

Boulder Preparatory Charter High School
Board of Trustees Meeting 8-21-2017
Quarterly Administration Report summarizing Block 5, 2016/2017

The Faculty:

- Justin St. Onge began as a full-time staff on July 1st.
- Lydia Flores and Brad Davis collaborated with Kenny to teach a Robotics class.
- We had a number of adjuncts for the summer session teaching Leadership, Meteorology, Astronomy, Music/Songwriting, and Civil War.
- Rolly brought two student teachers this summer to teach a Poetry class.
- Staff met for two days of professional development on topics including Restorative Practices, Intensive Scheduling, and Graduation Pathways.
- We hired Dominick Walls as our new Graduation Coach
- We hired Lorena Rivera as our new Business Manager/Registrar

The Students:

- Jeremy Kessler-Bauer finished making the Boulder Prep Documentary. It is very endearing and a great tribute to what we do everyday.
- We saw half of our graduates come back to visit throughout the summer block.
- Two students completed their graduation requirements this summer and received their diplomas.
- Many students did not take a full load of classes this summer due to vacations or overall low investment/interest.
- We had 8 new students start with us this summer.
- One student completed a 2-week long Police Academy Course and was accepted to participate in the second part of their program which will meet throughout the school year.
- We received our Pre-ACT scores and one 10th grader scored a 26 and a 9th grader scored a 27.

The Program

- The students who came for the summer intensive classes responded well to the format.
- After surveying students and parents, we decided on an all intensive schedule for Block 1.
- Some of the class related field trips this summer were: Astronomy went to the Planetarium, ASL went to CU's Audiology Department, Earth Science went to Heil Valley, Shakespeare went to see Henry V, Robotics went to Medtroincs, Songwriting went to Coupe Recording Studio, and Meteorology went to Brush (Colorado) to retrieve the weather balloon.
- We ran into some technical difficulties with scheduling and grading for the intensives. This has been worked out for Block 1.
- To help with enrollment, we ran two ads in the Daily Camera Back to School Guide and are running some Facebook ads.
- The Daily Camera wrote a nice article about our Intensive Program.
- Our summer barbecue was very well attended by current and potential parents.

The Facility

- The driveway and parking lot were re-paved. This allowed us to fix major issues and consolidate our trash with the neighbor.

- We had a meeting with the district's Bond Planning team. The tentative timeline is to start our renovation during Winter Break and hope to finish over Spring Break. We will be renovating the bathrooms, refinishing the walls, and getting all new furniture.
- Our front-door security system has been installed, so guest will ring a bell to be let in.
- Our garden has not been partially productive. Many plants did not recover from the May snow storm, and shade has impacted growth in some other areas.
- One of our refrigerators died, and we ordered a new one for \$2100.

Development/Fundraising

- We applied for a social-emotional grant to pay for our programming with Boxer and Medicine Horse and received a \$5000 award.
- We applied for a STEM grant through Best-Buy to support intensives and should hear in a couple months.
- California Pizza Kitchen never responded on our fundraiser days. The manager we worked with has moved on.
- We have a proposal from a consultant to help us with Fundraising on a project by project basis, or on a standard part-time basis.