



## School Board Meeting Minutes

Laurel Tree Charter School

Board Meeting 4/18/23 at 6 PM

In-person meeting at the main site - 4555 Valley West,  
Arcata

1. **Call to Order:** 6:05 In Attendance: Nichole Dollarhide, Tom Leroy, Liz Larsen, Diane Moore, Mary Burke, John Scaglione, Josh Nikolauson, Brenda Sutter
2. **Adopt the minutes:** minutes were not available and will be adopted at the next meeting.
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Diane Moore motioned to adopt the minutes, Mary Burke seconded. In favor: Nichole Dollarhide, Tom Leroy, Liz Larsen, Diane Moore, Mary Burke, John Scaglione, Josh Nikolauson. Opposed: none. Abstentions: none.
4. **Adoption of Agenda:**
5. **Land Recognition:** *We recognize that we are on the unceded tribal territory of the Wiyot people. This recognition is a starting point for further conversation and education. We thank and honor these caretakers and carry their stewardship from time immemorial forward as part of the education of the next generation.*
6. **Recognitions:** Liz Larsen and Mary Burke recognized Brenda Sutter for her work in the recent student play, Twelfth Night.
7. **Public Comment on items before the board:** The public is invited to join in our discussions.
8. **Information/Discussion Items:**
  - a. Information on Umpqua Bank loan. *It doesn't look like we will qualify for a loan for the whole project due to debt load, but we are continuing to pursue a smaller loan to get us through the planning phase. It was suggested that we follow up on a USDA loan and check back in with OPSC about where we are in line for that money.*
  - b. Information on design process with Cleekco and movement on project with Witchurch. *Josh shared the drawings from Cleekco and the changes that were made.*
  - c. Update from the Family Inclusion Group. *Mary shared the FIG folder with all the meeting notes with the board. Some exciting ideas are being generated. They completed an audit of the website*

*and will meet with the staff to gather more ideas for that in the next month. Getting specific target goals and amounts to reach those goals is the next big step. They are also investigating being an umbrella organization under The Ink People so they can run their own fundraising.*

- d. Review of theater event. *Talked about the need for a sound system - maybe something FIG might fund? Great success for the kids:)*
- e. Information on our mobile outdoor kitchen. *We just purchased a food trailer that comes with a three burner gas stove, a griddle, some ice chests, and other things ready to do catering with. We are going to outfit it as a mobile outdoor kitchen for Edible Education Classes, as well as for camping trips.*
- f. LCAP review and opportunity for input. *We read through and discussed our LCAP successes and areas of need section. Discussion around chronic absenteeism and parent communication. Discussion of how we will address the growing disparity for our low income students. We are targeting them for our summer reading program.*

9. **Action Items:** None

10. **Future Agenda Items:** Auditor Selection,

11. **Next Board meeting:** May 16th, 6:00 pm in person.

12. **Adjournment:** 8pm