

**Barona Indian Charter School  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2022**



1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Raymond Welch called the meeting to order at 8:33AM.  
**Roll Call:** Ray Welch- Chairman, Tawnya Phoenix- Vice Chair, Darla Boller- Member, & Melanie Villa- Member  
**Members Absent:** Danthia Gil- Secretary/Treasurer  
**Others in attendance:** Julie Cushman, Director/Principal, Samantha Orahod - LUSD
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion** by Melanie, Second by Darla to approve the agenda. Carried 4, 0, 0.
3. **Approval of Minutes** for August 15, 2022
4. **Public Comment** – There was no request for public comment for Agenda.
5. **Action Items -**
  - a. **Approval of Unaudited Actuals-** Staff recommended the approval of the 2021-22 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report. Samantha Orahod explained the audit process to the new board members. Financials look good. Samantha recommended working on getting reserves down.  
**Motion** by Melanie, Second by Darla to approve the Unaudited Actuals. Carried 4, 0, 0.
  - b. **Approval of Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan-** The Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) provides funding for afterschool and summer school enrichment programs for transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. “Expanded learning” means before school, after school, summer, or intersession learning programs that focus on developing the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of pupils through hands-on, engaging learning experiences. It is the intent of the Legislature that expanded learning programs are pupil-centered, results driven, include community partners, and complement, but do not replicate, learning activities in the regular school day and school year. The ELO-P plan will be submitted to SDCOE, and posted to our website. BICS plans to start enrichment programs October 1, on a rotational basis. Teachers will start tutoring after school, available to all students.  
**Motion** by Tawnya, Second by Melanie to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan. Carried 4, 0, 0.
  - c. **Approval of Family Resource Coordinator Contract-** Barona Indian Charter School will continue to retain a consultant to look at broad family issues and provide recommendations in respect to school culture, student absenteeism, student socio-emotional needs, and ultimately recommendations for the charter renewal document. This position is funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund). Nina Drammissi does a great job working with families. Her contract is renewed on an annual basis.  
**Motion** by Darla, Second by Tawnya to approve the Family Resource Coordinator Contract. Carried 4, 0, 0.

- d. **Approval of Native Garden Expansion-** Staff recommended the expansion of the school's Native Garden with the purchase of additional fencing and a greenhouse. Time in a greenhouse classroom will help students build proficiency in STEM and sustainability, and support students in their social-emotional learning. Plans include creating an after school gardening club. Project cost not to exceed \$10,000.  
**Motion** by Tawnya, Second by Melanie to approve the Native Garden Expansion. Carried 4, 0, 0.
- e. **Approval to Replace Swing and Access Gate-** Staff recommended the replacement of the front entrance and access gates to increase campus security and match the fencing at the front entrance into the office. Project cost not to exceed \$7000.  
**Motion** by Darla, Second by Melanie to approve the replacement of the Swing and Access Gate. Carried 4, 0, 0.
- f. **Approval of Display Case-** Staff recommended the approval to purchase a display case, to be installed outside the perimeter of the school. This will promote communication with families and the community about upcoming events at the school. Cost of case not to exceed \$1500.  
**Motion** by Melanie, Second by Tawnya to approve the purchase of a Display Case. Carried 4, 0, 0.
- g. **Ratify Purchase of New Lunch Equipment** – A hot food-serving bar along with various accessories was purchased for use in accordance with the new food service agreement with LUSD. This equipment will help with the efficiency of food serving. Total cost is \$3429.35.  
**Motion** by Tawnya, Second by Darla to approve the ratification of the Purchase of New Lunch Equipment Carried 4, 0, 0.
- h. **Resolution #22-09-01-** This resolution designates authorized representatives to the San Diego County schools risk management Joint Power's Authority for workers' compensation, property & liability, or any other risk or plan authorized by law. The resolution will remove Dr. Felix as authorized person, and add Julie Cushman and Kristi Johnson as the authorized contacts for JPA.  
**Motion** by Tawnya, Second by Darla to approve the resolution to change the authorized representatives for JPA. Carried 4, 0, 0.

## 6. Principal's Reports – Julie Cushman

- Back to School Night was a success. We handed out older Chromebook to families, free of charge. We will continue to reach out to families that were not able to attend.
- Beginning of the year assessments are complete. Julie will review scores with teachers. This will help with setting up small groups in the classrooms.
- Teachers will be getting PD for Twig Science. We will be piloting this new science program starting the third week in October.
- Tribal Enforcement and the Barona Fire Department met with the staff regarding safety protocols for our school during an emergency. Suggestions included changing evacuation route to have primary students travel through the inside of the gate and pass near the office, upgrading the PA system, and adding additional cameras on campus. In addition, safety officers recommended a change in fire drill procedures, to included beginning fire drills with a lockdown procedure. Melanie suggested adding signage to exterior gates directing adults to check in at the office. Melanie

also suggested adding a tourniquet kit to the safety backpacks for the teachers. The IT department is working on a new PA system. Ray and Tawnya will follow up regarding the cameras.

**7. Discussion Items**

- a. **Discussion about Board member attendance at the Charter Schools Development Center (CSDC) Leadership Conference on November 13-15, 2022 in Sacramento.** Julie confirmed whether the board members received conference information. All are looking forward to attending the conference.

**8. Organizational Business**

- a. **Future agenda items and/or Board member comments** – No future agenda items or comments were discussed.
- b. **Upcoming meetings: November 7, December 12, January 23, March 13 (4:00PM)** – Note\* - November 7 meeting will be held in the BICS Multipurpose Room at 8:30am

No further business, by **Motion** of Melanie and Second by Darla.  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM. Motion carried 4, 0, 0.

*Respectfully submitted by Kristi Johnson, Recording Secretary*