

MINUTES

Approved
May 7, 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Ca 94022

April 2, 2018
7:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting

I. PRELIMINARY

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 7:01pm.

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>

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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:

- The Choirs have performed at a Stanford baseball game as well as at the LASD choir showcase.
- International & New York Times best-selling author Liz Kessler spoke to our 4th to 8th grade students last week, sharing her writing process with the students as well as her passion for social justice.
- Mandarin Teachers, Qinglin Yang, Yanfei Tang, and Yi Feng presented at the CABC conference in two sessions: Teaching Mandarin as a World Language in Elementary School and Using Scratch Programming To Teach World Language.
- Joseph Stark, Jeri Chi, and Jennifer Anderson-Rosse presented at the California Charter Schools Association conference on "Developing a Maker Mindset in Students and Teachers".
- BCS is in a mid-cycle review for its most recent 6-year WASC accreditation. The visitation team will be at BCS on April 30 – May 1. They will be meeting with stakeholder groups: parents, students, and staff members.

Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey shared the following:

- Was awarded a scholarship from the QFI to attend the World Innovation Summit on Education with other P21 Exemplar Schools
- Has shared BCS's best practices at various conference including:
 - Learning Forward Conference (presented with Bank Street College of Education) on the BCS Associate Teacher program at
 - National Art Educators' Association conference on "Art & Making"
 - In a Autodesk Webinar on "Making and Maker Mindset"
 - P21 Patterns of Innovation Conference on "Global Education", "Strategic Planning" and "Stretch To Kindergarten"
- Has been serving as a mentor in the CCSA Mentor Project as well as in the SCCOE's AAPI Mentor program
- Shared the invitation from the SCCOE to the BCS community and Board to attend their Santa Clara County National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month Symposium on April 16 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. BCS students' artwork will be on display at this event.
- The BCS MakerFaire will be held on Saturday, May 5th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the north campus.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Member Joe Hurd shared he attended the 5th grade PBL Showcase. He observed that the students were afforded various ways to learn, from reading about battles to video chatting with the Chinese American History Museum, as well as different means to tell their stories from using multimedia, dramatic arts, to technology such as makey-makey.

Member Andrea Eyring reported that she and Francis La Poll attended the BCs & LASD quarterly meeting. She was pleased with the positive relationships between the staff members and their cooperative focus on student safety.

Member Ann Waterman Roy commended the work of Ms. Pickett and Ms. Kalita who are respectively directing and choreographing the musical, Annie. From sending videos home so that the students can listen to the music and practice their numbers, they are going above and beyond to ensure that the students are having an amazing experience. Ms. Waterman Roy shared that she is participating in the SCCOE & The American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley's School Board Academy, a program that was created to provide training on the critical role of governance within the education space to all school board members in Santa Clara County. She invited the BCS Board members to join her. Ms. Waterman Roy also shared that she has extended an invitation to LASD board member, Jessica Speiser and Bryan Johnson as well.

Member Francis La Poll also attended the 5th grade PBL Showcase on American History. He reported that he initially wondered if the content was being well covered and noted that the level of inquiry was deep and not superficial. Students were able to demonstrate their understanding of the subject matter through integrated technology as well as methodologies such as acting out the Boston massacre.

Chair John Phelps attended, along with member Clara Roa, the Los Altos Community Foundation's LEED program where they have had the opportunity to meet various school superintendents as well as community leaders. Chairman Phelps also went to the California Charter Schools Conference and attended sessions on a variety of topics including organization structures. He commended the BCS team on the fabulous job they did in their session on Growth Mindset that had over 100 participants.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. **Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the March 5, 2018 Board meeting
2. **Cash Register** Approval of the February 2018 Check Register

A motion to approve consent agenda was made by Ann Waterman Roy, seconded by David Jaques, and passed by a vote of 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Climate Change Global Leaders**

BCS students, Anushka Srinivasan, Keshav Shah, and Clarissa Chen shared their experiences representing BCS as the only school in the United States at the COP23 (Council of the People), COY13 (Council of the Youth), and IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). They reviewed their research, action projects, and global collaborations through their participation in the BCS #Decarbonize: Decolonize club. They also shared how they utilized their experiences to inspire other educators to integrate global goals such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals into their curricula at the P21 Patterns of Innovation conference in Napa as the only student presenters at that event.

2. **BCS/SCCOE STEAM Practicum 2017-2018**

Samantha Garrison, 1st grade teacher, and Jen Street, RTI-PBL teacher, from Huff Elementary School provided an overview of their the changes they were able to make in their teaching and new programs they developed and implemented in their classrooms as a result of their participation in the 2018 BCS/SCCOE STEAM Practicum.

3. **Global Schools Network**

Founding Superintendent Hersey explained that the P21 Global Schools Network will be a community of schools committed to “inclusive and equitable quality education for all with a focus on global awareness, global competence, cultural competence, and linguistic development.”

The goals of the network will be to:

- Increase global connections between teachers, students, and school leaders.
- Increase global competence, global awareness, and linguistic competence among teachers, students, and school leaders.
- Expand recognition of successful school models.

The program launch will feature 15 carefully selected schools from 5 continents. BCS is the first school in the US to be invited to be a member of this initial cohort for “embodying P21’s vision for best practices in global education” and for its ability to “provide a model for future GSN schools.”

4. **Ad Hoc Nominating Team Update**

Chairperson Andrea Eyring shared that the Superintendent’s team, comprised of 3 BCS Board members (Andrea Eyring, Rich Ying, Clara Roa), 2 Foundation Board members, and 1 BBC Board member, held its first meeting to consider the board position terms that were coming to an end. These are presenting being held by Joe Hurd, John Phelps, David Jaques, and Francis La Poll. The ad hoc team members discussed potential board candidates solicited from their respective constituent groups. The team will be meeting again in a couple of weeks.

Joe Hurd reconfirmed his willingness to continue to serve on the Board; John Phelps reconfirmed his decision to step off the Board; David Jaques shared that he is giving some thought to staying on; and Francis La Poll shared that he doesn’t want a 3-year term but would be willing to continue on for current negotiations.

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).)**
- 2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Section 54957)**
Founding Superintendent

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 10:20 pm. John Phelps, Chair, reported that no action was taken.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 10:21 pm.