

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022
Room 35

November 5, 2018
7:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting

Board member Andrea Eyring will be participating via teleconference from:
Room #334, Marriott Springhill Suites
4955 Wiley Post Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84116

I. PRELIMINARY

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Joe Hurd, Board Chair, at 7:02 pm.

B. **ROLL CALL**

		Present	Absent
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u> x* </u>	<u> </u>
Joe Hurd	(6/30/21)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
David Jaques	(6/30/20)	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Francis La Poll	(6/30/21)	<u> </u>	<u> x </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>

* Andrea Eyring participated by teleconference at 7:03 pm.

** Rich Ying arrived at 8:35 pm.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ann Waterman Roy, seconded by Ben Byon and passed by a vote of 5-0.

		Aye	Nay
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Joe Hurd	(6/30/21)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
David Jaques	(6/30/20)	<u> </u>	absent
Francis La Poll	(6/30/21)	<u> </u>	absent
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> </u>	absent

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Kelly Abrams addressed the Board requesting that BCS delay the start time for middle school students. She shared that:

- there is a public health crisis and a national decline in teenage sleep hours; and
- later start times may improve academic performance, lessen depression, and reduce tardiness.

Maria Porch addressed the Board with the request to delay start times for middle school students. She shared that:

- school psychologists have reported that students are presenting serious symptoms due to lack of sleep; and
- an adjustment in schedule could improve the well-being of the entire school community.

B. For Information: Principal/Administrator's Report

Principal Cynthia Bricton shared the following:

- Jessica Morgan received the Cares & Shares Award and will receive \$1000 to use in her classroom
- Walkathon, one of the highlights of the school year brings together the communities from both campuses was a great success.
- Students enjoyed a Friday assembly featuring and learning about animals from the Wildlife Associates which is tied to National Science standards.
- 8th graders teaching the 2nd graders about the leatherback turtles
- Maria Alcott – curriculum mapping with teachers in ELA (big ideas, essential questions, assessments) – a platform that all teachers can pull from; worked across the 2 sites

Assistant Principal Billy Martin shared the following:

- Attended 5th grade Walker Creek Outdoor Science program and commended the teachers for doing a fantastic job, noting that the outdoor school personnel were very happy our students' enthusiasm and engagement with learning. Dr Marin enjoyed seeing students in this atypical learning spaces.
- Focused Learning Goals conferences have wrapped, noting how this unique style of personalize learning is something one doesn't see in a typical school.
- Jocelyn Pickett, was recently recognized for being a part of an all-female version of *Jesus Christ Superstar* that was nominated for 14 awards by Theatre Bay Area.

Assistant Principal Melissa Christie shared the following:

- The BCS year-long STEAM Practicum has over 22 participants from throughout Silicon Valley including some who are returnees excited to continue their work transforming their schools and/or districts. The last session included learning about feedback protocols, listening to a student panel, and visiting classrooms to witness students engaged in STEAM units.
- Math Circles took place on October 18th. Thanks to BCS teachers, Savannah Lunsford, Laurie Dingler, and Nada Chlala, students worked collaboratively on challenging math problems and received feedback in real time.

Superintendent Wanny Hersey shared the following:

- The 8th grade non-programmatic China Trip this year included once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for our students to visit to BCS's four sister schools, work with scientists at the Panda Base and Panda Valley to learn and collect behavioral data, receive feedback from professionals at Animals Asia on their enrichment prototypes, and make life-long friends while boarding and attending classes in Dujiangyan.

- Superintendent Hersey attended the California Charter School Association (CCSA) Executive Summit, the last meeting before Jed Wallace steps down as the President/CEO. She thanked Mr. Wallace on behalf of BCS for support of our school and community.
- This year’s Opera A La Carte performance will be the “Elixir of Love” performed by 6th grade students and professional opera singers at the North campus this Friday and then at South on the 16th. Thank you Kristin Marriott & Jeff Schmidt for their assistance.
- On Thursday, BCS Board Member, Dr. Trenna Sutcliffe, will be speaking on a panel at the SCCOE’s Asian American Pacific Islander meeting. Superintendent Hersey recommended Dr. Sutcliffe since the topic will be diversity and inclusion, something she is an expert in.

C. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Board Member, Andrea Eyring shared that the 2019-2020 BCS Prop 39 request was submitted to the Los Altos School District on November 1, 2018. The Finance Committee held its first meeting and is still short one representative from the BBC.

Board Chair, Joe Hurd, shared that he took part in the first week of the China trip, noting that it is not an ordinary trip where students just study history and culture but also integrates music, art, as well as all the intangibles like being able to interact respectfully with students and adults from another culture, sharing parts of the BCS program, representing not just BCS but also the country to Chinese students for whom this is their first exposure to Americans. Mr. Hurd thanked the BBC for sponsoring the trip and Mrs. Hersey and all the teacher chaperones.

Board Member Clara Roa shared that her daughter loved her week at the 5th grade Walker Creek Outdoor Science Camp. Ms. Roa liked that the students from north and south campuses were able to attend together.

Board Member Trenna Sutcliffe praised Jocelyn Pickett for her talent and how motivating she is for the students, even in the videos that she creates for the students to learn their parts.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Minutes Approval of the Minutes from the October 1, 2018 Board meeting
Member Andrea Eyring noted the following changes:

- Hillview School is in Menlo Park (page 5)
- Ms. Eyring’s name is misspelled (page 6)
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 am, not 12:24 pm
- The location that Joe Hurd and Wanny Hersey were calling in from was missing

A motion to approve Agenda Item III.1, as amended, was made by Ben Byon, seconded by Ann Waterman Roy, and approved by a 6-0 vote.

		Aye	Nay
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u> x* </u>	<u> </u>
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Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
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Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	<u> </u>	absent

- 2. **Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the October 15, 2018 Special Board meeting
- 3. **Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the October 29, 2018 Special Board meeting
- 4. **Check Register** Approval of the September 2018 Check Register

A motion to approve Agenda Items III.2, 3 & 4 was made by Ben Byon, seconded by Ann Waterman Roy, and approved by a 6-0 vote.

		Aye	Nay
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	_x_	_____
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	_x*_	_____
Joe Hurd	(6/30/21)	_x_	_____
David Jaques	(6/30/20)	_____	absent
Francis La Poll	(6/30/21)	_____	absent
Clara Roa	(6/30/20)	_x_	_____
Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	_x_	_____
Trenna Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	_x_	_____
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	_____	absent

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. **Mission Moments – 7th Grade Intersession**

Teacher, Sierra Robinson, shared the skills students learned in the Sewing class as well as the design challenge they were assigned. In addition to creating pieces for themselves, students also sewed blankets that were donated to Project Linus. Aura Mukherjee, 7th grade student, shared her hand stitched felties, machine-sewn hats, and skirt with matching headband, adding that while it took perseverance to design and create everything, she really enjoyed learning a new skill.

Dylan Gibson, 7th grade BCS student, shared his experience in the Applied Arts intersession when he learned to build circuits, design using Inkscape, laser cut, and code with C++. Using these new skills, for his culminating project, Dylan created a shadow box that was presented at the intersession fair.

Student Mallory Weisfield shared the various menu items that her class learned how to cook in the Cooking Intersession, including eggs and hash browns, pickled products, and homemade pizza and pasta. Mallory appreciated that she was able to adapt any recipe to meet her dietary needs, and since the class, has been sharing what she can make with her family.

Jeff Schmidt, FabLab Director, introduced the Engineering Design class where students worked in team to identify a real-world problem around the school and designed solutions for them, learning important career and problem-solving skills. Students tackled a variety of issues from developing something to better organize materials to helping autistic students.

Siona Mohan, 7th grade student, worked with her group using the design thinking process to help one of the elementary teachers come up with a better way to organize her papers and other classroom materials. They interviewed the teacher to find out what she needed and how she liked to access her supplies before came up with an idea, created a cardboard prototype, tested it, and constructed a solution, a storage unit with 10 organizational features including a magnetic side, a white board, bins for keys, file holders of different sizes, and special spaces for records, record player, and books.

Member Andrea Eyring thanked the staff for teaching students real world skills, things they can use today and in industry. She liked that the students were grouped in a way that allowed them to work with students in other 7th grade classes.

Member Ann Waterman Roy said that she was excited for her children to experience these Intersession classes.

Member Ben Byon liked the multi-dimensional ways the students are taught to think, for example, how vegetarians can add more protein into their diets in Cooking and integrating a social cause into the Sewing class. He also noted that as an electrical engineer, the 7th graders were learning what he learned as a sophomore.

2. Strategic Planning: Strategy VI Action Plan 1

Jennifer Anderson-Rosse, BCS Administrator, provided an update on Strategy VI Action Plan 1, “Open a nearby school in Santa Clara County that serves a high number of FRPM-eligible students.”

Mrs. Anderson-Rosse shared that the charter petition was submitted to the Mountain View Whisman School District on October 16 2018. A hearing has been scheduled for December 6 and a decision should be made by the Mountain View Whisman School District on December 20. Mrs. Anderson-Rosse also submitted a Prop 39 request to the District on October 31st and should hear back by December 1, 2018 with any feedback.

3. BCS 2017-2018 CAASPP Results

Principal/Director of Instructional Services, Cynthia Bricston, provided an overview of BCS’s 2017-2018 CAASPP results. As in previous year, Ms. Bricston shared that BCS students are meeting and, in most cases, exceeding the state standards. For those students who not, focused learning goals are set for them and teachers provide a multi-tiered system of intervention and support that starts at the beginning of each school year.

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).)**
- 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 10:00 pm. Joe Hurd, Board Chair, reported that no action had been taken.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1st Interim Financial Report
- Audit report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Joe Hurd, Board Chair, at 10:00 pm.