

**SunRidge School**  
**Charter Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for 08/09/2021**

*Call to order:* 6:00pm

*Present:* Johann, Sasha, Deidra, Brian, Jehanne, Jamie (late), Theresa (late)

*Absent:* Curtis,

*Guests:* Kalen, John Moise

**Establishment of Quorum:** yes

**Approval of Agenda:** Sasha, Deidra 5/0

**Correspondence:**

Two neighbors sent SunRidge a correspondence showing appreciation for the use of school grounds and our beautification efforts with a donation of \$5,000 – [Kate Haug] and [Kurt Nobel] – Check made out to SEF.

**Approval of minutes for June 14, 2021:** Sasha/Johann 2/0/3

**Open Session & Announcements:**

None.

**A) Review Action Items/Old Business**

[Nothing to review.]

**B) Admin Report**

Enrollment: very fluid – as of today enrollment shows 227 students, but that is changing daily. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade have low numbers; some enrollees have not yet returned paperwork. The medical exemption situation is what is making the enrollment so dynamic at the moment. Some families are still trying to decide if they will start the required childhood illnesses or if they will pursue independent or home schooling options. Children who do not meet immunization requirements by the beginning of the year they may not attend class. If they are willing to immunize, they can start the year with a 14-day independent study to provide them more time to schedule the first doses for all the required immunizations.

Hiring: Brian Baker was hired to teach 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> woodworking. Sorrell Allen will teach gardening in grades 1-4. Tammy Gregg was hired as an intervention teacher to help at risk students. Bonnie Hill was hired as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade aide.

Staffing: Still seeking a temporary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Nicole Greaney is expecting twins and is on leave for the year. Still hiring for the 3-5 grade aide position, as well as an after-care coordinator. Abigail Porter is returning as middle-school aide, and Marcela Ronan is returning as a Spanish teacher. Sarah Borchers will be the second-grade aide.

Surveys: students, families, and staff have been surveyed. CC looked at some of the data collected and discussed how we might foster culture and relationships in our community.

Family responses indicated a wish for more resources, and an appreciation for school safety.

Student responses indicated low marks on engagement and academic challenge.

Teacher responses indicated strengths in engagement and professional development.

*Action Item:*

### **C) District Update**

Kalen updated us on the ratification of the vote for the Twin Hills District Teacher's Association.

John Moise reported on behalf of THUSD Board that it appears the teachers have ratified a tentative agreement and the agreement must now be ratified by the Board. The agreement must then be agreed to by both parties. Mr. Moise spoke to the larger problem that THUSD does not receive as much funding as most districts. Dr. Guzman (our Superintendent) will be forming a budget advisory committee to help schools in our district maximize available resources.

Kalen reiterated the point that the problem of paying teachers more must be addressed legislatively to provide more equitable funding.

*Action Item:*

### **D) Start of School Update and Discussion**

Kalen reported she has spoken to the district and the district will create an amendment for the COVID safety plan. Health and safety practices will continue including wellness checks, hand washing, and cleaning surfaces. Social/physical distancing requirements are discontinued so long as the students are masked. Ventilation will be prioritized. Kalen is considering how to erect the 30X30 foot tents purchased recently to provide additional outdoor shade.

*Action Item:*

### **E) Independent Study Discussion**

The guidelines require daily instruction and daily check-in, Kindergarten through Third grade. Fourth through Eighth grade must have one session of instruction weekly. SunRidge will not be offering independent study this year. Kalen believes we should watch what happens here in terms of requirements and reconsider an independent study program next year.

*Action Item:*

**\*Break\***

### **F) FEAT Report**

No report

*Action Item:*

#### **G) Parent Council Report**

Kalen reports she is meeting soon with Sheina to begin coordinating parent council.

*Action Item:*

#### **H) Coordinating Committee Update**

Deidra is scheduling a meeting.

*Action Item:*

#### **I) Budget Review and Discussion**

Kalen indicated she would like to defer this topic until our next meeting as the budget is in flux due to the recent negotiations' settlement and the fluctuations in enrollment. The priority is getting students into open seats as funding is based on the Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

*Action Item: Kalen will have the budget ready to discuss next meeting.*

#### **J) Schedule Meetings**

Deidra reported that after September, remote meetings will no longer be acceptable based on state requirements.

September Meeting:	Monday August 30
October Meeting:	Monday October 4
November Meeting:	Monday, November 8
December Meeting:	Monday December 6
January Meeting:	Monday January 10
February Meeting:	Monday February 7
March Meeting:	Monday March 7
April Meeting:	Monday April 4
May Meeting:	Monday May 2
June Meeting:	Monday June 6

*Action Item:*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Johann Hall