

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Ca 94022

February 5, 2018
7:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting

I. PRELIMINARY

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 7:02 pm.

B. **ROLL CALL**

		Present	Absent
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Joe Hurd	(6/30/18)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
David Jaques	(6/30/18)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Francis La Poll	(6/30/18)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
John Phelps	(6/30/18)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Clara Roa	(6/30/20)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	<u> x* </u>	<u> </u>
Trenna Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

* Ann Waterman Roy arrived at 7:45 pm.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Andrea Eyring, seconded by David Jaques, and passed by a vote of 8-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to address the Board.

B. For Information: Principal/Administrator's Report

Principal/Director of Instructional Services Cynthia Bricton shared the following:

- Chinese students from the BCS sister school in Dujiangyan spent 5 days at BCS and participated in middle school classes including Engineering, Archery, Fabrication Lab, Music, Dance, English, and Art. They also toured the California Academy of Science Museum and Stanford University as well as were treated to a Sharks hockey game!
- Geography Bee was held with one student moving on as a qualifier to the next competitive level

- Turtle Camp this year was run by 4th grade students. Funded by the NOAA Ocean Guardian’s grant, fourth graders taught Kindergarten students about the negative impact of ocean debris on Leatherback sea turtles and other marine life.
- The 8th Grade Musical Theater Culmination showcased every eighth grade student performing a scene from a musical.
- Over 130 students participated in Math Circles and another 75 in other math events such as Math Olympiad and Julia Robinson Math Festival.
- 61 prospective parents attended the open enrollment tour at the south campus; the north campus tour is this week with over 100 signed up. Open enrollment closed on February 2, 2018 with over a thousand applications and all grades oversubscribed. The random public lottery will take place this Saturday at 10:00 am; all applicants have been invited to attend the lottery.
- Leadership Team held a retreat on January 26th at Hidden Villa.

Assistant Principal Jennifer Anderson-Rosse shared the following:

- The new CELDT test, called ELPAC, was administered this week. Staff members at both sites were provided ELD professional development and support on this new state assessment at the last staff meeting.
- The 2nd semester Co-curricular and Extra-Curricular classes begin this week. Middle school’s 2nd Intersession also begins with 7th graders rotating through Foods, Woodworking, and Sewing classes or participating in the Engineering Design Challenge; 8th graders will be starting the “School of the Future” PBL which is not only an architectural design unit but also an international competition. We will notify board members of any upcoming culminating events or showcases.
- Trimester 2 ends on March 2nd with FLG Parent/Teacher conferences taking place on March 13th and 15th.
- Fifth graders will have an opportunity to experience the middle school program for half a day on February 27th.
- Over 50 staff members are looking forward to attending the BPESF’s auction/dinner, “Fire & Ice” on March 3rd at Levi Stadium.
- The testing window for the MAC/MARS Performance Assessment Tests, voluntary math assessments that BCS participates in through our association with the Silicon Valley Math Initiative, opens on March 5th. These tests, coupled with the state’s CAASP and our school-created assessments, provide our teachers with valuable data to ensure we are meeting students’ needs.

C. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

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 December 4, 2017 Board meeting |
| 2. Minutes | Approval of the Minutes from January 8, 2018 Board meeting |
| 3. Check Register | Approval of the BCS December 2017 Check Register |

A motion to approve consent agenda items III.1. and III.2 was made by David Jaques, seconded by Tenna Sutcliffe and passed by a vote of 8-0.

A motion to approve consent agenda item III.3. was made by Joe Hurd, seconded by Andrea Eyring and passed by a vote of 7-0-1 (John Phelps abstained).

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Highlights from Fifth Grade PBL

Fifth grade teachers, Leah Trevor and Liz Ellison introduced the 5th grade Shark Tank Project Based Learning unit. With the driving question, “*As entrepreneurs, what can we do to create an effective system for growing produce to feed people in need?*” this PBL was launched at the students’ annual week-long outdoor education field trip. Aided by the Second Harvest Food Bank during the research phase, students found out that one in eight people in the bay area is affected by food insecurity. Audrey Jamieson, Ella Lenart, and Sophie Li, students from South campus, described their engineering design process to develop their solution. Using feedback to inform their rapid prototyping process, their solution was a “Bottle Garden” made from bottles that could hang from trees in a garden. The irrigation/water system has been tested successfully so the students plan on moving forward with full implementation with live plants at the South campus later this year. North campus students, Lauren Jene, Parker, McCabe, Stephanie Cruz, and Ananya Vaddi, shared their “Recycled Garden”. Their prototype was designed to address recycling as well as hunger by growing plants in recycled bottles on the fence surrounding the North garden. This solution was proposed in collaboration with the Kindergarten students’ input and feedback. The food grown in this garden will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank as well as support the development of the Kindergarten’s life skills curriculum.

V. CLOSED SESSION

The Board held 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).)**

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 10:21 pm. John Phelps, Board Chair, reported that no action had been taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 10:23 pm.