

SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 10/4/2021

Call to order: 6:00pm

Present: Johann, Brian, Deidra, Jamie, Curtis, Jehanne (late)

Absent: Theresa, Sasha, Jehanne

Guests: Kalen, Camille Duplantier

Establishment of Quorum: yes

Approval of Agenda: Johann/Curtis 5/0 (Jehanne was not yet present)

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of minutes for August 30, 2021: The minutes for this meeting have not yet been completed.

Open Session & Announcements:

None.

A) Review Action Items/Old Business

Old action item: Deidra has yet to speak to the Superintendent about a succession plan for the SunRidge Director. She is planning on having that conversation and will report back to CC.

B) Admin Report

Enrollment: SunRidge currently has 213 students enrolled, about 50 below what we have budgeted – full enrollment capacity is 280, we budget around 265 for absences, etc). SunRidge has been looking into advertising as a way to increase enrollment but it is very expensive. Kalen has discussed advertising with the Superintendent because Dr. Guzman is also interested in advertising for the district at large and there may be some opportunity to collaborate. Kalen specifically looked into advertising in the Bohemian – Deidra suggested advertising in the SR Facebook page as a way to get the word out that SunRidge is accepting new students.

Staffing: Rosa Gray is our new 5th grade teacher.

Pledge: Pledge appears to be down but that is historically consistent for the beginning of the year. The monthly amount will change as pledges come in and are recorded throughout the year.

Aftercare: Today was the first day of aftercare, Kalen was there and there were about 10 or 11 children playing happily. The program has a reserve of over \$50,000 which is why it was turned into a full-time position with health benefits. Sara Poisson has returned to the position.

Action Item:

C) FEAT Report

No report. FEAT has not formally met yet this school year.

Action Item:

D) Parent Council Report

No report.

Action Item:

E) Review Testing Results

The recent results have been reviewed and analyzed and the Ed support team (Tammy Gregg/Monica Conway) have been working with students who underperformed. There will be additional Star Renaissance testing this year as well as CAASPP testing in the spring.

Action Item:

F) Budget 2021/2022 Discussion/Update

Kalen presented a draft budget of “unaudited actuals,” since a more accurate budget was not yet available. This year’s budget is still being adjusted. The biggest difference in the budget numbers between this year and last year is the lack of any COVID related relief this year. Last year that was a significant part of the budget.

Action Item:

Break

G) Review Curriculum and Instructional Program

Kalen reported on our specialty curriculum, including Spanish for kinder through eighth grade, Gardening in grades 1-4, Woodwork in grades 5-8, Instrumental Music in grades 4 and 5, and Orchestra as an elective class for middle school.

Jehanne reported on curriculum more generally from a Waldorf teacher’s perspective, speaking specifically of teaching to where the child is developmentally.

Faculty Leadership has been expanded with Dale Thurber and Kate Russell as teachers in charge.

Mentors have been provided new teachers.

Collaboration is a strong component of faculty meetings with kindergarten and Middle School meetings regularly scheduled in addition to the collaboration meetings during faculty meeting time.

Faculty took advantage of foundation funds to meet during the summer to share and prepare curriculum.

Faculty are working on changes to the looping policy.

Faculty is focused on assessment and standards for the year.

Action Item:

H) Charter Council Self Evaluation Follow-up

Deidra reported the only follow up piece was the director succession procedure which was still waiting for her to have a conversation with the Superintendent.

Action Item:

I) Long-Term Plan Review, Set Goals for Current Year/Committees

Camille spoke to CC on options for a school food program, and her interest in getting involved in some fashion to help build a quality food program. Camille is also interested in serving on the SunRidge food program Committee.

Committees that have been discussed in CC and are in various stages of formation include:

Pledge/Fundraising Committee
Food Program Committee
Independent Study/Home School Program Committee
Transitional Kindergarten Committee
Committee to explore collaboration with other schools
Budget Committee
District Budget Committee

Action Item:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Johann Hall