

SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 8/14/18

Call to order: 6:00pm

Present: Jamie, Inna, Kalen, Deidra, Rebecca, Curt

Absent: Laurie

Guest: Brian Eberly

Note taker: Rebecca

Quorum: yes

Approval of agenda: Jamie/Curt 5/0

Correspondence: none reported

Approval of minutes for June meeting: Inna/Jamie 5/0

Approval of minutes for May meeting: TBD

Open Session & Announcements: *none*

A) Review Action Items/Old Business

All Action Items/Old Business completed

B) Conversation with candidate Brian Eberly

Members read bio and engaged in Q&A.

Motion to approve Brian as a parent rep to the CC – Curt/Inna 5/0

C) Admin Report

Pledge/enrollment -- Pledge strong, up to about \$243K, well over goal. Correction to enrollment – 28 in 4th grade, not 29

Hiring – A committee composed of Angela Kindle, Brian Eberly, Sheina Curtis and the director hired new class teachers for 3 grades: Kate Russell (8 years' teaching experience, Waldorf trained) will teach 1st grade. Her aide will be Darina until a permanent employee is found. Nicole Greaney will teach 2nd grade (signing up for Waldorf training). Mark Quirt (coming from Woodland Star, experience in all grades, Waldorf trained) will teach 5th.

Kathleen Austin's role will be expanded to middle school aide in addition to teaching choir. Dorina will lead a music program for 1st-5th one hour per week in addition to being aide to 3rd-5th. Marcela Ronan is the new Spanish teacher (with lots of experience). We are still looking for a math specialist. 6-8th grade teachers are preparing to start the year on their own doing math review, and we

will implement a curriculum recommended by Curt. Curt will come in to guest teach physics main lessons.

We are looking for an AfterCare coordinator/teacher. Deanna Kempthorne is filling in for a couple of months until the right person is found. 15 students are enrolled so far.

Mentoring – Dianne Namkung will mentor Kate and Nicole. Ronnie Sands will mentor Vanessa, the gardening teacher. Angela will mentor Mark (and he will receive some mentoring from Don Basmajian). Elisabeth will mentor Angela. Kate O'Brien is mentoring the two kindergarten teachers. Curt and Rebecca have offered assistance with middle-school math curriculum.

District update – enrollment for whole district is looking better; Kalen shared some 7th ML books with the board

Site improvement – exterior being painted; counters replaced in 1st and 2nd (two more need to be done); new paint in hallways; gutters replaced; kinder yard improvements, hillside paths; **irrigation on the hillside between the field and parking area.**

Active shooter training – Kalen did a 4-hr training at SCOE, and her takeaways were: every situation is unique; greatest number of school incidents was in the 1990s; usually 10-15 mins in length; no kidnapping or hostages; people need to think through scenarios in the spaces they are in with kids; important for people to know how to stop bleeding. What the admin/person in charge needs to do (ALICE): Alert law enforcement; Lock down; Inform everyone through PA system; Counter the attack; Evacuate when safe. What to teach kids: if possible, run to safety; next best, hide; lastly, fight.

Other – Robert Simmons wants us to have a comedy fundraiser; discussion about whether it would fit our community and be doable, Robert thought spring but we have concerns about other draws on parent resources at that time of year (winter would be better); it should go to PC for discussion.

Kim John Payne coming to work with staff next week.

D) LCAP review & approval – Curt/Jamie 5/0 (Brian abstained from voting since he was not familiar with it)

E) Annual CC Calendar Review – all looks fine; maybe delete “Orient new members” from April; add ‘new roles’ in June

F) Charter Council Self-Assessment – We are doing well with our goals, though we had some discussion about clarifying language. Rebecca will share new member orientation checklist with Deidra; Deidra will orient new members. We need point of contact for CC that is clear -- Deidra's email should be added to the website (could it be a general CC chairperson email address that has SunRidge in it?). We considered the question, how do we measure effectiveness of our processes? Some ideas included: maintaining a minority of 3 faculty and 3 parents with a goal of having 4 and 4

(we added language to self-assessment). Website should be updated with more information about CC, including for people interested in serving. CC responsibilities to be reviewed in September (also add this to August on calendar). We made changes to language around fiscal management and audit (not CC's responsibility but may want to keep just for legal coverage?).

Test results should say November.

Change last item to "CC annually reviews attrition report and addresses as needed."

G) Long-term goals

-go back to *Identify "asks" of parents and their price-tags*

-safety is well underway

-modern math books should be tracked and evaluated by end of this year/in following fall

-LA program grade-by-grade has been delineated; math should be developed; reading program is being implemented in grades 1-3 (should be evaluated too)

-what does Kalen think we need to focus on? What does the faculty think?

-what questions would we need to ask to start investigating our options regarding the future (independent/dependent/lease)

-coming back next month

H) New Member Orientation – Deidra explained briefly the role of CC and some specifics of the Brown Act

I) Schedule meeting dates – 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/15, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11

J) Snack for September meeting – Kalen will bring.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Davenport