

**Boulder Preparatory Charter High School**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting 5/24/17**  
**Quarterly Administration Report summarizing Block 4, 2016/2017**

**The Faculty:**

- Justin St. Onge continued as an adjunct teacher and has agreed to start full-time as a math/science teacher in July.
- Brad Davis returned as a volunteer to teach a Behavioral Science class
- Ian McLaughlin joined us to teach an art exploration course. He worked with ShAnnon in the past on the Mural Arts class.
- Lydia Flores joined Boulder Prep as an adjunct to teach an intro to programming class.
- One of our Alumni from the class of 2007, Tina Phenix, taught Literature and Photography courses
- Andre has agreed to stay on part-time
- Toni has agreed to stay and will help find a replacement for her position
- Our Graduation Coach, Jeff George, has accepted another position and his last day was May 19<sup>th</sup>
- We have decided to move in a different direction for our Restorative Practices Grant, so Melissa Koss will not be staying on at Boulder Prep
- We have 9 adjuncts planned for the summer to help cover the intensive classes

**The Students:**

- 36 students passed all their classes and 23 students graduated on May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Graduates have acceptance letters to UNC, CSU, MSU, CU Denver, and out of state including Evergreen in Washington and a couple on the east coast
- We expect that 5-7 more students will finish their requirements by the end of the summer
- Five graduates received \$2000 scholarship
- Two student leaders facilitated workshops on substance abuse and prevention
- We had our annual Runway event where students shared facts about body image issues and then danced a runway
- Our annual poetry jam was powerful with some very personal stories.
- Our students presented for stories on topics such as bees, rugby, depression, and motorcycles
- Student ACT scores showed that we need to do a lot of work in math and reading to help them reach benchmark. The students who improved the most were the ones in the ACT Prep class.

**The Program**

- The new classes we offered this block were Natural Disasters, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Adulting, Cold War, World Leaders, Modern Monsters, and Men's Health.
- We had a cohort of students who were able to complete Calculus this block. Typically, we don't have students performing at this level of math.
- Students continue to take advantage of counseling sessions on site at Boulder Prep
- We had two guest speaker for Life Skills talk about the impact of substance abuse on their lives. Student reported that the presentations were powerful.

- We hosted a parent night to show them the documentary Screenagers and another parent night to follow up on Grit and Growth Mindset. 8 families attended the first and 9 for the second.

### **The Facility**

- We are scheduled to re-pave the entire driveway during the summer break. This will be paid for by the condo association split with our neighbors in the Rolf building.
- The building is really starting to look rundown. We will be working this summer on a plan to use our bond money for a facelift.
- The garden beds have mostly been planted and are doing okay. We had a couple setbacks with the cold and snow, but it should recover.
- We had a comprehensive building inspection completed that indicated no major structural issues.
- The staff has agreed that for security purposes, we need to go ahead with a locked front door at all times. Students have been understanding of the change. The district will pay for us to install a comprehensive locking and emergency alert system over the summer.
- The lawn sprinkler system continues to be problematic. The repairmen spent quite a bit of time on it, so hopefully it will be all set for the summer.

### **Development/Fundraising**

- We received a grant from Tony Grampas for \$75,000 per year for three years. This will be used to sustain the Graduation Coach position and some field trips.
- We applied for a social-emotional grant to pay for our programming with Boxer and Medicine Horse and should hear in a couple months.
- We applied for a STEM grant through Best-Buy to support intensives and should hear in a couple months.
- Our Wine Tasting raised close to \$9000.
- We haven't heard back from California Pizza Kitchen on our fundraiser days. The store looked busy when we were there, so hopefully our share will be close to \$1000.
- Toni has started a Boulder Prep e-bay store and has been buying and selling off random items from around that school that are no longer needed. We've already made a couple hundred dollars.