

**mcSunRidge School  
Charter Council Meeting  
Minutes for 5/23/17**

Call to Order: 6:15 p.m.

Present: Kalen, Elisabeth, Inna, Rebecca, Robert, Deidra

Absent: Laurie, Linda, Heather

Note taker: Rebecca Davenport

**Quorum: no (2 late arrivals)**

**Correspondence:** none

**Agenda adjustments:** Item F moved to C, E to D, D to F, and C to E

**Open Session & Announcements:**

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

• Action items were completed

**B) Admin Report (hiring, evaluations, graduation policy, summer trainings, truancy, after care, CAASPP, highlights)**

Hiring – Cristina Gosling will be next year’s 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. All teacher hiring for next year is complete. Likely to be hiring two aides before fall.

Evaluations -- Kalen has completed about 22 evaluations this year, mostly in the spring.

Graduation Policy – possibly tying field-trip eligibility to being in good academic standing

Summer trainings – Kinder teachers will get training and planning time with Kate. Middle school teachers will work together after doing training at Sebastopol Ind. Charter. Jamie and Dayla will collaborate.

Truancy progress – Most of truancy/consistent tardiness is 8 families. After 2 letters home, Kalen made personal phone calls and has seen major improvement. She followed up with message of appreciation.

After care – Deanna Kempthorne is creating a business plan to share with the district, which is questioning the feasibility of such a program at SunRidge.

CAASPP – Testing wrapping up. Students’ scores improved by a decent margin when they went from 5<sup>th</sup> (paper) to 6<sup>th</sup> (computer).

**6:40pm** – Deidra arrived, giving us a quorum

Kalen brought schoolwide highlights from faculty meeting, as well as strengths and areas of improvement.

**C) 2017-18 LCAP**

Goals: All teachers to be well-trained. Improve attendance. Maintain test scores. Improve social-emotional health of school by retaining Kim John Payne for 2-3 years.

Elisabeth would like us to also focus on early intervention for students with OT needs that go without attention until there is a demonstration of correlated academic need.

**D) 2017-18 Budget**

We looked at budget documents from district office but it’s not final (final version will be available in August).

Patty gave a month-long extension to our teachers to get reimbursements in.

The main area of concern for next year’s budget is a \$30K-40K pledge deficit. There may be other places we can pull from to cover it. We are also currently 9 students short of full enrollment – if we can fill those spots for next year, that would mean about \$69K and would offset falling pledge. It’s also possible for some classes to increase to 29 or 30 students.

The district wants us to not grow programs next year.

Kalen is increasing the budget for gardening and Spanish next year.

Sebastopol Union is splitting the cost of pavement repairs with us.

No money will be asked of kindergarten parents next year for snack or field trips.

The biggest increase in expenditures for next year is a salary raise and increased PERS and STRS costs.

**E) Pledge**

Discussed thoughts around why it is lower this year: shift from monthly paychecks to “gig” economy, more single parents, low-income parents feel exempt, more multiple-sibling families, political stress/uncertainty, higher rents, no one in charge of pledge program

Ideas for increasing pledge: Build patron base. Invite other people to our events, including alumni. Kalen and Gene Gallock working on creating alumni network.

#### **F) Site Update**

Site Committee last met end of April and will meet again in June. Foundation approved more money for kinder for 2 sheds to store outdoor equipment as well as a shade structure for woodworking area.

Willie will build a trench to deal with puddle issue. If that doesn't work, the next approach will be a retaining wall.

Ideas for auction money for next year: Faculty loves idea of a movable kitchen and lunch program but feel need to complete other projects that have been begun like curriculum garden. Faculty recommended creating a committee to look into what it would take to create a lunch program.

Homeschool area will be planted with pumpkins.

There is a need to separate site work from garden class teaching and figure out funding.

We are bringing in an arborist to look at some trees that may pose a safety hazard.

**Approval of Agenda:** Deidra/Rebecca 5/0

**Approval of Minutes for 4/25/17:** Robert, Inna 5/0

#### **G) New Member Outreach**

Christina Bush is interested but can't start visiting meetings until next school year.

#### **H) Survey analysis & revision**

Staff and student responses were analyzed for trends. Kalen read us some highlights.

Staff identified the following strengths: art and music; safety of environment; social-emotional learning; improved discipline; Waldorf approach; and strong leadership. Staff identified areas for improvement: making rigor of middle school more evident; inclusion/diversity better but still could be improved; salaries

Students identified strengths as: school safety; 5<sup>th</sup> graders feel their work is interesting and that they are encouraged to pursue their interests and that they feel valued; 7<sup>th</sup> graders had very positive responses, though 13% said they've experienced a sexual joke or comment (same % as said so last year).

**Action:** *Deidra will help Erin set up a consistent format for compiling survey results.*

#### **I) Direction evaluation**

Faculty completed surveys at their meeting. Some CC members haven't done theirs – Elisabeth wants them this week.

**Action:** *Elisabeth will give completed surveys to Deidra. Deidra will compile and bring results to the June meeting.*

**Action:** *Kalen requests that surveys also be given to Robert Simmons (Foundation) and Amber Risucci (PC) since they work closely with her. Elisabeth will do this.*

Rebecca distributed write up of director evaluation process to members for their binders.

#### **J) May Faire/calendar amendment**

Discussion to review schedule change this year. Overall positive response to moving this event to a weekday so all students could participate. Fewer parents were there than in past but still many came. Faculty would like to amend academic calendar so that May Faire can be moved to a Thursday rather than a Friday. Parent CC members would like to see event connected to dropoff or pickup time so that more might be able to attend. If we do amend the calendar it needs to happen at the June meeting. A question that arose: Is this a student event or a community event?

**Action:** *Kalen will bring timing to faculty to review.*

#### **K) June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a potluck gathering at Rebecca's house**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Davenport