

SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 02/01/2021

Call to order: 6:00pm

Present: Johann, Deidra, Theresa, Brian, Sasha, Jehanne, Curtis, Jamie

Absent:

Guests: Kalen, Sheina Curtis, Anais Morris, Leslie Wood

Note taker: Johann

Quorum: yes

Approval of Agenda: Johann/Sasha/6/0 (Jamie not yet present)

Correspondence:

Kalen shared a letter from Dr. Herrington to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors voicing disapproval of vaccine pullback and urging the prioritization of inoculating teachers and school staff.

Approval of minutes for January 11, 2021: Parent Council meeting date was corrected to January 27, (instead of January 22). Deidra/Curtis/7/0

Open Session & Announcements: None

A) Review Action Items/Old Business

Sasha will reach out to National Center for Transgender Equality to see about obtaining the model policy in a manipulatable format.

Sasha did obtain this document in a manipulatable format

Kalen will follow-up with BB regarding CA policy examples; Sasha will obtain and share information she gets from positive images as well as whatever resources she is able to gather.

On the Agenda

Brian will establish a shared document to begin considering bullet points that might be considered as part of the SunRidge diversity statement.

Brian shared a document labeled transgender policy which was supposed to be diversity statement shared document. We have yet to have any contributions from members, but the shared document has been created.

Kalen will update CC membership/term list

Document was updated.

Deidra will add the expectations documents to a share drive via google docs and CC members will review it in preparation for a more in-depth discussion next month

On the agenda – the document was provided to all members via email.

B) Admin Report

Theresa reported a fifth grader shifted from homeschool program to our seat-based program. We had a second grader unenroll due to family circumstances. Applications are coming in for next year.

Theresa reported that we have collected \$11,670 so far for the pledge match drive. We still have 12-13 days to go to collect for the pledge match drive.

Kalen reported Keith Olsen has been hired by the district as a substitute groundskeeper. He is currently working 5 hours/day at SR. The sixth-grade position has been reposted. She is reaching out to potential long-term substitutes as part of planning for reopening.

Kalen reports that SR's budget reserve is about 21 percent, required is 17%. If pledge falls short, there is money available to make up the shortfall.

Jamie, Chantal, and Kalen attended the alliance conference over the MLK weekend.

Action Item:

C) Parent Council Report

Sheina reported that she and Brandy have been meeting with Kalen and are still in the process of reimagining parent council. The council did create a document of parent feedback related to distance learning for administration and faculty to consider.

Action Item:

D) FEAT Report

Diversity/Anti-racism statement – on the agenda

Wind tunneling process – Kalen reported that the faculty has put the process on hold with all the preparation necessary around reopening. The first step was completed and indicated that faculty felt more knowledgeable about topics such as racism, sexism, etc. than prepared to teach about these topics. Kalen suggested that CC engage in the wind tunnel process. CC discussed the possibility, and after some debate it was decided this could be a useful exercise for CC.

Action Item: Sasha and Deidra will work with Kyra to develop questions for a wind tunneling exercise with CC that may help inform the school wide statement.

E) Transgender Policy Review

Sasha reported distributing additional model policies. She found the Washington School District Gender Inclusive Policy to be quite helpful. It discusses regular training for staff to help implement the policy. She learned that a Benicia school also had a transgender policy, but she was unable to find that policy on their website. She would like to have a parent help her to get the parent perspective and provide feedback on the sample policies. It does not necessarily have to be somebody from CC. Deidra stated she would be happy to review the proposed policies and provide feedback but did not know how much additional help she could provide.

Action Item: Deidra to review transgender policy draft and provide feedback

F) Inclusion and Anti-Racism Statement Review and Discussion

Deidra suggested we take time to review all the sample statements and develop the shared document so we can have a more active discussion at our next meeting.

Action Item: Brian will put together a skeleton statement to get the discussion going

G) Begin 2021/2022 Calendar Discussion

Kalen has begun discussing with the district administration the plan for fully re-opening in fall but until there are more details known there is not much to discuss. Curt stated he would be happy to do the work he has done in the past.

Action Item:

H) Charter Council Membership

Two parents present may be interested in joining CC. Leslie Wood reported she is in the observational stage presently and considering potential membership. Sheina Curtis reported her intention was to continue to be present at CC meetings but not join – she feels it is useful to her work with Parent Council.

Anais Morris came to learn about CC, she is new to the school and her interest is strictly exploratory at present.

Action Item:

I) Closed Session – Personnel/Program

[CLOSED SESSION HELD – NO ACTION TAKEN]

Action Item:

J) School Reopening (in-person) Hybrid Model Planning

CC reviewed the recent parent survey results. There is still much unknown about how reopening will be achieved. There has been a lot of consideration about how a hybrid calendar would work in terms of splitting the teacher's time with distance learners and those who return to the limited seat-based program. Kalen presented a draft schedule for discussion. The schedule is still a work in progress with the faculty.

Action Item:

K) Expectations Document Review and Discussion

Deidra shared the expectations document she has been facilitating since last summer. The document provides a framework of expectations for students, teachers, parents, and administration in the hybrid model. The document is a valuable reference to the SunRidge community.

Action Item:

L) Director Evaluation Process

Kalen is due to be evaluated this year. There is a new form consisting of five questions that would be answered by Parent Council chairpersons, faculty and staff, and the chairpersons of the SunRidge Educational Foundation and Charter Council. The questionnaire will be sent via email.

Action Item: Jamie will send out the questionnaire to all appropriate parties.

M) Long-Term Planning and Goals Update

The Renewal Committee met with the Charter School Development Center and went over CAASPP data as it relates to our renewal. It was helpful for the Renewal Committee to learn how the SunRidge data supported renewal.

Action Item:

Our meetings will be held regularly on the first Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. with exceptions as needed. Our next meeting will be February 22 for a special meeting and March 8th for the regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Johann Hall