

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL
102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Ca 94022
January 8, 2018
7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 7:07 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

		Present	Absent
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_	_____
Clara Roa	(6/30/20)	_X_	_____
Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	_X_	_____
Trenna Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	_X_	_____
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	_X_	_____

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Hurd, 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

Cynthia Bricston reported the following:

The K-5 winter choral concerts were beautifully presented, with teachers playing instruments alongside students

Upcoming School Dates:

- Januray 11th - BCS Spelling Bee
- January 18th - Middle School Parent Information Night
- January 24th - K-5 Parent Information Night (South campus)
- January 20th - Julia Robinson Festival
- January 25 – 27th - Middle school musical "Urinetown"

- January 30th – K-5 Math Circles
- February 5 – 9th - Teachers and students visit from Dujiangyan School in China

BCS has engaged search firm Teacher Talent to recruit new staff and will be hiring two new Associate Teachers.

2018-2019 Open Enrollment: Collateral updates include new design and new student photos. Posters were placed all across NEC area in a targeted outreach effort. Enrollment numbers are tracking similar to last year. Lottery will take place on February 10th, 2018.

Stacey Walter reported the following:

BCS's Tour Program provides educators the opportunity to observe the school's unique educational practices and bring ideas and best practices to their own school communities. Last year, BCS hosted 26 tour groups from 6 countries and 29 organizations (125 participants). This program exemplifies two aspects of the BCS mission, "being a model of educational innovation" and global citizenship.

Jennifer Anderson-Rosse reported the following:

172 students in grades 2 – 5th participated on the Noetic math teams

- 3rd grade team was highest scoring overall
- Jennifer recognized Jessica Lura for organizing the event

New co and extra-curriculars will begin the week of February 5th.

BCS will host another county STEAM Practicum on January 23rd with a continued focus on Project Based Learning.

January 16th is a staff professional development day. Teachers will be reviewing school data on listening and speaking and discussing how to engage students in academic discourse.

C. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Trenna Sutcliffe asked about middle school enrollment efforts.

Andrea Eyring reported on the quarterly meeting with LASD. LASD officials have asked to use land allocated to BCS to house a new building because of a fire at the Egan campus. The issue has not yet been resolved.

John Phelps attended the Winter Choir Concert and praised the students and teachers.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

John Phelps suggested that both items be pulled until the next meeting in order to make minor edits.

1. **December 4, 2017 Board Minutes**
2. **December 2017 Check Register**

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Fourth Grade Zoo Habitat PBL Presentation

BCS teacher Robin Boynton, Associate Teacher Ryan Young and 4th grade students provided an overview of their recent PBL unit on Zoo Habitats, using the driving question: *How can we create an ethical habitat for two given animals?* Students studied specific animals and biomes, integrating art, science, and written opinion pieces in their final habitat designs. The students demonstrated the interactive components they designed in the Maker Space using Makey Makey kits. The teachers reported that all 4th grade students were invited to the California Steam Symposium in December to showcase their final projects.

2. Ad Hoc Board Nomination Team

Andrea Eyring reported on the Ad Hoc nominating team. Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey and Board members Ann Waterman Roy and Rich Ying are confirmed to serve. Andrea asked Stacey Walter to work with the team to organize school tours for potential candidates. Board members were asked to submit candidate names to Wanny Hersey.

V. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon the following:

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 9:10 pm. John Phelps, Board Chair, reported no action was taken.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by John Phelps, Board Chair, at 9:12 pm.