

SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 6/13/19

Call to order: 6:00pm

Present: Kalen, Rebecca, Laurie, Jamie, Deidra, Inna, Johann

Absent: Curt, Brian

Note taker: Rebecca

Guest: Theresa

Quorum: yes

Approval of agenda: Inna/Deidra/6/0

Correspondence: We received a copy of a letter that Barbara Bickford wrote and sent to Sebastopol Union School District Board requesting a reduction in the annual rent increase from 2% to 1%.

Approval of minutes for May meeting: Deidra/Laurie/6/0

Open Session & Announcements: *none*

A) Review Action Items/Old Business

We reviewed a letter that Deidra drafted to respond to concerns of a parent about the kindergarten lottery. We have fewer spots for one-year kindergarten students than for two-year kindergarten students.

All action items addressed with exception of Rebecca speaking with Cheryl about the processing of credit card pledges by the Foundation.

B) Admin Report

Pledge – We looked at a breakdown of pledge by class. We are \$14,000 short of our \$225,000 goal with one week to go. Kalen is working on a pie chart that will elucidate the breakdown of how pledge money is spent. The June Pledge Plea was reviewed.

Enrollment – Homeschool is at 8. We expect a few new kindergarten students for the program next year. Enrollment for the seat-based program is holding steady.

Hiring – Erin will take on more administrative roles including director support. We will not hire a new administrative assistant to replace Makena.

Site -- Willie is slated to return August 19th but may have work restrictions. There will be a newly furnished room for the Math & Physics program next year.

Field trips – Our limit for 8th-grade trips is \$1,100. The last two trips costs \$1,050, though some have only cost about \$700. Cristina is looking at pursuing a different type of trip for her class. The district has asked us to close the campus in July, so faculty will not be able to work at the school for that month.

C) Director Evaluation Review— We looked at a summary of itemized responses and shared thoughts about improving the forms used. There were some evaluation areas for which the director received mixed reviews. We agreed that it would be best for Kalen to have access to the comments so that she has a better picture of concerns before the new school year begins.

Action: Curt will synthesize comments for review at the August meeting.

D) CC Faculty Representatives Discussion

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

E) Approve LCAP – The LCAP is being presented to the Twin Hills Board later this month. We received praise for our document’s structure from SCOE. The document now includes a budget overview. Successes include the library program, improved test scores, and educational technology in the middle-school classrooms. Priorities for improvement include curriculum planning and training, teacher salaries, and chronic absenteeism. The four growth areas the faculty would like us to focus on are collaboration; Waldorf pedagogy and common core; salaries and benefits; and a culture of respect.

Action: Kalen will email CC members the full document.

F) Free and Reduced Meals – We like the idea of the provided meal being breakfast but it is complicated to roll out because of the added early childcare need. Instead we are looking at a non-heated, “grab and go” brunch snack served at morning recess. We are using Rev Foods through a district contract.

G) Long-term Planning/Accomplishments of Year

We need to clarify whether we want to be independent or dependent before the next charter renewal (2022). Kalen would like to pursue a facilitated conversation around the pros and cons of these options. We also looked at successes to celebrate this year and hopes for next year.

Action: Kalen will ask Eric Premack for a recommended consultant.

H) Council Position Selection

Facilitator – Brian

Notetaker – Rebecca

Chairperson – Deidra

I) Date & Snack duty for August – Tuesday, August 13th, snack: Johann

J)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Davenport