

**SunRidge School**  
**Charter Council Meeting**  
**Minutes for 8/13/19**

*Call to order:* 6:05pm

*Present:* Kalen, Rebecca, Jamie, Deidra, Inna, Johann, Curt, Brian

*Absent:* none

*Note taker:* Rebecca

*Guest:* Theresa

**Quorum:** yes

**Approval of agenda:** Johann/Curt/6/0

**Correspondence:** We received a letter from Jodi Boyle at Credo letting us know how our students fared on their math placement test, as we had some concerns after last year's gaps and changes. About half placed into Algebra 1 and about half placed into Algebra 2.

**Approval of minutes for June meeting:** Deidra/Johann/4/0/3 abstentions

**Open Session & Announcements:** *none*

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

Curt has reviewed comments from the director evaluation process but was not ready to present at this meeting. Jamie has not yet asked Mark about attending a meeting, but will once all are back at school. Kalen has found some resources we could reach out to for a facilitated conversation about long-term planning.

*Action: Curt will synthesize comments for review at the September meeting. Discussion and review of the director evaluation to happen in September.*

**B) Admin Report**

The Twin Hills Union School District and teachers' union came to a settlement. Results to come when finalized.

*Enrollment* – Homeschool is at 16, thirteen of whom are kindergartners. The regular program has 266 students, with 4 more potentially joining by the time school begins. All grades have at least 27 students.

*Pledge* – We closed out the previous school year with about \$224K. The goal for this year is likely to be the same. Pledge mostly covered specialty instructors and aides.

*Hiring* – Brian Eberly is our new math and physics teacher. Darina Drapkin is now teaching choir in addition to primary music, (singing, pentatonic flute, and recorder). Sara Poisson is the new aftercare coordinator, and

assistants for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades have been hired. We're still looking for two more instructional assistants, an aftercare assistant, a behavioral assistant and a site coordinator substitute to fill in for Willie for a couple of months, as he is still convalescing. Jehanne Hale will be on a medical leave for part of the fall. Erin is now full-time, combining her role as office assistant and overseeing the breakfast program.

*Meal Program* – Food will be provided by Revolution Foods. We are offering a breakfast during morning recess. It consists of muffins, bagels, bars, or yogurt, with fruit and milk. It is being offered to all students and must be signed up for by families, free to those who qualify, at a reduced price to those who qualify, and at \$3.25 to any students who wish to purchase it.

*Site* – Maple tables were made for the math classroom. Dragonfly K is getting a loft.

**C) Faculty Reps to CC Discussion** – We discussed inviting Theresa to be a voting member, replacing Laurie McKenzie who represented the faculty as a classified employee. We still need one more faculty rep.

*Action: Jamie will ask Mark whether he is interested in joining next year.*

**D) CC Self-Assessment** – We went through and updated our annual self-assessment. Some goals we have:

- 1) Craft some annual action plans for the coming school year that move us toward our long-term goals.
  - 2) As chairperson, Deidra will bring legal and possibly other training to the council in October.
- Other than that, we have met our goals.

*Action: Kalen will update the self-assessment document and share it with us.*

**E) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Approval** – Cristina is planning a longer trip but is keeping expenses within the limit. We discussed the challenges and practicality of the deadlines the CC has set. Because the organizations we work with can keep us waiting for confirmation, we might want to change the approval deadline. We discussed the following change: ask for a draft proposal a year ahead and move the deadline for approval to a later date.

*Action: Approval is being tabled to September.*

*Action: The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip policy needs to be reviewed.*

**F) LCFF Review & LCAP Approval**

*Income:* We looked at a pie chart of our projected revenue. This is the last year of a three-year cycle so we did not make many changes for this year. Our total budget is about \$2.8 million. Most of our revenue (\$2.2 million) comes from LCFF funds (a small portion of this is specifically to support high-needs students). We receive about \$412,000 from local monies (pledge, aftercare income, special education income from CA, and a little bit of interest from investment). The remaining money comes from the state lottery and from CA to help offset retirement payments. We receive no federal money.

*Expenditures:* SunRidge will spend about \$1.4 million on LCAP actions and services and the remainder of the budget on other expenses such as teacher salaries. The main way we are spending the monies for high-needs students are hiring instructional aides, expanding the RSP teacher's hours, professional development, and purchasing instructional materials.

*Approval of LCAP: 7/0*

### **G) Review Annual Calendar of CC Activities**

Minimal changes were made. We did include more frequent updates on annual goals work (related to long-term planning).

### **H) Next Steps in Long-Term Planning**

*First we looked back at last year's goals:*

**Math:** We met the goal of stabilizing and improving the math program with the creation of a full-time position and hiring Brian Eberly.

**Reading:** We implemented a new reading program that fills in some needed skills but didn't easily dovetail with the Waldorf main lesson. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> teachers are finding ways to work with it in a way that meets today's students, so this is an ongoing goal for this year.

**Report Cards:** They were revised for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This year we'd like to revise 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Homeschool Program:** Growing enrollment was a goal – it was met as the enrollment doubled.

*Next steps:*

Our long-term planning focus is site, chartering district, and dependent vs. independent status. We would like to have a facilitator help us determine the right questions to ask and our next steps.

**Action:** *Kalen will try to find an informed facilitator to guide a decision-making process, including formulating a pro-con list and informing a decision about whether to go independent.*

Kalen brought up teachers' break times. With last year's changes, faculty meeting time was shortened by almost an hour. Specialty instructors and instructional assistants are essential for providing faculty with prep time and breaks and this has been complicated by not being able to find instructional assistants.

### **I) Select Council positions and date for September meeting**

We selected council positions at the end of last year. Deidra is the chairperson, Brian is the facilitator, and Rebecca is the notetaker.

Charter Council meetings for this year will remain on the second Tuesdays. The next meeting will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **J) Snack for September meeting** – Brian (*Thanks for the August snack, Johann!*)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Davenport