

SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 11/27/18

Call to order: 6:00pm

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

Guest: Theresa

Note taker: Rebecca

Quorum: yes

Approval of agenda: Inna/Jamie 8/0

Correspondence: none

Approval of minutes for October meeting: Curt/Johann 7/0/1 (*Inna abstained since not present in October*)

Open Session & Announcements *none*

A) Review Action Items/Old Business

All Action Items/Old Business completed.

B) Admin Report

Hiring – First-grade aide and middle-school math teacher both began on November 26th. Still looking for an after-care director. The Foundation approved stipends for the middle-school class teachers for the months during which they planned for and implemented math curriculum this year.

Pledge/enrollment – Enrollment is strong, though it's lower in 6th and 8th grades. All other classes have a waitlist. Homeschool is down to seven.

Parent Council has moved to a less regular meeting schedule: rather than meeting monthly, they meet as often as needed leading up to events for purposes of organizing. Falling Leaves brought in \$16,000 and an angel donor gave the school a gift of \$100K.

C) Review and Discussion of Emergency School Closures – The entire county agreed on the same guidelines (<275 AQI) and resource (purpleair) to determine whether to keep schools open. Kalen read us a letter from Sonoma County Office of Education. Part of decision-making process was distinction between the safety of school air quality versus home air quality (often schools have more modern and effective equipment). Kalen asked the teachers for their input and then chose to close on the Friday when other local schools were open, knowing they might have to add a day to the school calendar, since our air filtration system is not as modern.

Parents brought air filters to help. SunRidge intends to invest in good-quality air filters for all classrooms, and will likely purchase an indoor air quality monitoring device. State superintendent of schools Torlakson declared that we do not have to add any school days to our calendar.

D) Charter Council Membership update – *nothing to report.*

Action: Deidra will get a binder for Johann.

E) Attrition Log Review – Homeschool program departures fall into two groups: One was people waiting for seat-based programs, whether at SunRidge or elsewhere. The other was “unschoolers” – people who were not fully committed to the program and did not get eligibility for the program due to failure to meet attendance criteria.

F) Review of SUSD Minutes – The minutes are not very detailed. Our conclusion after looking at two meetings’ minutes was that a CC member should attend in order to get more information.

Action: Johann will attend an SUSD meeting early in the new year.

G) Enrollment Policy Review – Applications are now online in English and Spanish. The policy was updated during charter renewal.

H) Review Curriculum and Instruction – We are implementing a new math curriculum in grades 6-8. And we are piloting a reading and writing, workshop approach, standards-aligned curriculum for grades 3-5. The curricula will be evaluated throughout the school year through various metrics: CAASPP scores, student survey responses, and teacher feedback.

A report card revision for 4th and 5th grades is underway.

Grades 3-5 students will take the CAASPP test online this year.

I) Budget Review – The budget was adjusted but we still have a strong reserve. A revised budget will come back in January.

I) Annual Policy Review – Instrument rental has been changed to a no-fee loan.

Faculty/Student Electronic Media Policy should be reviewed.

Action: Faculty to discuss middle school use of media and recommend revisions to the policy.

We reviewed the list of policies in the Charter Council’s purview and the dates they were last updated. The other policies that are due to be considered are 8th Grade Graduation Policy and Dress Code Policy.

K) Board Education – Brown Act – tabled until December

L) Assign Snack for Next Meeting -- Inna

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Davenport