

**Boulder Preparatory Charter High School**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting 3/29/17**  
**Quarterly Administration Report summarizing Block 3, 2016/2017**

**The Faculty:**

- Justin St. Onge continued as an adjunct teaching Climate Science and Human Geography
- Brad Davis returned as a volunteer to team-teach a Behavioral Science class with Lili/
- Carin Chow volunteered again to teach an Immigrant Experience social studies course.
- Keyan Pesaran continued helping as a math volunteer, and Jane Houssiere helped with the writing class.
- Laurie Chin Sayers taught a Media Literacy Course as an adjunct.
- Melissa Koss started in January as our new Restorative Practices Specialist
- ShAnnon Rheubottom, a long-time staff member and alumni, will not be returning.
- Staff completed two days of professional development in January before school started. Topics covered were CPR/First Aid, Restorative Practices, Media Literacy, and Brain Based Learning.

**The Students:**

- 21 students passed all their classes and five students will be moving on.
- 7 students are enrolled in the UCD Spanish class and 4 are enrolled in the UCD Business class.
- We had seven student presentations at stories on topics such as noodling and study abroad experiences.
- One student attended the MLK Rally on her own and was featured on the evening news. Several students also attended the Women's March on their own.
- Attendance this block was really bad due to more severe flu cases going around.

**The Program**

- In partnership with Parlando School for the Arts, we offered an Art and Music Class where student create their own songs and paintings that match the music.
- Students were able to work with Boxer in his new home at Medicine Horse. He is much more social there, and the students enjoyed working with their herd.
- The Immigrant Experience class proved to be very timely with continuously changing policies put out by the new presidential administration. Students were quite engaged in the topic.
- As part of the student re-engagement grant, we contracted with a therapist to offer counseling sessions on site at Boulder Prep. Several students have taken advantage of this opportunity and we hope to expand offerings.
- For our Life Skills program, we did a series of sessions on Climate Change using the show Years of Living Dangerously. Students did well engaging in the conversation.
- We had a number of guest speakers for Life Skills including: Factory Farming Coalition, Finding Your Normal, Safehouse, and Teen Clinic.
- Personal responsibility has been a challenge with students throwing out forks and leaving a lot of trash around.
- We hosted a parent night to introduce families to the concepts of Grit and Growth Mindset. 8 families attended.

### **The Facility**

- Our neighbor has dropped the ball with regard to getting the sinkhole in our driveway fixed. This project will likely get delayed until after the winter.
- We spent a little over \$1000 to fix one of our vans due to wires being chewed up by raccoons.
- We were able to get resolution on our Solar Panels and have made a final payment of \$17669 on the system. It was more than we wanted to spend but \$10,000 less than our contractual obligation.
- We added two garden beds on the South end of the building to expand growing potential.

### **Development/Fundraising**

- We received confirmation on our Mill Levy that it can be used for IT, Janitorial, and any other Facility needs.
- We applied for a Dropout Prevention Program through the Tony Grampsas Grant at the Department of Public Health. They will notify of awards in the spring.
- We ended up not applying for the Colorado Department of Education on a Facilities grant to help with improvement/repairs. We may consider it for next year.
- We received scholarship donations from the Kingsbery Fund and the Steffens Family Foundation.