

Charter Council Meeting
Stone Bridge School
SBS School Library
1680 Los Carneros Avenue
Napa, CA 94559

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Charter Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017

Charter Council Members Present: Ami Mautner, Justin Tomola, Jodi Ogden, Linda Joshua, and Maria Giusti

Absent: Jeannette Long, Marlo Cohen

Administration Present: Bill Bindewald

Scribe: Kirsten Murray

Public Present: None

1. Call to Order; Identify Timekeeper; Verse
Called to order 6:04, Maria Giusti is the timekeeper
2. Approve Agenda
Jodi Ogden motioned to approve the agenda, substituting Ami Mautner for Maria Martinez in item 4. Justin Tomola seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion.
3. Public Comment
There was no public comment
4. Approve Minutes (Ami Mautner)
Linda Joshua motioned to approve the minutes, Justin Tomola seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Revisit Charter Calendar April Date (Bill Bindewald)
Currently the Charter Council meeting is April 25, which doesn't give much time between the April and May meetings. *Bill will confirm via email that April 20th will work with the board so if a new date is selected it can be published with ample notice.*
Linda Joshua motioned to approve a tentative Charter Council date change to the 20th of April, Justin Tomola seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.
6. Approve School Calendar for 2017-18 (Bill Bindewald)
Bill reviewed the proposed calendar. Ami Mautner said it was introduced to the Faculty Council at the last meeting, but they did not have time to discuss it. It will be coming back to the faculty for any additional input.
Linda Joshua motioned to approve the 2017-18 school calendar, Justin Tomola seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion.
7. Revise Class Caps (Bill Bindewald)

It was clarified that class caps can be revised at any Charter Council meeting.

Justin Tomola motioned to approve class size projections for the 2017/18 school year including a second grade cap increase to 30. Jodi Ogden seconded. The board unanimously approved the motion.

8. Review Budget Process/Timeline (Bill Bindewald)

There is a request to faculty for input on any anticipated large expenditures, they then get the state projections for the budget, and look at nominal expected increases. They then look at programs and other revenue ideas. There will be a draft budget in April/May, then a completed budget in June, so that a final budget may be submitted to the school district by July 1.

9. Revisit Hiring Procedures & Review Hiring Committee Mandate (Bill Bindewald)

- The changes are to make sure we are doing more posting, so the opportunities are there for more candidates.
- Hiring Committee Mandate - Charter Council will no longer approve teacher hiring with the exception of the SBS Administrator position, which will continue to be selected by Charter Council. The SBS Administrator will make all other hiring decisions.
- Clarified that the Educational Director position was an internally posted position. It was announced at the Faculty post-service meeting, posted internally and followed up with two internal emails to SBS faculty regarding the opening.

10. Review Administrative Structure (Bill Bindewald)

- There were questions about how feedback was solicited for the different administrators.
- Justin Tomola brought up the idea that there are ways to get feedback from the students as a part of our feedback loop. He finds it also gives the kids a sense of mattering, belonging and a sense of “where we are going”. Linda Joshua said Mary Cassidy already does this informally.
- Bill said they are still transitioning a few of the roles and looking at load balancing with the front office staff.

11. Charter School University - Ch. 19-21 (Justin Tomola)

The discussion was tabled.

12. Administration Update (Bill Bindewald)

- Enrollment Report - **Attachment #6** - 264
- Disenrollment/Retention - **Attachment #7** - One student left 2nd grade over the winter break. 97% retention rate was reported for the year.
- December Financials - **Attachment #8** -
- Attendance Report - **Attachment #9** - 96.41% is the reported attendance rate. Justin Tomola suggested reviewing the importance of accurate attendance recording with faculty.
- Charter Revision Update - The process for the ACLU related charter revisions to the NVUSD Board of Education are:
 - Thursday, February 16 - Introduction of Charter School Material Revisions
 - Thursday, March 2 - Public Hearing

- Thursday, March 16 - Board to vote on revisions.
- Evaluation Process - Admin staff will be evaluated in March/April
- Community Giving Update - We haven't yet met the goal, but the call was made again.
- WASC site visit coming up
- Site Update - Don Evans said we do not yet have a site. There are new state laws regarding pesticide use which is limiting available land. Vineyard owners are reluctant to sell land to a school with potential liabilities for pesticide use.

13. Faculty Update (Ami Mautner)

14. Parent Council Update (Linda Joshua)

- PC discussed the diversity piece that Vanessa Cudubac brought to the school.
- There was a public comment about when school starts, and how late people arrive. It was clarified that school begins at 8:20AM. The question was if teachers pay attention to this? Amy Zurowski was going to take to faculty to discuss it.
- Linda told PC that her term as a PC representative to Charter Council will be ending in June and asked people to consider being the new representative.
- The Hootenanny fund raiser is coming up in May and there will be an auction table at that event as well.

15. Charter Council Chair Update (Jeannette Long)
None

No Closed Session

16. Confirm next meeting and review potential agenda items.
Next meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Potential Agenda Items:

- Open Enrollment Report
- 990 Tax Report

17. Adjourn

Justin Tomola motioned to adjourn, Linda Joshua seconded at 7:49. The board unanimously approved the motion.