

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – April 20, 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, Christine Sween, Katy Baggett, David Stanger, Tita Fowler**
- 3. Information/Action: A and B may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

April 20, 2021, Charter Council Agenda and March 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes, Contracts, and Warrants were presented for approval.

Amea Medeiros 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: ACSA Presentation--Peter Sagebiel

Peter presented the “Teachers Who Make a Difference” award to all of the teaching staff at Forest Charter School in recognition of going above and beyond this past year during a very difficult time. He praised them for their hard work, exemplary work ethic and positive attitudes in the face of adversity and numerous challenges this past school year.

6. Information: 2021/22 Charter Council Elections--Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel

Dan and Peter updated the Council on the upcoming Charter Council elections. As Jean Watson’s daughter will be graduating she will not be returning. All others up for reelection are interested in continuing.

7. Information: Forest Charter 2021 LCAP Update--Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided the Council with an LCAP update. Local indicators will be presented in the June 2021 meeting.

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

B.J. updated the Council on CAASPP testing which will not be required this school year. However, NWEA benchmark test data will be used in its place.

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

Meshawn reviewed the 2020/21 Budget and Cash Flow with the Council indicating that everything is on track and even with the deferrals the ending fund balance is sufficient.

10. Information: SB740--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn provided the Council with an SB740 update. Documents have been submitted which will automatically renew with the same funding determination (80% instructional/curriculum with 40% to certificated staff salaries).

11. Information: AB86 Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed the AB86 Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant with the Council. This grant provides 508K for expanding learning opportunities (50% in May and then the rest in August). The Council and Staff suggested funds be used for Aides, Learning Gaps. Intervention, tutoring, SEL, summer school, and professional development. The Council and staff were also interested in using funds toward mental health and re-entry stress – tutors and mental health. Additional suggestions should be sent to Meshawn. Funding will last one year.

Action Items:

12. Action: Program Options--Peter Sagebiel

Peter presented the plan for keeping this year's programs the same as they are currently operating and briefly discussed plans for next year. No action was taken on this item.

13. Action: School's 2019 State Audit Report--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed the School's 2019 State Audit Report with the Council which included no findings for Forest Charter.

Jean Watson made a motion to accept the School's 2019 State Audit Report. Karen Fruchtenicht seconded.

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

Nays: None

14. Action: Nevada City Learning Center Lease Renewal—Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons

Peter reviewed the Nevada City Learning Center lease renewal with the Council.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the Nevada City Learning Center lease renewal. Jennifer Sheffo seconded.

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

Nays: None

15. Action: 2021/22 FCS Salary Schedules and Benefits--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed 2021/22 FCS Salary Schedules and benefits with the Council which included a proposed 3%, step increases for applicable staff, and revisions to the benefits cap to make it more equitable.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the 2021/22 FCS Salary Schedules, step increases and benefit cap revisions. Amee Medeiros seconded.

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

Nays: None

16. Action: FCS Instructional Budget Policy--Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed updates to the FCS Instructional Budget Policy.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve revisions to the FCS Instructional Budget Policy with revisions to the wording for consistency. Amee Medeiros seconded.

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

Nays: None

17. Director's Update—Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment - looking good for next year. 150 interest forms with lots of families interested
- Auditor Update – The new auditor will be Christy White firm. They will be used for 1 year and then we will go back to Michelle Hanson for a 3-year term.
- Political Update - AB 1316 (O'Donnell) suggests major charter restrictions. Most likely will be pushed through Committee and on to the Assembly. Information will be provided to families in the future.
- Graduation – There are 50 students walking spread over three ceremonies (1 Truckee and 2 small groups for the remainder). There will be guidelines in place for required social distancing.
- ST Review Process – Teacher's provided self-evaluation, reviewed old goals and set new ones. Great time to touch base with the teachers.
- CCBP Professional Development – (Creating Communities Beyond Bias) went well with lots of staff participation.
- FCS Zoom Information Nights Wrap-up (K-8) – One more left in Truckee but overall have been a great success
- i-Ready Pilot Team Update – Still in the early stages and being looked at as this program has a curriculum piece. Meeting at the end of April to review.
- Other

18. Information: Future Agenda Items

- SB740
- Auburn Lease Renewal

19. Closed Session

The Council met in Closed Session in compliance with the Brown Act restrictions to consider qualified matters of litigation, negotiations, student discipline, and/or personnel qualifications that are timely. The Director's Evaluation was reviewed.

20. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

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

2021: 5/18, 6/14*, 6/15**

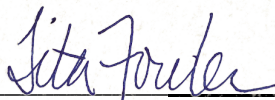
***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

21. Action: Adjourn at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tita Fowler, Secretary



5/19/21
Date

Charter Council Approved:



Dan Thiem, Chair

5/20/21

Date