

SunRidge School
Charter Council Meeting
Minutes for 5/28/20

Call to order: 6:00pm

Present: Kalen, Johann, Rebecca, Theresa, Sasha, Inna, Bryan, Curt

Absent: Deidra

Note taker: Rebecca

A) 2020-21 Budget Discussion

The budget committee broadened to include several CC members, Kalen, faculty members, and a Foundation member. The committee has met four times and has discussed various approaches to develop an acceptable budget given the \$330,000 deficit. They were thoughtful and thorough, considering many possible solutions and being realistic about the costs that will be associated with the altered reality of education for our school in the fall. They presented several budgets, with one that they felt was the most reasonable, and it includes a balance of cuts to program, increased class sizes (including homeschool), dropping down our reserve fund for now, and running a deficit next year (not a steep one). The faculty has given their input on the budget, noting that they used as a compass how to maintain the heart of Waldorf education.

The budget is due to the THUSD board by June 11th.

Approval of 2020-21 Budget: Curt/Rebecca/7/0/0

Bryan suggested that everyone should take action in the form of communication to the state to not reduce funding for education!

B) Distance Learning Discussion

The district sent out a short survey to families, and a SunRidge survey went out as well. What we've learned is that, if we are moving to a hybrid model, parents want teachers to teach concepts at school and that the kids can do their work at home. Most people do not want their kids in school five days a week. The majority want to continue with distance learning.

We still don't have decisive information from the state or county.

The teachers and Kalen are still considering models. We discussed what some of these would be like, and the possibility that one size might not fit all.

Action: Kalen will prepare an LCAP update for CC approval by 6/23.

Action: Kalen and Johann will craft a message regarding the budget for the school community.

Action: Agenda items for the regular June meeting need to include membership, distance learning, and space for a union conversation with Leah Brosio.