

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – May 18, 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, Cheryl Knight, 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), Peter Sagebiel, Paul Simoes, B.J. Hatcher, Janice Eggers, Meshawn Simmons, Christine Sween, Katy Baggett, David Stanger, Tita Fowler**
- 3. Information/Action: A, B, C, and D may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

May 18, 2021, Charter Council Agenda and April 20, 2021, Meeting Minutes, Contracts, and Warrants were presented for approval.

Jennifer Sheffo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jean Watson seconded.

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

Nays: None

- 4. Discussion: Other**

As requested, an email was read aloud from Forest Charter School parent, Gigi Greenberger, in opposition of student mask protocol.

Information Items:

5. Information: FCS New and Renewing Charter Council Parent Representative Appointments--Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel

Peter and Dan introduced our new Parent Representative, Cheryl Knight, as well as, thanked Karen Fruchtenicht and Amee Medeiros for both continuing on with another term. A "thanks" was extended to all Council members for their work in support of Forest Charter School.

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

Peter provided the Council with an LCAP update. The Draft LCAP has been reviewed by the County and, as expected there are a few edits. This year's LCAP will focus on the same goal areas as before.

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

B.J. updated the Council on this year's benchmark testing that will be used in place of CAASPP testing. Good progress is being made even though a few teachers have not yet started testing their students. The goal remains to achieve between 95-100% participation. Comparisons are showing small variations and some improvement which is encouraging. Data comparisons will be presented at next month's meeting.

8. 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 at about 85% of the projected budget used and even with the deferrals the ending fund balance is sufficient. The Governor's revised budget is looking positive for school funding.

Action Items:

9. Action: FCS 2019/20 Taxes--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn gave the Council an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the FCS 2019/20 Taxes.

Jean Watson made a motion to accept the FCS 2019/20 Taxes. Amee Medeiros seconded.

10. Action: 2021 Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO) Spending Plan (AB86)--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed the 2021 Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO) Spending Plan (AB86) with the Council. 508K will be received for this grant over the next year and will go towards aides, intervention, parent training and staff development, to name a few. There were inquiries regarding sustainability after the funding is exhausted, as well as, monitoring effectiveness.

Amee Medeiros made a motion to approve the 2021 Expanded Opportunities Grant (ELO) Spending Plan (AB86). Jean Watson seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson
Nays: None

11. Action: Resolution Opposing AB1316—Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons

Peter reviewed the resolution in opposition of AB1316 and provided a brief description of the bill and the impact its passing could have on Non-Classroom Based Charter Schools including a significant potential fiscal impact.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-01-131 in opposition of AB1316. Karen Fruchtenicht seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson
Nays: None

12. Action: Technology Coach Job Description--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed the Technology Coach job description and explained this position has been added to support staff and students with the implementation of new and continued technology in the classroom and curriculum.

Karen Fruchtenicht made a motion to approve the Technology Coach job description. Amee Medeiros seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson
Nays: None

13. Action: FCS 2021/22 Stipend Salary Schedule--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed the revisions to the FCS 2021/22 Stipend Salary Schedule which included the addition of the Technology Coach.

Karen Fruchtenicht made a motion to approve revisions to the FCS 2021/22 Stipend Salary Schedule. Jean Watson seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson
Nays: None
Abstentions: Jennifer Sheffo

14. Action: FCS Auburn Learning Center Lease Renewal--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed FCS Auburn Learning Center Lease Renewal 3rd Amendment with the Council which included a 21/22 rate freeze and a 3% increase in 22/23 with an option to terminate the lease. The office is under new management and improvements are being made.

Jean Watson made a motion to approve the FCS Auburn Lease Renewal 3rd Amendment. Karen Fruchtenicht seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Amee Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Dan Thiem, Jean Watson
Nays: None

15. Director's Update—Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment - Numbers are looking good. Some data suggests there is statewide interest from students to continue with a hybrid model of learning.
- ST Reviews – It was nice to check in with teachers. Teachers are looking forward to a new/normal year.
- New Hires - Welcome Jen Sheffo as the new K-2 Coop Teacher!
- i-Ready - Meeting next week with the pilot group and looking forward to some teacher and student feedback.
- Lease Update - The Nevada City School District has approved the Nevada City Learning Center lease renewal.
- Graduation – Preparation is coming along for graduation taking place June 5th in two ceremonies. "Thank you" to B.J. and Janice for all of their hard work in making sure everything goes smoothly.
- Other - None

16. Information: Future Agenda Items

- SB740
- Charter Council Calendar 21/22
- EPA
- Budget
- Local Assignment Options Approval
- Program Updates
- AB1316 Updates

17. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

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

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

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

18. Action: Adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

06/15/2021

Date

Charter Council Approved:

Dan Thiem, Chair

Date