

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2020

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: 5:03 pm**
- 2. Roll Call: All Present (Dan Thiem, Karen Fruchtenicht, Amea Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Jean Watson)**
- 3. Public Hearing: 20/21 Budget Overview for Parents--Peter Sagebiel**

The public was given an opportunity to provide feedback on Forest Charter School's draft 20/21 Budget Overview for Parents. No comments were given.

- 4. Information/Action: A and B may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

December 8, 2020, Charter Council Agenda and November 10, 2020, Meeting Minutes and Warrants were presented for approval.

Jennifer Sheffo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Amea Medeiros seconded.

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

Nays: None

5. Discussion: Other

None.

Information Items:

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

B.J. provided an update on AB 1505 webinar he attended in which additional academic progress indicators were discussed. We are currently using NWEA for our benchmark which is one of the assessment tools that the state considers a “verified data” source. This will be helpful at our next renewal. B.J. also informed the Council that as of now there will be a shortened version of the CAASPP in the Spring but specifics have not been released.

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

Paul and Peter provided the Council with an update on the upcoming WASC mid-term visit in January. The report will be submitted just before Winter break.

Action Items:

8. Action: Program Options--Peter Sagebiel

Peter informed the Council that with COVID-19 cases trending up it is his recommendation to continue with full distance learning until further into the second semester. The hope is we will be able to open the campus again for support later in the second semester should cases start to shift downward.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve continuing with full distance learning through the start of the second semester. Amee Medeiros seconded.

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

Nays: None

9. Action: 2020/21 Cash Flow and First Interim Budget—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn presented the Budget Narrative including the 2020/21 Cash Flow, 1st Interim Budget, and Multi-Year Projections to the Council.

Karen Fruchtenicht made a motion to approve the Budget Narrative including the 2020/21 Cash Flow, 1st Interim Budget, and Multi-Year Projections. Jen Sheffo seconded.

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

Nays: None

10. Director's Update—Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment - Currently around 770.

- NC PACE 6-8 Mirror Project - Fundraiser organized by Alicia Frost and Michelle Ogaidi raising money for local artists and NC PACE 6-8. Students wrote stories and local artists brought the stories to life on canvas. Really cool!
- Giving Event - Thank you to everyone for the generous donations!
- 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.
- Mid-Year Check-Ins - Checking in with staff and identifying any specific needs
- Implicit Bias Training - Forest staff participated in County training with Dr. Marks. Good information. Training will continue.
- Nisenan Land Acknowledgment - An acknowledgment to the Nisenan tribe has been posted on the Forest Charter website acknowledging that the school is located on Nisenan tribal lands.
- Staff Appreciation - The Forest Charter Foundation has generously provided gift cards from local businesses for staff appreciation.
- Other - ACME robotics kudos to Emma Sheffo!
- Other - College applications are being accepted early! So far students are being offered some remarkable opportunities.

11. Information: Future Agenda Items

- SB740
- Lease Renewal
- Payroll Options

12. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

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

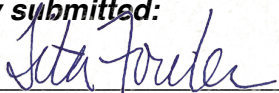
2021: 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/20, 5/18, 6/14*, 6/15****

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

13. Action: Adjourn at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

1/12/21

Date

Charter Council Approved:



Dan Thiem, Chair

1/15/21

Date