

MINUTES

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April 13, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Ca 94022

February 2, 2015
7:00 pm

Regular Meeting

I. PRELIMINARY

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 7:05 pm

B. **ROLL CALL**

		Present	Absent
Jennifer Carolan	(6/30/16)	_x*_	_____
Tom Dennedy	(6/30/17)	_x_	_____
Peter Evans	(6/30/15)	_____	_x_
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/16)	_x_	_____
Francis La Poll	(6/30/15)	_____	_x_
John Phelps	(6/30/15)	_x_	_____
Sang Yoo	(6/30/16)	_x_	_____

* Jennifer Carolan arrived at 7:19 pm

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Andrea Eyring, seconded by Tom Dennedy, and passed by a vote of 4-0.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Heather Rose addressed the Board.

B. For Information: Principal/Administrator's Report

Principal Jocelyn Lee reported on the following:

- Open Enrollment Parent Info Nights were both well attended. Open enrollment has ended and the lottery will be held on Saturday
- During the January Staff Development Day, the staff worked in their Professional Learning Communities to share their SMART goals for the performance-based compensation Continuum.
- Turtle Camp, a project created by Jessica Lura and funded through the Guardian Grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Ocean (NOAA) that was awarded to BCS for demonstrating a commitment to protect and conserve local and global waterways, was a great success. Fourth- and fifth-graders stepped into the role of teacher last week when they taught kindergarten and first-grade students how they can help save leatherback sea turtles.

- The very first Julia Robinson Math Festival was held over the weekend with over 100 students attending.
- The ELAC (“English Language Advisory Committee”) also met. This committee, comprised of staff and parents, reviewed the criteria for how students are identified and re-classified as EL learners as well as how they are supported in the BCS program, including through the FLGs.
- 5th grade students will be traveling to DC; 6th grade students will be going to Costa Rica over the break.

Assistant Principal Alison Schwartzbaum reported on the following:

- Over 40 students participated in the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all the contestants as well as to this year’s winners: Kathrina Welborn (1st), Akil Rammohan (2nd), and Grace An (3rd).
- Michelle Denedy, Chief Privacy Officer at Intel Security and the recent recipient of a Gold 2014 Stevie Award in Women in Business for Technology, gave two presentations and inserviced both parents and students on cyber safety and digital citizenship.

Superintendent/Principal Wanny Hersey reported on the following:

- Not only were there students from throughout the community from both public and private schools who attended the BCS Julia Robinson Math Festival, we want to thank the many volunteers, professionals, parents and staff including Lisa Stone, Alli Kustin, Sarah Lau and Midori Hosobuchi, who made the day a success.
- Six BCS staff members presented at the Bay Area STEAM Colloquium:
 - “Deeper Learning Through Project Based Learning and STEAM” – Kristina Plattner & Jessica Lura
 - “Designing Ethical Zoo Habitats” – Amanda Marino & Jeri Chi
 - “Human Muscle Systems” – Andrew Lipson
 - “Design Thinking & Engineering for Young Students” – Lynn Reed & Jessica Lura
- As a follow-up to Ideo’s Teacher-to-Teacher pilot, Jess Lura, BCS Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, was chosen as one of the top 20 teachers from the Bay Area for their work on the Learn Zillion Challenge. She is in Washington DC collaborating with product designers to build prototypes of the selected favorite solutions from the challenge.
- BCS is has been designated a “Digital Citizenship Certified School” for educating its students to be “safe, smart, and ethical digital citizens.” BCS is earned this certification for “demonstrating its commitment to taking a whole-community approach to preparing its students to use the immense power of digital media to explore, create, connect, and learn, while limiting the perils that exist in the online realm, such as plagiarism, loss of privacy, and cyber-bullying.”
- SCCOE Superintendent Jon Gundry toured BCS for the first time. He had a chance to observe students immersed in a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) Project-Based Learning projects as well as engaged in different stages of the design thinking process.
- A team from the Alum Rock School District toured in order to learn more about BCS’s STEAM program.

C. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Member Sang Yoo attended the Charter School Symposium

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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| 1. Minutes | Approval of Minutes from the January 5, 2015 Board meeting. |
| 2. Minutes | Approval of Minutes from the January 19, 2015 Special Board meeting. |
| 3. Check Register | Approval of Minutes from the December 2014 Check Register. |

Jenniver Carolan moved to approve consent agenda items #1-#3. With a second from Tom Denedy, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. After School Sports Program - Archery Team

Joseph Stark, Physical Education teacher, shared the goals of this newest Middle School after school sports program. BCS is a member of the National Archery in the Schools Program; BCS is the 79th school in CA to join). There are presently 32 students in the BCS program and since starting archery at BCS, five of those students have gone on to continue archery outside of school.

Student Noah Carleton shared that participating in archery has helped him with his pacing, a skill that is also helping him with his school assignments. Member Andrea Eyring praised the program for fulfilling the vision for the middle school program of introducing students to something they'd never tried before to help them discover new passions that they will continue to pursue.

2. Middle School Intersession Program – Engineering Design

Sarah Watanabe and Ted Grinewich-Yonashiro, middle school Science and ELA/History teachers respectively, shared that the 7th grade Engineering Design challenge were created by the Math, Science and English teachers working together. Students were given a choice of 6 challenges, real-world problems that our middle school community faces, to solve using the design thinking process. Students were assessed through rubrics and reflections in areas such as collaboration, creativity, and innovation.

Seventh graders: Kat Nasif, Zachary Raschke, Isabel Alvarez, and Annika Diekgers presented their innovations, describing the problem they were challenged to solve, their process, and the lessons learned.

3. Outgoing Board Members' Recognition Event

Superintendent/Principal Hersey shared that this event will be taking place at a private home on March 7, 2015.

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).)

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 10:04 pm. John Phelps, Board Chair, reported that no action had been taken.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- MAC Assessment results

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 10:04 pm.