**Boulder Preparatory Charter High School**

**Board of Trustees Meeting 6/14/15**

**Quarterly Administration Report summarizing Block 4, 2014/2015**

**The Faculty:**

* The overall sense of faculty camaraderie, support and collaboration is very high. The staff rehearsed together to perform a flash-mob for stories the last week of school.
* Adjuncts for the block were Connor Carmichael, teaching poetry and service learning; Kerrin Duffy, teaching persuasive writing and journaling; Brad Davis, teaching robotics; and Rick Bernstein, teaching an acting class.
* We hosted a cooking intern from Escoffier School for Culinary Arts. La Shera prepared breakfast daily and helped with the lunch service learning class. She also facilitated workshops with the students on Fridays.
* Staff received professional development stipends from the Counselor Corp grant for the work they did in December, during the block and the days they will meet in June.
* In partnership with Mental Health Partners, we had a licensed school counselor assigned to Boulder Prep three days per week.

**The Students:**

* We continue to enroll about 20 new students each block. Unfortunately, we also lost about five students due to behavior and/or attendance issues.
* 16 students graduated and participated in the ceremony. Two students are working to finish their requirements this summer.
* Over 20 students had all passing grades and the reward was a trip to the Comic Convention.
* More than 10 students presented at stories in front of all their peers.
* 9 Students completed UCD classes earning them college credit.
* One graduating senior prepared and instructed and Anime Film Studies class.

**The Program**

* All but graduating seniors took an ACT in lieu of state standardized tests.
* We held our 11th annual poetry jam with more than 30 students performing pieces.
* Seven students participated in an after-school intensive for costume design as they prepared to attend the Comic Convention.
* Our school counselor through Mental Health Partners facilitated a health class in addition to Friday group sessions. Mental Health Partners is writing a grant to provide us with a full-time counselor for the next school year.
* We had a parent night about communicating with teens that was facilitated by our Mental Health Partners Counselor
* Students continued to go to Twin Oaks farm to work with Boxer and provide service for the farm.
* Two intensives were offered during the break. Seven students completed a horticulture intensive and 10 students completed the equine behavior intensive.
* Volunteers from Qualcomm corporation came to Boulder Prep to make breakfast for the students.

**The Facility**

* We had our follow-up health department inspection where nearly all issues were resolved. There were still some minor issues that are more hardware related for us to resolve.
* We are trying to find ways to save money for the Condo Association and have ordered a push mower to have students mow the lawn. Also, with the rain, we have not had to water the lawn yet. We did have to contract with Lawn Doctor to help manage the weeds.
* We had a meeting with the director of the Bond Program to get guidance on how to move forward. The next step is for us to prepare a proposal for additional funds that will go to the Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee.
* The district IT folks did an assessment of the network and equipment during the break and plan to do some work over the summer. We should get our new phone system in place by the new school year.
* Students planted a wide variety of items at our plot at Cultiva Community Gardens in North Boulder.

**Development**

* We raised over $6500 at our fundraiser
* We received $1000 as part of the Green Energy Challenge
* We are completing a sustainability plan that is due to CDE on how we will maintain our afterschool programming once the grant ends