

**SunRidge School**  
**Charter Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for 01/11/21**

*Call to order:* 6:00pm

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

*Absent:* None

*Guests:* Kalen Wood, Sheina Curtis

*Note taker:* Johann

**Quorum:** yes

**Approval of agenda:** Johann/Curtis /8/8/0

**Correspondence:** None

**Approval of minutes for December 7, 2020 meeting:** Curtis/Jehanne 7/0/1 (Deidra abstained)

**Open Session & Announcements:**

Sheina will add to report on Parent Council.

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

Charter Council members have received transgender policy – on the agenda  
CC renewal committee is meeting this Friday with Charter School Development Center – on the agenda  
Sasha will bring the diversity statement to faculty and FEAT for feedback – on the agenda

**B) Admin Report (enrollment, staffing, pledge)**

Theresa reports enrollment is down one, to 269 after one student transferred to Apple Blossom. Pledge was high in December, likely due to parents planning for taxes.

Kalen reported on a new pledge push including collaboration with SEF to match pledges up to a \$20,000 for a thirty-day period. A video has been created and sent out as well.

Jehanne thinks we might expand the pledge ask to include a broader audience including extended families. Kalen feels this is an excellent idea and has been exploring a broader campaign using an online platform like go-fund-me. Also, SEF is considering selling naming rights as part of the auction (a plaque to be placed somewhere on campus to honor the pledger or their designee) to increase funds.

CC discussed alternative ways to disseminate information other than email, as email is not a reliable method. Kalen will ask PC to post the pledge video and matching donation on the school Facebook page and suggest a Facebook page be considered for the SEF.

Kalen provided an update on hiring. The governor is giving additional money to reopen schools and so there may be money available to hire an additional aide for small group support and supervision. The

Sixth-grade teacher will continue to the February break and may be available remotely when school does reopen. The position continues to be posted.

Theresa and Kalen have interviewed three people for the maintenance position. The position continues to be posted. Kalen is working with the District office to schedule maintenance and address needs.

### **C) Parent Council Report**

Kalen reported on efforts to reenergize Parent Council. There has also been work done to put together a survey to go out next week to faculty and parents. The PC reports they are not planning to create the falling leaves festival next school year, they will use the fall to rebuild the parent volunteer network and make a big fundraising push in Spring of 2022. This is because the Falling Leaves festival has been impacted regularly for the last several years due to fires/smoke, evacuations, etc.

The next parent forum will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **D) FEAT Report**

Sasha reported FEAT has been planning for the upcoming parent education evening on January 21<sup>st</sup>. . This evening is related to the book-share project (students are reading DREAMERS and THIS BOOK IS ANTI-RACIST). The evening is to support parents in having conversations at home about these books and related topics. Holistic Resistance is a group that is working with FEAT to form the agenda for this evening and may also be offering a school community training.

FEAT addressed the proposed transgender policy and provided feedback. Sasha has reached out to the organization who put out the model policy that we have looked at to see about obtaining it in a format we can manipulate.

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

### **E) Transgender Policy Review**

Sasha sent out the model policy and CC council members reviewed it. Kalen also reached out to Barbara Bickford to see if the district had any policy resources. CC discussed the need for a concise policy. It was agreed CC will keep this item on the agenda for next month and members can read through the model again. This will also provide an opportunity to obtain sample policies.

*Action Item: Kalen will follow-up with BB regarding CA policy examples; Sasha will obtain and share information she gets from Positive Images and other resources she is able to gather.*

### **F) Inclusion and Anti-Racism Statement Review and Discussion**

CC read through sample statements from various sources provided by FEAT. Several statements were read and discussed. CC will share a document on google docs in which we can start a list of bullet points for consideration. Curtis thought we could include FEAT in considering and identifying bullet points.

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

## **G) Charter Council Membership/Recruitment**

Deidra plans on inviting a couple parents. Sheina states she has more time to in her schedule to attend CC meetings and she can be a bridge between CC and Parent Council.

CC discussed membership terms to identify CC positions that will need to be filled. Deidra and Johann are already outside their terms and Brian's term will conclude in October 2021. It was agreed we should keep this on the agenda for next month for further consideration.

*Action Item: Admin will update CC membership/term list*

## **H) School Reopening (in-person) Hybrid Model Planning**

Kalen reports the current goal is to reopen after February break assuming we are not in the purple tier or there are not additional guidelines issued by SCOE. Additional guidelines from SCOE, county public health, and the State of California are forthcoming. Kalen would like to put together parent information to facilitate preparations for reopening. There are some maintenance needs backlogged because of Willy's absence. SEF has purchased two large tents for outdoor seating but there are logistical hurdles in getting them properly erected that need to be addressed. After care is not something that can be offered due to the lack of available staff and safety concerns. With so many factors still to be identified, this is a dynamic situation and SunRidge must therefore continue to adapt, respond and innovate.

There are many concerns that are being discussed from all different perspectives and many risks that must be considered. SunRidge's goal must be to mitigate these risks to the greatest extent possible.

## **I) Expectations Document Review and Discussion**

Deidra distributed the document to CC via email. The document lays out expectations for teachers, students, staff, and parents related to reopening under the hybrid model. It was agreed, since the document was only disseminated today CC would keep this item on the agenda for next month to give CC members the opportunity to review it thoroughly.

*Action Item: 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.*

## **J) Long Term Planning and Goals**

### **a. Charter Renewal Discussion – Next Steps**

Johann, Brian, and Curtis will join Kalen for a zoom meeting with Charter School Development Center this Friday.

### **b. School Leadership, Parents and Faculty**

Kalen is looking at ways to address concerns/topics that require input/leadership from faculty. Kalen proposed a "leadership team" who would meet on a regular (perhaps weekly) basis to create the faculty agenda and provide leadership on topics of interest to the faculty/school. There is the possibility that a stipend could be offered (either by SEF or within the school budget). CC agrees it is important to get faculty to buy into this option if it is going to be successful and therefore this idea should be brought to the faculty for further consideration.

*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 Monday, February 1, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Johann Hall