

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL**

**102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022**  
**Multi-Purpose Room**

**February 4, 2019**  
**6:00 pm**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Joe Hurd, Board Chair, at 6:02 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>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Francis La Poll	(6/30/21)	<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 was made by Andrea Eyring, seconded by Trenna Sutcliffe, and passed by a vote of 9-0.

**II. 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

**III. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:04 p.m. Board Chair, Joe Hurd, reported that no action was taken.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No one wished to address the Board.

B. For Information: Principal/Administrator's Report

Principal Cynthia Bricton, shared the following:

- The January staff development day was spend on curriculum mapping, mindfulness in the classroom, with staff presenting ignite sessions.
- The Middle School dance was a great success with 150 students in attendance.
- The Julia Robinson Math Festival also had a great turn out
- The SCCOE Charter Schools Department conducted its charter monitoring visit. They visited classrooms, interviewed students, teachers, and parents, and audited the school's records.
- The Sonore Choir performed the national anthem at the Stanford vs. Cal basketball game

Assistant Principal Billy Martin shared the following:

- The teachers are wrapping up mid-year NWEA testing
- The Student Council Talent Show took place during the South Friday assembly
- Attended the SCCOE charter school law seminar
- Participated in the SCCOE's safety audit of the sites

Assistant Principal Melissa Christie shared the following:

- The Student Council Talent Show also took place during the North Friday assembly
- Attended the Charter Leaders' network meeting at the SCCOE
- Forty-six students from grades 4-8 participated in this year's Spelling Bee. The winner, Ben Samek, will be competing in the regional bee.

Founding Superintendent Wanny Hersey shared the following:

- Happy Lunar New Year's Eve
- Dr. Li Jiang, Stanford AIRE (AI, Robotics & Education), taught a class on AI which was taped for a prominent Chinese series
- BCS's sister school in Dujiangyan, China visited last week and attended classes, billeted, and presented with BCS students. Thank you the BCS students who performed at the opening and farewell ceremonies and to Alexa & Keira Zhang for creating a piece of artwork which was gifted to the Dujiangyan Assistant Principal.
- Just this past week, BCS conducted tours for educators from China, Taiwan, and Spain.
- On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Hersey and four BCS students/alums will be presenting at the SCCOE's AAPI meeting on Global Competencies.

Administrator Jennifer Anderson-Rosse shared the following:

- The 4th session of the year-long STEAM Practicum was held last week. Participants were able to continue learning how to develop their own PBLs and had the opportunity to observe the many that were presently taking place in the classrooms at BCS.

C. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Board Chair Joe Hurd shared that his family had the delightful experience of hosting a Chinese exchange student and the positive effect it had on all his children.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. **Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the January 7, 2019 Board meeting
2. **Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the January 28, 2019 Special Board meeting
3. **Check Register** Approval of the December 2018 Check Register
4. **Personnel Report** Approval of the February 4, 2019 Personnel Report
5. **Low Performing Students Block Grant** Approval of the 2018-2019 BCS Low Performing Students Block Grant

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Francis La Poll, seconded by Ann Waterman Roy, and passed by a vote of 9-0.

## VI. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

### 1. **Mission Moments – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Leatherback PBL**

Second grade students and their teachers, Heidi Mitchell, Paige Minichiello, McKenna Johnson, and Sydney Pestcoe shared their Leatherback STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) project-based learning unit, one of the ways the segment of the BCS Mission Statement, *Using a global perspective to teach about the interconnectedness of communities and their environments, the BCS program nurtures mutual respect, civic responsibility, and a lifelong love of learning*, is actualized.

### 2. **Mission Moments – BCS Mandarin Program Update**

Mandarin Team Leader, Qinglin Yang, and Mandarin teachers Yanfei Tang and Yi Feng provided an update of the progress and achievements of the BCS Mandarin Program in the following areas: global competence and citizenship, sharing best practices at state and national conferences, speech & poetry contests, and how Mandarin is an integral component of BCS's PBLs, STEAM & personalized learning programs. With each component, the teachers shared the ways the BCS Mandarin program also continues to fulfill the BCS mission statement: *As a model of educational innovation, BCS inspires children, faculty and staff to reach beyond themselves to achieve full potential.*

### 3. **Prop 39 Update**

Andrea Eyring, Superintendent's Prop 39 team member, provided a Prop 39 Update, reviewing the BCS's Prop 39 history, the Prop 39 statute, and timeline. Member Eyring also provided an overview of the requirements of the Prop 39 Preliminary Offer including how the 2011 Bullis Charter School vs. Los Altos School District ruling has helped clarify the definition of "reasonable equivalent facilities."

Member Eyring provided an overview of the Preliminary Offer and draft Facility Use Agreement that BCS received from the LASD on February 1<sup>st</sup>:

- LASD accepted BCS's enrollment projections
- LASD unnecessarily sited BCS on 3 campuses: Loyola, Blach, and Egan despite LASD's declining enrollment, including at Egan and Blach
- LASD's allocation of different types of spaces:
  - does not take into account the size of classrooms at the comparison schools nor the larger kindergarten and various middle school classrooms;
  - averages students across grades and rounds down;
  - and uses a 32:1 student/classroom ratio for Blach and Egan.
- LASD's allocation of specialized space was also inconsistent with the Prop 39 requirements including:
  - providing no inventory of these spaces at the comparison schools;
  - many spaces had not been accounted for (per the district's previous inventories);
  - middle school facilities were provided to the incorrect site, etc.
- Samples of other deficiencies in comparable specialized space include: lack of STEM rooms, K-6 computer labs, special education rooms, junior high drama, choral, instrumental space, among others.
- LASD's allocation of non-teaching building space had a variety of deficiencies depending on the site. Examples include the shortage or lack of: administrative space, custodial/storage space, servery, non-shared bathrooms, locker rooms, MPRs, libraries, gymnasiums, etc.
- Non-teaching outdoor space calculations were also problematic, either not reasonably equivalent or calculated based on erroneous data (e.g. Egan track is quoted as 46,586 SF whereas Blach's track is 109,918 SF).
- Next steps: the Superintendent's Prop 39 team will respond to the preliminary offer by March 1, 2019.

Fatih Ulger, Eric Shiu, Jonathon Winny, Peipei Yu, Tara Williamson, Wendy Petka, Linda Lukas, Jill Jene, Fara Sobhani, Nancy Yeung, Christine Corbett, Nina Henricks, Wendy Yu, Bill Schlough, Courtenay Corrigan, Jan Baer, Sarah Daniels, and Katie Schmidt addressed the Board.

Joe Hurd, Board Chair, thanked the audience for sharing their thoughts and opinions with the Board. He shared that Prop 39 is a “sub-optimal” process; the BCS and LASD Board reps will be meeting again tomorrow and hoped that the it will be a productive session.

Member David Jaques share his hopes that there will be an extension of the 5-year agreement and thanked the Prop 39 team for the amount of work they have done, especially Member Andrea Eyring.

**The Board took a five minutes recess**

**4. Strategic Planning: Strategy VI Action Plan 1**

Jennifer Anderson-Rosse, BCS Administrator, shared that Bullis Mountain View (BMV) received a Prop 39 offer from the Mountain View Whisman School District at Montecito School, the present site of the school district offices. Three Parent Info Nights have been held with two more upcoming. BMV’s Open Enrollment has commenced and will close on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If needed, a lottery will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Joe Hurd, Board Chair, at 9:03 pm.