
BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 11, 2024
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: CAPE School
777 Aileen Street
Camarillo, CA 93010

The meeting of the Board of Directors will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Camarillo Academy of Progressive Education's school site, 777 Aileen Street, Camarillo, California. Visitors are always welcome, and suggestions and comments are encouraged. Those wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda may do so under "Audience to Address the Board of Trustees." Those wishing to address the Board on agenda items may do so at the time the item is taken up for action. Please submit a Speaker Request sheet and present it to the Board. In accordance with Education Code 35145.5, the Board cannot enter into a formal discussion or make a decision on any matter not on the agenda. The Board may take action to refer any subject discussed to a later meeting or to the Superintendent. Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the CAPE Office prior to the meeting. A complete agenda packet is available at the CAPE school. Board agendas and minutes are available on the CAPE website at www.CamarilloCharter.org.

AGENDA

1. OFFICIAL OPENING OF MEETING

Richard Busse called the meeting to order at 3:03p.m.

Board members in attendance include Richard Busse, Raye Ann Clayton, Anna Sorenson, Brian Roberts and Khushbu Dalsania. Quorum was reached and the meeting was held in person at CAPE school. Khushbu arrived at 3:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -The pledge of allegiance was led by Richard Busse.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA- Motion: Anna Sorenson moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Brian Roberts seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous, 4-0 vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. PTSO Report (PTSO Representative)- Krista Cisneros gave the report mentioning Purple Up to celebrate military kids is coming up next week. International day will be on 4/25 and the Golf Tournament on 4/26. End of the year activities are coming and will be fun.

B. Other members of the Public- none

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 14, 2024 I need to add an "s" to Anna Sorenson's comment. Motion: Brian Roberts moved to accept the March 14, 2024 minutes with a small edit of "s". Motion was seconded by Anna Sorenson, and the motion was approved by unanimous, 4-0 vote.

6. RECOGNITION OF CAPE COMMUNITY

A. CAPE SuperQuiz Teams (Brian Roberts, Stephanie Forbes, Travis Forbes)

Brian Roberts recognizes Super Quiz Team members and has students come to front. Both teams were absolutely amazing and won first place. No team has ever won 4 times in a row, but our elementary team has done it. Our middle school team has won 3 out of the last 4 events. Mr. Forbes says he is incredibly proud of the kids for the hard work and preparation that both teams showed. They worked hard as a team and for each other. Mrs. Forbes mentions that this is a very collaborative group and also competitive with one another. All the students worked during their school breaks and were very prepared. Each student gave the group a favorite animal fact along with introducing themselves. Mr. Roberts presented certificates to each team member. Applause all around.

B. Girls Basketball Team (Kim Martin)

Ms. Martin says that the girls' team had big shoes to fill and they did a great job! Many of the girls were brand new to the sport and jumped in and learned, grew and contributed to the team as a whole. The team earned second place in a hard-fought championship game. She wants all the 6-7 graders back next year! She hopes the girls had a great time and grew as young women.

C. Boys Basketball Team (Kim Martin)

Ms. Martin acknowledges the boys' team Coach Dean and how dedicated he was to work with this group. The team was young and they enjoyed every moment with the coach. The boys' team won second place in a tough championship game. Thank you to the boys for working hard and challenging yourselves.

D. Reyansh Rawat – County Spelling Bee (Admin) not in attendance.

E. Lions Club Peace Poster (Admin) Not in attendance

7. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. Preliminary Budget 2024-2025 Review (ExEd)

Lisa Bulos is giving a preliminary CAPE budget for 2024-25 based on the governor's state (and education) budget proposal. The Legislature is giving a larger budget shortfall prediction than that of the governor. Lisa expects that the governor will err on the side of the schools, but we are not sure. Richard Busse asks why the budget shortfalls are predicted while the economy is booming. Lisa says that a downturn in the economy is predicted, and the spending levels are going down post Covid. Covid saw record spending for schools and it is being dialed back. The Governor is proposing to make up

the shortfall by using Prop 98 Rainy Day funds. There is no significant cut proposed for TK or extended learning programs.

Budget assumptions for next year are outlined in the report, which includes a 3% increase for hourly and admin. Teachers will move up the step column as they did last year.

Medical and Dental benefits are still very good, and enrollment is estimated at 584 with a 95% attendance rate. The state Arts and Music Block Grant will be used for an interventionist next year, which is only available through 2025-26. Maryellen Lang reminds us that The Arts and Music Block Grant is not just used for art and music. It can be anything, especially to help with learning loss. Lisa also presented a budget summary forecast for the next 3 years. Much spending has been trued up from last month, and CAPE is in good shape. Most schools are in the red at this point of the year, but we are doing well. Maryellen says that we may have to spend more money for the new building and fencing being added this summer, but they are still in negotiations with PVSD for that. We do have savings for the project, and if needed they would be our property and could be sold. Richard Busse commends the admin for our strong reserves. Maryellen recalls 2012 when the state did not send funds to schools for a full year. We had reserves to handle that and make it a goal always.

B. LCAP- Maryellen Lang will be sending a survey out this week and present the results and report next month.

C. Prop 39- Still embargoed. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and hopefully the information will be presented to the whole community at the same time. It will likely come in the May board meetings for all entities involved.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and possible vote on March Registry and Financials (ExEd). Lisa Bulos and Jane Lee of ExEd presented financials and check registry. Lisa likes to true up spending from earlier in the year, and our net income is higher. Some of that is a difference in ADA, and the LCF is higher than projected from last year. Parents have filled out the Free and Reduced Lunch forms at a higher rate than ever before, which gives more state revenue. The ADA was trued up to 581 students. Expenses are lower because the actual salary/hourly wages/benefits were trued up from forecasted. Cash reserves remain strong.

Motion: Raye Ann Clayton moved to accept March check and credit card registries as presented by Lisa Bulos. Khushbu Dalsania seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous, 4-0 vote.

9. CLOSED SESSION none.

A. Student discipline (if applicable)

B. Employee review

To discuss the appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline, complaints about or dismissal of a specific employee(s) or potential employee(s)

10. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION/CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT none.

11. ADMINISTRATION REPORT- Busy, busy, busy! Purple Up, International Fair, Music Camp with Ms. Kelly, and Mini Courses are all coming up. Next year's schedule is already up, and many new laws are coming online on July first. We have to come up with a 15-minute nutrition break for the middle school on half days. Instructional minutes for middle school on half days need to be maintained, and schedule massaged to meet requirements. Many of the new laws have to do with student discipline. There is almost nothing you can suspend a student for at this point, and schools are completely disincentivized to do so.

12. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Mr. Roberts reports a record turnout of 73 kids going out for track this year. We could use more parent volunteers to help. 5th grade is doing Adopt a Pilot right now, and they are enjoying it. Teacher shout-out goes to Ms. Keefer. She is a pioneer teacher of CAPE and despite being close to the end of her career, she has taken on a new role in 7-8th grade science program. She has gracefully handled the sacrifices and new responsibilities and epitomizes what a great teacher is. She has earned her new single subject credential.

Ms. Sorenson- Spring Fever has hit. The countdown has begun, and 2nd grade is trying out a new field trip with Ventura County Land Trust at Arroyo Verde Park. Viewing the solar eclipse was great, she had full attendance and everyone really enjoyed the eclipse together. She is so proud of all the students competing for CAPE this spring, and the teachers who support them. Looking forward to International Fair. One CAPE alumni was just voted as a student representative for all junior colleges for the state.

Ms. Dalsania- 6th grade is heading to Pasadena for a field trip at the Norton Simon Museum. She has heard of a new project with American cities to improve use of resources. This was from NPR and she thinks it would be great for our school kids. Her

high school-aged son has gone to the Ventura Co Science Fair and thinks that would be great for our middle school kids. Parents are now able to support and mentor kids for the science fair and she would like to help with that next year if CAPE is willing.

Ms. Clayton- reports that her kids are still very excited and engaged with activities in the classroom, field trips and recess activities like lunch box league. Thank you, CAPE teachers, faculty and staff for providing so much for our children.

Mr. Busse was here for the eclipse, spent the viewing in Mrs. Kaio's class and it was so fun and fulfilling. He feels so energized to have spent that time with the kids.

13. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting was adjourned by Richard Busse at 4:09 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Raye Ann Clayton.