

**SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 8/18/16**

Call to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Present: Kalen, Laurie, Linda, Rudy, Elisabeth, Robert, Rebecca

Absent: Inna

Note taker: Theresa Thomasson

Guests: Kate O'Brien, Dedra Warner, Heather Colby

Quorum: yes

Approval of Agenda: Rudy/Linda 5/0

Correspondence: Kalen shared a book that was written by Erik Ohlson, of Permaculture Artisans, chronicling the hillside project. Eric Kindseth notified Kalen that he would not be able to continue on the CC through October as planned. He is officially resigning as August.

Approval of Minutes for 6/15/16: Linda/Rudy 6/0

Open Session & Announcements: Members shared news of various summer travels.

A) Review Action Items/Old Business

- Action items were completed with the exception of: nothing pending

B) Admin Report (program changes, hiring, enrollment)

Pledge – The Pledge goal for 2016-17 is \$226,000.

Hiring – Alex Volonts has been hired to teach Strings for 4th & 5th grades and Orchestra for middle school; Klaus Dilling has been hired to teach middle school Woodworking. The hope is to have Gardening and Woodwork back to back. Tess will not be returning as the Gardening teacher. Hiring for that position is in process. Hopefully Gardening will begin in late September. We will not be continuing with Exploratories this year. Ashley York has been hired for the 2nd grade aide position and Sara Poisson as behavioral aide.

Enrollment – Projected beginning enrollment is strong. Most classes are at capacity.

C) Site Improvements

Solar panels have been installed on the ground and surrounded by chain link fencing.

An older portable has been moved to the back drop-off area and will be used for costume storage and Parent Council supplies. So far we do not have permission to remove basketball poles that are hazardous to the traffic flow. Kalen is working on marking new traffic flow lanes.

The hillside improvement is looking great. It may not be ready for the first week of school.

Hallway bulletin boards have been repaired and/or lazured.

Homeschool - Former REACH classrooms have been painted and lazured. Callie is getting her classroom and office set up.

Kinder – The remodel is looking beautiful and is behind schedule. The fencing and gates are in place. Kate O'Brien, kinder teacher, spoke about the challenges of the remodel. She is suggesting the kinder move committee should reconvene. Readyng the classrooms has overshadowed lesson planning. The district has given Kalen suggestions about how to handle the starting of school on time and possible compensations. The CC toured the new spaces. Discussion followed.

D) Site Committee formation discussion

A cohesive campus plan is needed now that we are one campus. The committee needs to have representation from CC, PC, Foundation, faculty, admin. and parents. Much discussion followed and various models were suggested.

E) Charter Renewal discussion

The current charter expires June 2017. Historically, one school year is needed to work on the renewal. It needs to go to the Twin Hills board in March 2017 for approval in May, 2017. It was suggested the CC look at Orchard View's charter for legal changes. Discussion about what, if any, changes we want to make.

Sharing suggested changes through Google Docs would be helpful. The faculty should review the charter for suggestions, too.

Action – Kalen will check with Eric Premack @ CSDC regarding suggested changes.

Action – CC members should read the charter before the next meeting. Think about areas of interest.

F) Update membership list, binders

The CC needs to be comprised of 4 parents, 4 faculty and 1 community member for a total of 9 members.

Dedra Warner, parent and Heather Colby, faculty, are interested in joining the CC.

New binders for 2016-17 with updated policies, etc. need to be created.

Action – Rebecca will create updated CC membership list.

Action – 2016-17 school year calendar is needed for CC binders.

G) Review/update CC self-assessment calendar

There was discussion and review of current self-assessment. Changes were suggested and calendared.

Action – Rebecca will write a formal plan for new CC member orientation, including noting membership on the CC should be taken “to heart”. Please communicate to the whole group if you are not able to attend a meeting.

Action – Kalen will check with Barbara regarding the need for an updated financial/business plan and will bring answer to next meeting.

Action – Agenda and CC minutes to be posted on the website each month.

Agenda item for next month – Compare charter description/ list of responsibilities with annual calendar.

H) Review meeting norms

Rebecca reviewed documents regarding and following the Brown Act. She also reviewed the legalities of discussing CC topics outside of scheduled/posted meetings in case the gathering “becomes” a quorum. Be careful/mindful of email communications. Do not mention students by name.

I) Schedule meetings for 2016-17 school year

Generally, the meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:00pm.

September 13	January 10	May 9
October 11	February 15	June 13
November 15	March 14	
December 13	April 18	

J) Director Evaluation update

Evaluation forms have been gathered. The forms need to go to the superintendent. The compiled results will be brought to the September meeting.

Action – Theresa will check with Barbara about having the CC community member compile the results.

Snack for next meeting provided by - Theresa

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Thomasson