

SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 1/14/20

Call to order: 6:00pm

Present: Kalen, Theresa, Inna, Curt, Brian, Deidra, Sasha, Johann, Jamie, Rebecca

Guest: Metha Singleton

Note taker: Rebecca

Quorum: yes

Approval of agenda: ??/9/0

Correspondence: none

Approval of minutes for December meeting: 9/0

Open Session & Announcements: none

A) Review Action Items/Old Business

All action items were addressed.

B) Admin Report

Immunization Requirement – Theresa is in fact-finding still and waiting for information from the state, but she did report that she knows the only way to get a medical exemption will be via a state-based online application system. By 2021, parents of students with current medical exemptions will be required to register with the state, in order to attend public school.

Enrollment – Two students transferred out from 3rd, 4th, and 8th (2 of them to homeschool programs and one to a regular school). Homeschool enrollment is at 17. Attendance was on the low side for December (unsurprisingly) but overall for the fall was 94%.

Pledge – It is still concerningly low. Theresa has redesigned the pledge commitment form and is considering surveying some families to find out why participation is dropping.

CAASPP Testing Participation – There is a new state penalty for schools with less than 95% participation rate in the testing process. For each student below that threshold, the state subtracts 0.25% of the overall average score.

Alliance for Public Waldorf Visit – A representative from the Alliance will be visiting SunRidge on 1/23.

C) Charter Council Member recruitment

Membership is steady at the moment, with two parent members' terms ending this coming June.

Action: Kalen will bring updated Membership and Terms lists for our binders.

D) 8th Grade Trip Approval (current 7th grade)

Jehanne Hale is looking at camping and rafting or kayaking in the Shasta area, possibly with Synergia or Go Adventure. She is working on getting us more details.

E) Field Trip Fundraising Policy Review

We read the current policy that appears in the Parent Handbook to see whether it needs to be updated. We reviewed the guidelines for number and type of trips that are the norm for each grade, as well as the caps on money spent/asked of families each year.

F) Review Consensus Decision Making

Everyone read a booklet shared by the chairperson and we have it for reference when and as needed.

G) Charter Council Long-Term Goal and Planning discussion

Our discussion was facilitated by Metha Singleton, who led us through defining what sustainability means to us in terms of the long-term health of SunRidge, then defining some constraints and variables, before determining some avenues of research that will help us become more informed about future options.

H) Snack for February meeting – Sasha (*Thank you, Deidra!*)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Davenport