

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – September 14, 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
Dylan Hendricks, Parent Representative
Tita Fowler, Secretary

Minutes

Virtually Present: Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Katy Baggett, Janice Eggers, Tita Fowler, Karen Fruchtenicht, B.J. Hatcher, Dylan Hendricks, Cheryl Knight, Amea Medeiros, Meshawn Simmons, Paul Simoes, Dave Stanger

1. **Call to Order: 5:04 pm**
2. **Roll Call: All Present (Dan Thiem, Karen Fruchtenicht, Dylan Hendricks, Cheryl Knight, Amea Medeiros, Peter Sagebiel, Paul Simoes, B.J. Hatcher, Meshawn Simmons, Katy Baggett, Dave Stanger, Tita Fowler) Public Present: Tracy Cuneo, Andy Finch, GiGi Greenberger**
3. **Information/Action: A, B, C, and D may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

September 14, 2021, Charter Council Agenda was presented for approval. June 14, 2021, June 15, 2021, and August 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes, Warrants, and Contracts were presented for approval.

Karen Fruchtenicht made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Cheryl Knight seconded.

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

Nays: None

4. **Discussion: Other**

None.

Action Items:

5. Action: Appointment of New Board Member--Peter Sagebiel, Dan Thiem

Peter introduced Dylan Hendricks to fill the vacant Parent Representative seat.

Amea Medeiros made a motion to approve the appointment of Dylan Hendricks as a Charter Council Parent Representative. Karen Fruchtenicht seconded.

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

Information Items:

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

Meshawn updated the Council on new COVID requirements that include having a plan in place in order to do on-site testing. The process needs to be approved before site-based testing takes place. Training through CDPH will be provided and additional staff will be trained to administer tests in the weeks to come.

7. Information: Mask Mandate--Peter Sagebiel

By parent request, Peter discussed the mask mandate with the Council explaining that the current protocol is by executive order of the Governor and CDPH which require masks for indoor activities and also recommend them for outdoor activities. Public comment was heard by six members of the public.

8. Information: AQI (Air Quality Index) Closures at the Truckee Learning Center--Peter Sagebiel

By parent request, Peter discussed the closures at the Truckee Learning Center due to an excessively high AQI. He explained that automating the ability to increase airflow due to COVID and concurrently increasing filtration is complex and costly. Filters have all been upgraded and Forest Charter is still looking at purchasing an AQI sensor. Parents in attendance were supportive of the measures taken.

9. Information: Student Achievement and Comparative Data--B.J. Hatcher

B.J. updated the Council on student achievement and provided comparative data. NWEA assessment data from 20/21 was presented and overall we performed comparatively well but showed some declines toward the end of the year possibly due to fatigue. Dave added that he is not seeing a huge learning loss among his middle school program while Katy is seeing a little among her elementary students in math.

10. Information: Critical Race Theory Curricula--Peter Sagebiel, B.J. Hatcher

By parent request, Peter and B.J. discussed the notion of Critical Race Theory curricula and how it applies to Forest Charter School; two parents in attendance commented on the topic

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

Meshawn updated the Council on 2021/22 Budget items and Cash Flow. She presented the unaudited actuals and reported no findings. Meshawn informed the Council that although expenditures are on track, FCS budgeted for 800 students and current enrollment is at 725 which is quite a significant loss in funding. The Council would like to see where we can cut expenses and to see a plan at the next meeting.

Action Items:

12. Action: 21/22 Forest Charter School Employee Handbook--Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn presented the 21/22 Forest Charter School Employee Handbook for approval adding there are no changes back from the attorneys.

Karen Fruchtenicht made a motion to approve the 21/22 Forest Charter School Employee Handbook. Cheryl Knight seconded.

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

Nays: None

13. Director's Update--Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment – Previously covered. FCS is encouraged that enrollment is increasing.
- New Hires – Lots of new hires! New teachers, special education staff, and aides have all been hired.
- i-Ready – teachers are doing a good job. We are offering a different program for K-1 students but everything is going well.
- Back to School – teachers are feeling energized and everyone is excited to be back on campus
- Political Update – there is a new bill coming through (AB 167) with clarifying language on AB 130. This should not change things on the parent side but it is not clear yet. Also, there is a bill to extend Zoom governance meetings
- Other - none

14. Future Agenda Items

- SB740
- EPA

15. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

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

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

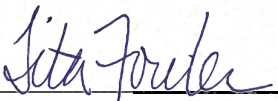
2022: 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/19, 5/17, 6/13*, 6/14****

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

16. Action: Adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

10/12/21
Date

Charter Council Approved:



Dan Thiem, Chair

10/15/21
Date