

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2021

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

Council Members:

Dan Thiem, Chair
Karen Fruchtenicht, Vice Chair
Amea Medeiros, Parent Representative
Cheryl Knight, Parent Representative
<VACANT>, Parent Representative
Tita Fowler, Secretary

Minutes

Virtually Present: Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Katy Baggett, Janice Eggers (arrived at 5:18 pm), Tita Fowler, Karen Fruchtenicht (arrived at 5:12 pm), B.J. Hatcher, Cheryl Knight, Amea Medeiros, Jennifer Sheffo, Meshawn Simmons, Dave Stanger, Paul Simoes, Jean Watson

- 1. Call to Order: 5:11 pm**
- 2. Roll Call: All Present (Dan Thiem, Karen Fruchtenicht, Amea Medeiros, Cheryl McKnight Peter Sagebiel, Paul Simoes, B.J. Hatcher, Meshawn Simmons, Katy Baggett, Tita Fowler)**
- 3. Information/Action: A, B, C, and D may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

August 24, 2021, Charter Council Agenda was presented for approval. August 11, 2021, Meeting Minutes, Warrants, and Contracts were presented for approval.

Amea Medeiros made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Karen Fruchtenicht seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Cheryl Knight, Amea Medeiros, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

- 4. Discussion: Other**

Interest was expressed from the public in discussing the mask mandate and its oppressive nature. Interest was also expressed in discussing Critical Race Theory.

Information Items:

5. Information: Brown Act Training/Review--Peter Sagebiel

Peter reviewed Brown Act protocol with the Council.

6. Information: NCSoS Memo Regarding Charter Renewal Revisions (AB 130)--Peter Sagebiel

Peter reviewed the NCSoS Memo Regarding Charter Renewal Revisions outlined in AB 130 with the Council. Specifically, Peter discussed the extension of Charter Renewals by 2 years which will extend Forest Charter's current Charter through 2026. The FCS WASC review will be in 2024 so there is no conflict between them.

7. Information: Forest Charter COVID Protocol and Contingency Plans--Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons

Peter reviewed Forest Charter COVID protocol and contingency plans with the Council including quarantining, plans for teacher's absences, testing requirements vs vaccines, etc. This presentation included a review of AQI (i.e. smoke) and snow day plans.

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

B.J. reviewed the Parsec data with the Council expressing satisfaction with the teachers' efforts in getting their students tested. The Council would like to see additional analysis on decline determination and factors.

9. Information: 2021/22 Budget and Cash Flow--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn updated the Council on 2021/22 Budget items and Cash Flow. Additionally, she discussed low attendance impact on the budget, the basic plan to cut expenses where we can, support for the enrollment coordinators to get students enrolled and staff cuts being a last resort. Enrollment is currently down and revenue/expenditure plans will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Items:

10. Action: Conflict of Interest Policy--Peter Sagebiel

The Conflict of Interest Policy was presented to the Council for 21/22 approval.

Karen Fruchtenicht made a motion to approve the 21/22 Conflict of Interest Policy. Cheryl Knight seconded.

Ayes: Karen Fruchtenicht, Cheryl Knight, Amee Medeiros, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

11. Director's Update--Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment – Previously covered.
- Political Update – Peter gave the office staff and the teachers kudos and expressed a little concern that the new laws scared some families away.
- New Hires – ST's, aides and instructors – challenging and a lot of work, same in Sped – staffing issues are widespread
- i-Ready – families are responding well and the teachers are liking the program
- Back to School – excited to get back and everyone is happy to see the students on campus
- Other

12. Future Agenda Items

- SB740
- EPA
- Local Assignment Options
- Student Achievement Comparative Data

13. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

Dates for the 2021/22 Charter Council meetings were set as follows:

2021: 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/7**

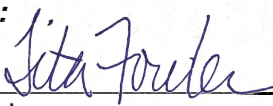
2022: 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/19, 5/17, 6/13*, 6/14****

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

14. Action: Adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

9/14/21

Date

Charter Council Approved:



Dan Thiem, Chair

9-17-21

Date