

**Barona Indian Charter School
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
January 23, 2023**



1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Raymond Welch, called the meeting to order at 8:34AM.
Roll Call: Chairman Raymond Welch, Tawnya Phoenix- Vice Chair, Danthia Gil-Secretary/Treasurer, Darla Boller- Member, & Melanie Villa- Member
Members Absent:
Others in attendance: Julie Cushman, Director/Principal, Kathy Clenney, Legal Counsel, Samantha Orahod – LUSD
2. **Closed Session-** Case Review/Planning (per Govt. Code Section 54954.5)
Close session called to order at 8:34am, to meet with a parent regarding excessive tardiness and absences. Parent did not show up. Per BICS attendance policy, notice will be given to the parent to attend a SARB meeting on Feb 15th at 8:30am.
Closed session adjourned at 8:42am
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**
Approval of January agenda, and minutes for December 14, 2022

Motion by Danthia, Second by Darla to approve the agenda. Carried 5, 0, 0.
4. **Public Comment** – There was no request for public comment for Agenda or Minutes.
5. **Action Items -**
 - **Approve School Accountability Report Card (SARC)-** This required annual report to parents provides parents and the community with valuable information about the overall performance of the school. The SARC is an effective way to report on our progress in achieving our goals. BICS uses a service called Document Tracking Service to complete the SARC. Our SARC will be submitted to the CDE. Melanie and Darla discussed the standards being met and how we compare to other charter schools.

Motion by Melanie, Second by Danthia to approve the School Accountability Report Card. Carried 5, 0, 0.
 - **Approval of a School Vehicle-** BICS staff recommended the Board approve the purchase of a vehicle to be used for transporting students to school related events and other school needs. Price of vehicle not to exceed \$70,000. Ken Grody Ford is looking for a used 8-passenger van for the school. This size van requires no special license to drive.

Motion by Danthia, Second by Darla to approve the purchase of a school vehicle. Carried 5, 0, 0.
6. **Principal's Reports – Julie Cushman**
 - **Great Kindness Challenge** – Students will be participating in a variety of activities to emphasize kindness to each other and to the community
 - **5th/6th Grade Wax Museum event** – Students will be presenting important historical figures in a unique way. March 7th – Board is invited to attend.
 - **Ariel Triunfel**, our Campus Food Coordinator, has resigned. We are actively looking for a replacement. The job position is currently posted on EDJoin and Indeed.

- **Janitorial Services** – The new janitorial services are inconsistent. Paper towels are not in all areas. Would it be possible to increase vacuum service in the classrooms to five days a week? Tawnya replied the new services are under review. Melanie suggested putting vacuums in all the classrooms.
- **New Website** – Our new website is live. There are a few changes that are being made. It is a fresh new look. We are very happy with it.
- **School Banners** – Melanie and Darla commented on the school banner that is hung at the Rodeo grounds. The letter is very small and hard to read. We will work on redesigning new banners to display.
- **Touch-A-Truck event** – The school will be participating in community event on Feb 26, from 10am to 3pm. We encourage families and Board members to attend.
- **DRA** – Our reading assessment program is showing progress. The assessment period ends this week.
- **Garden Expansion** – We are waiting for approval for a concrete pad to be poured for the greenhouse. The school is requesting the removal of a few trees in the direct area. In addition to the garden expansion, we would like the school to participate in the Monarch Butterfly Challenge, by planting milkweed to aid in increasing the Monarch Butterfly population. The Board will assess the removal of the trees.
- **LUSD Annual Visit** – On Feb 3, the LUSD will visit and provide feedback to improve our school. We will need parents, students, staff and Board members to participate in focus groups.

7. Discussion Items

- a. **ACLU Record Request** - Samantha Orahood, from LUSD, discussed the ACLU Record Request that was received. Samantha explained the process of ESSA covered programs and tribal consultation. The records request from ACLU was prompted by the increase in the Native American population to over 50% of our enrollment. Lisa Davis, from LUSD is working on the formal report to ensure funding is going to the school for specific expenditures.

8. Organizational Business

- **Future agenda items and/or Board member comments** – a SARB meeting will be set up for February 15 at 8:30 am to meet with parents involved.
- **Upcoming meetings Feb 15 (special meeting), March 13 (4:00PM), April 24**

No further business, by **Motion** of Danthia and Second by Melanie.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM. Motion carried 5, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Johnson, Recording Secretary