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A Public Charter High School
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Minutes
Bitney College Preparatory High School Charter Council
Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 10th, 2017, 6:00 PM
Place: 135 Joerschke Drive, Grass Valley

1. **Call to Order**: Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Council Position	Member Name	Attending
Parent		
Parent	Lang Norris-Waters	X
Parent	Win Rogers	X
Faculty	Amy Pugel *Secretary*	X
Faculty	Beth Grebe	-
Academic Dean	Dave Peterson	X
Student	Annekin Ove	-
Student (alternate)	Tosh Roberts Brockway	-
Community	Eric Robins	X
Community	Shana Stratton *Chair*	X
Community		
Director (non-voting)	Russ Jones	X

Also present: a member of the public was present

3. **Approval of Agenda:** Amy Pugel moved to approve the agenda. Dave Peterson seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. **Public Forum**: A member of the public was present to discuss his concerns about the cell tower placement in the Brunswick basin. Council discussed the merits of the research. The member recommends shielding the front of the school to block the radiation incoming from the cell tower. Council asked for this person to make a formal presentation at a later CC meeting with an itemized list of recommendations for the Council to consider. Council will research with the California Department of Education and Board of Health regarding statutes.

5. **Approval of Minutes:** Eric Robins moved to approve the minutes with suggested changes. Lang Waters seconded. Unanimously approved.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Eric Robins moved to approve the consent agenda. Amy Pugel seconded. Unanimously approved.

   6.1. Director's Report: Russ Jones presented a report discussing activities from the last month.

   6.2 Warrants: no warrants presented.

7. **Charter Council Member Recruitment Committee:** there is no current progress to report as the holidays were a busy time. They will plan to meet soon.

8. **Director's Update and Committee Reports:** Russ Jones presented that we recently hired a new business manager, Kathy Davidson, to replace Claudia Aguirre when she retires at the end of this month. Russ Jones presented the new lease terms that have been agreed upon. Russ would like to get it reviewed by an attorney. Bitney's collaboration with Sierra College to expand the course offerings for Bitney students is moving along. They are working to draft the MOU. Sierra College would like to see language in our Mission statement that includes student diversity. What is the process involved for amending the Mission statement? Lang Waters volunteered to draft a revision to include references to student diversity at Bitney. Sierra would also like to see a statement regarding the liability of students in transit. This could also address the liability of students travelling to internship sites. Russ will discuss this with our insurance agent as well as our attorneys.

9. **College Readiness Grant Approval:** Council discussed the College Readiness Grant. Will this grant allow Bitney to pay a stipend to staff for extra duties regarding implementation of Big Picture Learning? There are no specific guidelines that prohibit this. Eric Robins moved to approve the College Readiness block grant. Win Rogers seconded. Unanimously approved.

10. **Parent Council Report:** Lang Waters presented some ideas that came out of the most recent meeting. One is a newsletter to let parents know about what the Big Picture Learning model is about, highlighting students specifically as well as the businesses that provide internship sites. They also discussed creating a survey to get feedback from parents regarding the BPL model: concerns, suggestions, etc. They are working on fundraising ideas: silent disco (!?)

11. **Dean's Report:** Dave Peterson presented that we have added a number of 9th and 10th graders recently. He also described how our Exhibitions are going this week. Next week is Intersession and then semester grades are due.

12. **Student Government Report:** no student representative was present to report. Russ presented that one of his Intersession offerings is called Student Voice,

hoping to get more feedback from the students regarding our new model and how to get more students democratically involved.

13. **Future Agenda Items:** Cell Tower; Authorization to Sign Checks; Draft of Diversity statement;

14. **Next Meeting:** Amy Pugel moved that Council will next meet on Wednesday, February 15th, 2017 at 6 pm. Eric Robins seconded. Unanimously approved.

15. **Adjournment:** Amy Pugel moved to adjourn the meeting. Eric Robins seconded. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Pugel