Stone Bridge School Charter Council Special Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2020

Members Present: Michele Conyers, Maria Giusti, Melissa Haberman, Sonya Luisoni (joined the meeting during Agenda Item #4), Amy Oggenfuss (joined the meeting at the end of Agenda Item #3), Angelisa Russo, Heather Shumaker

Members Absent: Nancy Dempsey

Staff Present: Maria Martinez (Administrator), Kerstin Menzer (Faculty Advisor), Christine Waskowiak (Educational Program Director)

Public Present: Paul and Ashley Terradista, Dawnielle Thornburgh

Scribe: Heather Shumaker

1. **Verse. Call to Order** at 6:03pm. **Identify Timekeeper**: Heather Shumaker.

2. **Approve Agenda**: Passed with a motion by Melissa Haberman and a second by Maria Giusti.

   Michele Conyers  Yes
   Nancy Dempsey  Absent
   Maria Giusti  Yes
   Melissa Haberman  Yes
   Sonya Luisoni  Absent
   Amy Oggenfuss  Absent
   Angelisa Russo  Yes
   Heather Shumaker  Yes

3. **Public Comment (only for items on the agenda)**: None at this point in the meeting, but Dawnielle Thornburgh and Ashley Terradista shared public comment during Agenda Item #4. (Amy Oggenfuss joined the meeting at the end of this Agenda Item.)

4. **Approve SBS Return-to-School after Winter Break Plan (#1)**: (Sonya Luisoni joined the meeting during this Agenda Item.) During our 12/8/20 meeting, Charter Council discussed the possibility of returning to distance learning for a period of time after Winter Break to create a natural quarantine period due to the likelihood that SBS families will choose to gather and/or travel during Winter Break. No decision was made at that time. Discussions with Administration and Faculty have continued since that meeting, and Maria Martinez shared their joint proposal with the larger school community on 12/13/20 and with Charter Council during tonight’s meeting. The proposal includes a return to distance learning for Kindergarten through 8th Grades for the week of January 4-8, with students returning to campus for in-person hybrid learning the week of January 11-15. This proposal creates a natural quarantine of 14+ days from Christmas and 10 days from New Years, means that SBS will be returning to in-person learning the same week as NVUSD, and brings peace of mind to our class and subject teachers.

At this point, Heather Shumaker offered those present the opportunity to share any public comment on this topic, and 2 parents spoke, specifically:
• Dawnielle Thornburgh said that she thinks the proposal is a good idea and agrees with the approach of proceeding with caution.
• Ashley Terradista said that she feels more comfortable with the extra buffer after Winter Break, and appreciates the explanation of the reasoning.

Charter Council discussed the proposal and agreed that it makes sense. Passed with a motion by Michele Conyers and a second by Sonya Luisoni.

5. **Approve 2019-20 Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions (#2):** Maria Martinez explained that our auditors noted that the waiver request SBS submitted for 2019-20 included the 3 days we were closed due to PG&E’s Public Safety Power Shutoff (10/9/20-10/11/20), but did not include the fourth day we were closed in October (10/28/20). Maria shared her draft J-13A form for the 10/28 closure, and Heather Shumaker asked that the “Nature of Emergency” section be updated to indicate that the decision to close SBS on 10/28 was made due to the Kincade Fire, the fires on both sides of the Carquinez Bridge, and the red flag warning for expected high winds. Maria agreed to make the update, and Charter Council members agreed to sign the hard copy form this week so Maria can submit it. Passed with a motion by Maria Giusti and a second by Angelisa Russo.

   Michele Conyers  Yes  
   Nancy Dempsey  Absent  
   Maria Giusti  Yes  
   Melissa Haberman  Yes  
   Sonya Luisoni  Yes  
   Amy Oggenfuss  Yes  
   Angelisa Russo  Yes  
   Heather Shumaker  Yes  

6. **Approve Minutes for 12-08-20 Meeting (#3):** Passed with a motion by Sonya Luisoni and a second by Melissa Haberman. (Michele Conyers abstained because she had not had a chance to read the minutes ahead of time.)

   Michele Conyers  Abstained  
   Nancy Dempsey  Absent  
   Maria Giusti  Yes  
   Melissa Haberman  Yes  
   Sonya Luisoni  Yes  
   Amy Oggenfuss  Yes  
   Angelisa Russo  Yes  
   Heather Shumaker  Yes  

7. **Confirm Next Meeting and Review Potential Agenda Items:** The next Charter Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 01/12/21.

8. **Adjourn:** Passed with a motion by Angelisa Russo and a second by Sonya Luisoni at 6:25pm. **Verse.**
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