ coming in, Pizza coming in....we are making a monthly payment to Celestinos, thanks to Pizza ladies for revamping internal controls. Thanks to Portia, the assistant bean counter....Also, we now have a computer for the officers for storing important date...on the computer....</p>
<p>7. Consent Agenda</p>	<p>8.1 Approval of Parent Guild meeting minutes February 16, 2010 8.2 Approval for purchase of chalk for new chalkboards--\$12. Requested by Summer O'Neill</p> <p><i>Consent Agenda items are generally routine and require little to no discussion or deliberation. Items are enacted with one motion. If a Parent Council member or audience member requests deliberation or discussion of an item it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the New Business section of the agenda.</i></p>
<p>8. New Business</p>	<p>9.1 Funding Request: Replenish inventory for School Store for up to \$600—Elizabeth Jennings 9.2 Action: Bylaws Taskforce –Portia Ceruti 9.3 Update: 501(c)3 Taskforce –Erica Charlesworth Erica will present recommendation next meeting based on feedback from task force members and other informants. So far, general consensus is that we don't gain much from incorporating the Parent Council as a separate non-profit to make it worth the work involved.</p>
<p>9. Honorable Close</p>	<p>Next Meeting: April 20th, 2010 @ 5:30 Adjourn time: <u> 8:30 </u></p>