**Boulder Preparatory Charter High School**

**Board of Trustees Meeting 8/26/15**

**Quarterly Administration Report summarizing Block 5, 2014/2015**

**The Faculty:**

* The staff met for two days in June for Professional Development. Some of the topics covered were the school’s climate survey, community issues such as cell phone use, and training on how to use an online gradebook.
* Rachel Brett completed her last block at Boulder Prep as she is transitioning to motherhood and other potential opportunities.
* Kerrin Duffy, an adjunct, joined us full time this summer as she is taking over the afterschool program.
* Ashley Christianson, our Americorp of two years said good-bye as she will be transitioning to Physician’s Assistant school in Nebraska.
* Volunteer Tracy Halward has been working with the students at Cultiva Community Garden tending the Boulder Prep plot. She taught the Horticulture intensive from the previous break and has been instrumental in getting our garden up and running.
* The staff met the Friday before school started to re-set the building and then go the Boulder Reservoir for boating and bonding.

**The Students:**

* We added about 20 new students during the summer block, so numbers going into the fall are better than we’ve had in year’s past.
* A handful of students didn’t attend in the summer in lieu of summer jobs, camps and travel. Unfortunately, several other students decided to take the summer off just to have fun and that may impact their overall graduation plan.
* Summer attendance was low as many students struggled to see the summer block as a regular part of the school year.
* We received news that one of our alumni was accepted to DU Law School and will be starting in the fall. Andre has been working with his former professor to get scholarships for BP alumni who are accepted to DU Law.
* We received news that one of our alumni was accepted to the Colorado School of Mines.
* One of the 2015 graduates spent 3 weeks in Rome visiting and art school and trying to decide if she wants to attend. Several other alums have reported settling into their dorms for the fall.
* The ACT scores for the 2015 senior class improved on average 2 point as compared to the class of 2014. This is an indication that the teachers are pushing the students to develop in their skills and the ACT prep program is working.
* Three students have had internships sponsored by our Counselor Corp program. One is working at the Boulder Dinner Theater, one at CU’s Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, and the third is working with Boxer (our pony) under guidance from Lyndsey Fitch our alumni.

**The Program**

* We received our climate survey data which indicated that the overall sense of community is improving. An area of note is the students reporting harassment between each other. We intend to address this with the student body in the fall.
* Students participated in Sailing club once a week at the Boulder Reservoir.
* During the summer break, 8 students participated in a 3-day backpacking trip and 10 students participated in a meteorology intensive.
* The staff and student body discussed the smoking policy and decided the move the smoking section behind the building to minimize the unsightliness of the smokers by the main street.
* In partnership with a group called Creative Strategies for Change, we were able to offer a West African drumming class for the students.

**The Facility**

* We are working with an independent health inspector to come and do inspections for us. He came in the summer to help make sure that we are meeting all of the food safety regulation.
* The landscaping and garden at the school are doing well. We have been picking lots of zucchini and herbs.
* The district IT folks are trying to figure out funding for the upgrades that need to be done at Boulder Prep. We hope to hear soon about the plan.
* We submitted a proposal to the district regarding additional funds for our bond allocation. We haven’t received a response.
* Our dishwasher is having trouble and may need to be replaced. We have been working with a repairman to troubleshoot.
* We have been receiving monthly rebate checks from Xcel Energy for the power generated by our solar panels.

**Development**

* We received notification of renewal for both our 21st Century and Counselor Corp grants.
* Plans for our fun run have been moving forward thanks to efforts from Andre, Gabe and some alumni.