

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2021

5:00 p.m. Regular Session
****Virtual Meeting****

Council Members:

Dan Thiem, Chair
Karen Fruchtenicht, Vice Chair
Amea Medeiros, Parent Representative
Jennifer Sheffo, Parent Representative
Jean Watson, Parent Representative
Tita Fowler, Secretary

Minutes

Virtually Present: Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Katy Baggett, Janice Eggers, Tita Fowler, Karen Fruchtenicht, B.J. Hatcher, Amea Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Meshawn Simmons, Dave Stanger, Paul Simoes, Jean Watson

- 1. Call to Order: 5:04 pm**
- 2. Roll Call: All Present (Dan Thiem, Karen Fruchtenicht, Amea Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Jean Watson), Peter Sagebiel, Paul Simoes, B.J. Hatcher, Janice Eggers, Meshawn Simmons, Katy Baggett, David Stanger, Tita Fowler, Public: Georgia Green**
- 3. Information/Action: A and B may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

January 12, 2021, Charter Council Agenda and December 8, 2020, Meeting Minutes, Contracts and Warrants were presented for approval.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Karen Fruchtenicht seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amea Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson

Nays: None

- 4. Discussion: Other**

None.

Information Items:

5. Information: Student Achievement--B.J. Hatcher

B.J. provided an update on modified CAASPP testing that will take place this Spring. The test will be a shortened version and will require some staff training as testing will be virtual.

6. Information: WASC Midterm Review--Peter Sagebiel, Paul Simoes

Paul and Peter provided the Council with an update on the upcoming virtual WASC mid-term visit later this month.

7. Information: 2020/21 Budget and Cash Flow--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed the 2020/21 Budget and Cash Flow with the Council including information on the proposed Governor's budget updates.

Action Items:

8. Action: Program Options--Peter Sagebiel

Peter informed the Council that due to the continued purple tier status and COVID-19 still trending up, as well as, schools operating full distance learning not being readily permitted to transition to hybrid programs, the recommendation is to continue with distance learning until additional survey data is received. Interest was raised from the public in attendance to research and apply for a waiver that would grant permission to transition to hybrid while still in the purple tier.

No motion made. Action tabled.

9. Action: COVID-19 Prevention Program—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn presented the COVID-19 Prevention Program to the Council.

Jennifer Sheffo made a motion to approve the COVID-19 Prevention Program. Jean Watson seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson

Nays: None

10. Action: 2021 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)—B.J. Hatcher

B.J. reviewed the 2021 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) with the Council.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the 2021 School Accountability Report Card (SARC). Jennifer seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson

Nays: None

11. Action: CalSTRS Retirement Plan—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn provided the Council with information on the option to continue offering the CalSTRS Retirement Plan.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the option to continue offering the CalSTRS Retirement Plan and CalSTRS Activation Application. Karen Fruchtenicht seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson

Nays: None

12. Action: CalSTRS Resolutions—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn provided the Council with information on the CalSTRS Resolutions for the EMPC tax benefit and Pre-tax deductions as the county transitions CalSTRS enrollment directly to Forest Charter.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the option to continue offering the CalSTRS EMPC tax benefit. Amee Medeiros seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson

Nays: None

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the option to continue offering the CalSTRS Retirement Plan Pre-tax Deductions. Amee Medeiros seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson

Nays: None

13. Director's Update—Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment - Currently mid 760's with a lot of interest for current year and for next school year.
- Truckee Campus Holiday Concert 2020 - Kudos to Dan Hurley for organizing the virtual holiday concert. The students did great.
- Governing Workshop - January 19, 2021 (virtual 6-7:30 pm) There is no obligation to attend. Let Samie or Tita know if you are interested.
- Contact Tracing Process - Kudos to Meghan and Meshawn for all of their work with the contact tracing. It is a lot of work and they are doing a great job.
- Staff Mid-Year Check-Ins - wrapped up staff mid-year check-ins and there is a lot of fatigue and juggling, but also satisfaction and pride for what they have been able to accomplish under the circumstances.
- Other - Form 700 submission reminder.

14. Information: Future Agenda Items

- SB740

- Lease Renewal
- Payroll Options

15. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

Dates for the 2020/21 Charter Council meetings were set as follows:

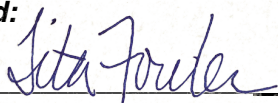
2021: 2/9, 3/9, 4/20, 5/18, 6/14*, 6/15****

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

16. Action: Adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

02/09/21

Date

Charter Council Approved:



Dan Thiem, Chair

2/15/2021

Date