

MINUTES

Approved
January 30, 2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Ca 94022

January 9, 2017
7:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting

I. PRELIMINARY

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 7:03 pm.

B. **ROLL CALL**

		Present	Absent
Jennifer Carolan	(6/30/17)	_____	__x__
Tom Dennedy	(6/30/17)	__x__	_____
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	__x__	_____
Joe Hurd	(6/30/18)	_____	__x__
David Jaques	(6/30/18)	__x__	_____
Francis La Poll	(6/30/18)	__x__	_____
John Phelps	(6/30/18)	__x__	_____
Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	__x__	_____
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	__x*__	_____

* Rich Ying arrived at 7:21 pm

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda by Andrea Eyring, seconded by Francis La Poll, and passed by a vote of 6-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to address the Board.

B. For Information: Principal/Administrator's Report

Assistant Principal Jennifer Anderson-Rosse reported:

- Congratulations to BCS music teachers, Mariam Factora and Ernesto Mazar-Kindelan for two wonderful evenings of Winter Concerts that not only celebrated the upcoming holidays but also gave parents an overview of what students were studying in Music class.
- Appreciated the opportunity to travel to DeKalb County with Superintendent Hersey and Board Member Waterman-Roy to visit Cynthia Britson's district.
- Formal observations of teachers are continuing. The administrators are evaluating lessons that are tied to the teachers' professional goals that they set based on their Continuum placement.

- Next Tuesday's profession development day will be spent reviewing the Project-Based Learning units in every grade, integrating the new computer science standards into them with a focus on differentiation.

Assistant Principal Alison Schwartzbaum reported:

- Attended the CAASP workshop with Jennifer Anderson-Rosse to learn about changes in the state testing. There will be no more CST Science but there will be a pilot of a new Science test though no scores will be provided.
- Student movie nights will be held at both campuses. Thank you to Lauren Kotval, Jessica Lura, and Lovelyn Knapp, advisors.
- The Staff Holiday Party was a nice time to get together as a community before the winter break.
- Co-curricular & Extra-curricular classes are coming to a close this week. They will resume the first week of February.
- At the last LASD/BCS quarterly meeting, the punchlist of outstanding items from the summer construction was reviewed.

Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey reported:

- Before the break, the director and analyst from the Bank Street College of Education's Sustainable Funding Project spent two days at BCS interviewing staff members in order to learn about the BCS Associate Teacher program. Additionally, the SCCOE conducted its annual monitoring visit, touring classrooms since there were two new administrators to the Charter Schools Department. This year's visit included the addition of interviewing staff, students, and parents. Both events were successful and the visitors praising the quality of the BCS programs and their alignment with the BCS mission.
- There are several staff changes as of January 2017: Greg Ross, counselor, from CHAC will work on Mondays and Thursdays; Jenny Horowitz, Associate Teacher, will substitute, covering for a teacher on maternity leave; and Charles Morgan will move into the position of Director of Communications and Technology Operations.
- BCS welcomes several new "Bullis Bears": Joanna Morgan (Jessica and Charles Morgan); Michael Burke (Debra and John Burke); and Aria Aksu (Seval & Serder Aksu).
- The next session of the BCS/SCCOE STEAM Practicum will take place on January 19th with the Administrative cohort
- Founding Superintendent Hersey will join the EdLeader21 Advisory Board, filling the seat of SCCOE Superintendent Jon Gundry.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Member Tom Dennedy reported that at tonight's LASD board meeting, BCS parents Brooke Bishara and Dorothy An will be recognized for their role and efforts on the Measure GG campaign.

Member Andrea Eyring shared that the 2016-2017 First Interim Report and the 2015-2016 Independent Auditor's Report have been submitted.

Chair John Phelps shared that he was "blown away" by the caliber of the students' performance at the Winter Choir Concert.

Member Ann Waterman Roy praised the entire week of music and arts prior the winter break from the concerts to the plays, all speaking to the passion that the teachers and BCS creates in the students. She was inspired to see so many people involved and working together to make these happen for the students.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Superintendent/Principal recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

1. **Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the December 5, 2016 Board meeting
2. **Check Registers** Approval of the BCS November 2016 Check Register

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by David Jaques, seconded by Andrea Eyring, and passed by a vote of 6-0.

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Common Sense Digital Citizenship Education Highlights BCS & Dan Gross

Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey shared Common Sense Media's video on BCS's digital citizenship program, highlighting Dan Gross' 6th grade class utilizing the Digital Compass module. BCS has been a national Digital Citizenship Certified School for the past 3 years.

2. Principal/Director of Instructional Services – Cynthia Bricton

Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey introduced Cynthia Bricton, Principal/Director of Instructional Services. She shared the highlights of the interview team's visit to the DeKalb County School District where Ms. Bricton served as a Regional Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

3. Dujiangyan Sister School Visit

Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey shared that the students and teachers of BCS's sister school, the Shude High School Dujiangyan Foreign Language Experimental School, will be arriving on Sunday, January 22nd and spending a week at BCS. They will be attending classes taught by BCS teachers including PE, FabLab, Drama, Computer Science, Science lab, and Art as well as tour Google and Stanford. Superintendent Hersey invited Board members to the Welcome and Farewell school assemblies on Monday, January 23rd and Friday, January 27th, respectively.

V. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2) and (4).)**
2. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Section 54957)**
Superintendent/Principal

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 9:12 pm. John Phelps, Board Chair, reported that no action had been taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 9:14 pm.