

MINUTES

Approved
March 6, 2017

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Ca 94022

February 27, 2017
7:00 pm

Special Board Meeting

I. PRELIMINARY

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 7:08 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**__	_____

* Tom Dennedy arrived at 7:08 pm

** Rich Ying arrived at 7:09 pm

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Francis La Poll, seconded by Andrea Eyring, and passed by a vote of 5-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to address the Board.

B. For Information: Principal/Administrator's Report

Principal/Director Cynthia Bricton reported:

- BBC's Middle School Parent Committee hosted a middle school student/parent workshop on internet safety entitled "Digital Danger: The Realities of Life Online." Presenter Michelle Dennedy, VP and Chief Privacy Officer at Cisco and BCS parent, facilitated discussions between students and parents as well as provided an overview of what families can do to stay safe online.
- Congratulations to David Belles, BCS Choir Teacher, for preparing the middle school choir students to perform with the Mountain View High School choir in their "Love"-themed concert.
- BCS was visited by two groups this past month: Visits:

- Partnership for 21st Century Learning (P21) – Filipino Educators spent the day at BCS visiting classrooms, observing the middle school Intersession program, as well as heard from BCS students, teachers, and leadership team members. As a P21 National Exemplary School, BCS was showcased by the organization for our processes and practices that reflect the “Patterns of Innovation”, elements that have been identified across exemplar schools and appear to be at the heart of all effective 21st century learning environments.
- Stanford University’s FabLearn brought visiting educators from all over the world to see the work that is going on in the BCS MakerSpace and FabLab.
- SCCOE’s New Director of Charter Schools SCCOE Khrystal Johnson and staff from the Finance Department made an unscheduled visit to BCS this morning.
- The BCS Music program received a piano donated from a community member. It is being used at the South campus.

Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey reported:

- Many thanks to the following staff members for giving up personal time to chaperone students on non-programmatic field trips: Joe Villaluz, Liz Ellison, Eva Warrener, Martha Gutierrez, Lisa Stone, Neda Chlala, Michelle Sanfilippo, Kari Gilson, Andrew Lipson, and Joseph Stark.
- The random public lottery for the 2017-2018 school year took place on February 11th. There were close to 100 people in attendance and the process went very smoothly.
- Many thanks to the BBC and especially Amy Suri for renovating the North office. Blinds will be installed and everyone is enjoying the wonderful new furniture and repainted walls.
- Intersessions for grades 7 & 8 are ending this week. In addition to many exciting capstone events for new Intersessions such as Applied Arts for 7th graders, many enhancements have been made to existing Intersessions. For example, in the 8th grade Architectural Design Intersession, students are working with the industry experts from LACI who understand the community as part of the students’ charge is not just to develop a model of a green school for the future on the present BCS footprint but also one that has an educational program that benefits both the students and its community.
- Tours of the Middle School program for BCS 5th graders are taking place this week with students from the South campus touring today.
- Ashton Eaton, 2-time gold medal Olympic decathlon and world record holder for both the indoor and outdoor records, will be at BCS on Friday 3/3. He will be speaking to students at assemblies at both sites. In addition, he will be one of the judges for the 8th grade Architectural Design intersession and work with 7th graders in their PE class.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Member Andrea Eyring attended “Fiddler on the Roof”, the middle school musical production. She commended the live music and how every student was used, featured, and challenged in very unique and personalized ways. Member Eyring shared that she, Superintendent Hersey, Principal Bricton, and Yoon Chang, EdTec, met with Randy Kenyon, LASD, to review the parcel tax implementation process and to ensure that we were all on the same page.

Member Ann Waterman Roy reported that she attended the packed Family Math Night . More tables and games needed to be added. Member Roy echoed Member Eyring’s sentiments about “Fiddler on the Roof”.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

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| 1. Minutes | Approval of the Minutes from the January 30, 2017 Special Board meeting |
| 2. Check Registers | Approval of the BCS January 2017 Check Register |
| 3. 2017-2018 School Calendar | Approval of the draft 2017-2018 School Calendar |

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Ann Waterman Roy, seconded by Francis La Poll, and passed by a vote of 7-0.

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. BCS Environmental Science Curriculum – Leatherback Turtle/Costa Rica Strand

Samples of units from the Leatherback Turtles strand of the BCS Environmental Science curriculum were highlighted:

- Jenkyn, 2nd grade teacher, and her students, Milan Chauhan, Asha Ramahon, Benji Wojin, and Chloe Yu shared their prototype that protects leatherbacks in the hatchling phase. In the powerpoint, the students included photos of their artwork as well as a stop-motion animation of their prototype in action.
- 6th grade students Justin Ting and Amina Hurd shared highlights from the non-programmatic Costa Rica trip. They discussed their experience working with researchers and biologists from the Leatherback Trust and visiting BCS's sister school in Matapalo.
- Matthew Mellea, BCS alum, shared his prototype of the wireless temperature sensors he developed for the Leatherback Trust's work in sea turtle conservation. Inspired by his trips to Costa Rica, the first of which was as a BCS 6th grader, Matthew's device will help researchers collect more data and do it in a more efficient way.

2. Ad Hoc Board Nomination Team

Chair John Phelps shared that two members' terms are expiring on June 30th, 2017: Tom Dennedy & Jennifer Carolan. Chairman Phelps kicked off the ad hoc board nomination process by reading the following:

The school board consists of nine members with staggered 3-year terms. Our bylaws also require at one community non-parent board member. Ms. Eyring, Mr. Phelps, Mr. La Poll serve in that role. Each year when a member's term is approaching its end date, the member informs the school board of their interest to continue to serve the school or not.

As we will do tonight, an ad-hoc nominating committee is formed. The Bullis Boosters Club, BPESF, and the BCS school board independently select who will serve on the nominating committee each year.

Based on who might be leaving the school board, and with a critical eye toward what skill-set and competencies are needed on the board (e.g., financial, communication, legal, negotiation, governance, policies, facilities/architectural, etc.), nominating committee selection criteria are developed. A key goal of the school is to identify and select board members that are in support of the school's vision and mission, and who are capable of providing a robust skill base in order to provide comprehensive oversight of the school.

The nominating committee conducts meeting(s) to identify potential candidates from the parent base and the community at large. A diverse set of names are surfaced and then compared and contrasted for their various competencies and fit to the selection criteria. A board member who wishes to remain on the board is compared against all identified candidates as renewal of a board term is not automatic for a sitting board member.

After confidential discussion by the committee, potential candidate(s) are identified and contacted about their possible interest in serving on the school board. If a candidate has the interest and ability to make the necessary time available to accomplish the work of the board, their nomination is then presented to the school community as a nominee for school board at a school board meeting for public comment. The candidate is then considered for election to the board at the subsequent school board meeting.

David Jaques has graciously agreed to lead the process this year. Ann Waterman Roy, Andrea Eyring and Francis La Poll expressed interest in being part of the ad hoc team. David Jaques will select the team.

BCS Board members provided the following input:

Skills needed: Communications, Community Outreach, Educational Expertise

Other Factors to consider: Non-parent; candidates who are aligned and fully committed to the BCS vision, mission and objectives; gender, ethnic, and neighborhood balance; mix of different grade levels.

V. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will hold a 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 9:20 pm. John Phelps, Board Chair, reported that no action had been taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 9:20 pm.