

**Barona Indian Charter School
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 24, 2023**



1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Raymond Welch, called the meeting to order at 8:34am.
Roll Call: Chairman Raymond Welch, Tawnya Phoenix- Vice Chair, Danthia Gil- Secretary/Treasurer & Melanie Villa- Member
Members Absent: Darla Boller- Member
Others in attendance: Julie Cushman, Principal/Director, Kathy Clenney, Legal Counsel

2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Danthia, Second by Melanie to approve the agenda. Carried 4, 0, 0.

3. **Approval of Minutes - February 15, 2023 & March 13, 2023**
Motion by Danthia, Second by Melanie to approve the agenda. Carried 4, 0, 0.

4. **Public Comment** – There was no request for public comment for Agenda.

5. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approval of Consulting Agreement with Jeffrey Felix as Advisor** - The Board approved the contract to continue utilizing the professional educational advisory services of Dr. Jeffrey Felix for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Felix will work with Julie to go through the charter renewal process. He will work on an as-needed basis.
Motion by Melanie, Second by Danthia to approve the Consulting Agreement with Jeffrey Felix as Advisor. Carried 4, 0, 0.

 - B. **Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation and Bullying Prevention Policy** - The Board approved a new policy that will create and maintain a learning environment where students and employees are treated with dignity, decency, and respect. This policy will maintain an environment that encourages and fosters appropriate conduct among all persons and respect for individual values. Melanie suggested using Southern Indian Health to address culturally specific issues our students may be facing.
Motion by Danthia, Second by Melanie to approve the Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation and Bullying Prevention Policy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

 - C. **Suicide Prevention Policy**- The Board approved a new policy that will protect the health and well-being of all district students by having procedures in place to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in, and respond to suicide.
Motion by Tawnya, Second by Danthia to approve the Suicide Prevention Policy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

 - D. **Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy and Grievance Procedures**- The Board approved a new policy that requires extensive standards and grievance procedures for complaints of sexual harassment. Title IX is a federal civil rights law that protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. While many

associate Title IX strictly with equity in access to sports and facilities irrespective of sex, it also applies to sexual harassment, including sexual violence. Motion by Danthia, Second by Tawnya to approve the Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy and Grievance Procedures. Carried 4, 0, 0.

E. Approve 2023 Summer School Plan- Since an extended summer break results in significant learning loss, especially among disadvantaged and low-achieving students, staff recommends a plan to provide summer school opportunities for students to practice essential skills and make academic progress. This summer program will be aligned with the LCAP and the educational program provided during the school year. This program will blend high quality academic instruction in core curricular and/or elective subjects with recreation, nutrition programs, social and emotional development, and support services that encourage attendance, student engagement in learning, and student wellness. This program is funded using one-time ESSER funds. The Board approved the Summer Impact plan for 2023.

Motion by Melanie, Second by Danthia to approve the 2023 Summer School Plan. Carried 4, 0, 0.

6. Reports- Principal Julie Cushman will report to the Board.

Upcoming Events:

- Zoo Field Trip – All-school fieldtrip on April 26
- Touch-A-Truck – BICS will have a booth at this Lakeside event on May 7th at 10am
- Teacher Appreciation Week 5/1-5/5
- 7th grade Museum Exhibit – The Board is invited to attend the opening of the New Children’s Museum Native Garden Exhibit
- Science Night – 5/19
- 8th Grade Trip – 6/2
- 8th Grade Promotion - 6/8
- Kindergarten Promotion and Spring Fling – 6/2

Security/Safety updates:

- Security cameras are being installed
- PA System quote is still being gathered. We will be requesting a quote for installation as well, due to the work schedule of the IT department. This will be paid using ESSER funds.
- Tribal Enforcement /Sheriff Dept is having a greater presence on campus. Officers will increase patrols to deter vandalism. Having officers visible helps build a positive relationship with students and increase the sense of security for all on campus.
- BICS would like to request the trimming of the weeds outside the playground fence. As the weather gets hot, the snakes come out.

Marketing:

- In an effort to increase enrollment, we have increased our marketing of the school.
- Yard signs have been printed and set up in Lakeside and Ramona. We had three calls within the first few days

- A mailing of postcards has gone out to Lakeside and Ramona mail routes
- We are now able to receive enrollment applications on our website. Thank you to Dr. Felix.

Other

- Testing will begin in a few weeks – DRA starts 5/22; CAASPP State Testing starts on 5/15-6/1 (3rd-8th grade); MAPS Testing – 5/29 -6/9. Melanie asked if we could compare CAASPP scores from past years. She also suggested testing in small increments to see if it helps student scores.
 - iReady – We are getting everything in place to get started with the new assessment platform. Teachers will get PD and we will start with full implementation this upcoming school year.
 - After School Clubs – Clubs have been a success this year. Melanie would like to see if the Sonshine Club, a Bible club could be held on campus. She would like our school to be put on the invite list
 - Conference – Danthia would like to see if the Board can attend specific Native American focused conferences.
7. Organizational Business
- a. No Future agenda items and/or Board member comments were made.
 - b. Upcoming meetings: June 20 (4:00 PM), June 26 (Budget)

No further business, by **Motion** of Danthia and Second by Melanie.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:34am. Motion carried 4, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Johnson, Recording Secretary