

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2024

5:00 p.m. Regular Session
470 Searls Avenue, Sequoia
Nevada City, CA 95959

Council Members:

Dan Thiem, Community Representative, and Chair
Dylan Hendricks, Parent Representative
Gabriella Stockdale, Parent Representative
Amea Medeiros, Parent Representative
Geoffrey Thornton, Parent Representative
Tita Fowler, Secretary

Minutes

Present: Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons, Dawn Anthney, Janice Eggers (Truckee Campus), Tita Fowler, B.J. Hatcher, Dylan Hendricks, Amea Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Christine Sween (Foresthill Campus), Geoffrey Thornton, Tonya Wellington (Auburn Campus)

Absent: Katy Baggett

- 1. Call to Order: 5:01 pm**
- 2. Roll Call:** Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons, Dawn Anthney, Janice Eggers (Truckee campus), Tita Fowler, B.J. Hatcher, Dylan Hendricks, Amea Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Christine Sween (Foresthill Campus), Geoffrey Thornton, Tonya Wellington (Auburn Campus)
- 3. Information/Action: A, B, C, and D may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

January 16, 2024, Charter Council Agenda, December 5, 2023 Minutes, Contracts, and the Warrants were presented for approval.

Dylan Hendricks made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Amea Medeiros seconded.

Ayes: Dylan Hendricks, Amea Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem, Geoffrey Thornton

Nays: None

4. Discussion: Other

None.

Information/Discussion Items:

5. Information: Learning Center Updates—Dawn Anthney (Nevada City), Janice Eggers (Truckee), Christine Sween (Auburn/Foresthill)

Dawn, Janice, and Christine provided the Council with campus highlights including enrollment updates, campus winter party recaps, and upcoming events.

6. Information: Executive Director Goal Update—Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided the Council with an update on goal progress including the WASC report coming next month, i-Ready and CAASPP participation numbers, staff training, and the development and implementation of a TK program.

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

B.J. reviewed CAASPP scores and i-Ready comparisons with the Council. Numbers indicate that students are more familiar with the process and SED is driving the decrease. The goal is to stay out of the red or assistance will be offered to support deficiencies.

8. Information: Special Education Percentages—Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided the Council with information on Special Education percentages. Peter showed a comparison to the numbers from 2022-23 which show that the numbers are significantly increasing. This increase requires a lot of coordination to balance special education students-to-teacher ratios.

9. Information: Mid-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Report—Peter Sagebiel

Peter reviewed the Mid-Year LCAP with the Council.

10. Information: 2023/24 Budget and Cash Flow—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn provided the Council with a budget and cash flow update, as well as enrollment numbers that are currently 806 and are expected to be 815 in the next week.

Action Items:

11. Action: 22/23 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)—B.J. Hatcher

B.J. reviewed the 22/23 SARC with the Council which includes a synopsis of last year's dashboard information including demographics, students, salaries, graduation rates, facilities, etc.

Dylan Hendricks motioned to approve the 22/23 SARC. Gabriella Stockdale seconded.

Ayes: Dylan Hendricks, Amee Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem, Geoffrey Thornton
Nays: None

12. Action: Forest Charter School Enrollment Policy Update—Peter Sagebiel

Peter reviewed updates to the Forest Charter School Enrollment Policy to the Council for approval which included lottery pull flexibility and adjusting language to account for multiples instead of just twins.

Amee Medeiros made a motion to approve updates to the Forest Charter School Enrollment Policy. Dylan Hendricks seconded.

Ayes: Dylan Hendricks, Amee Medeiros, Gabriella Stockdale, Dan Thiem, Geoffrey Thornton
Nays: None

13. Director's Update--Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment - Meshawn provided very encouraging enrollment numbers.
- Staff Mid-Year Check-in Meetings - meetings were positive and had good energy
- Other - Staff Meeting Training will be transitioning from training on students with disabilities to general education training.

14. Future Agenda Items

- AMIM Block Grant Spending Plan (Aug-Oct)
- Goal Updates - School Governance, Public Relations & School Community, and FCS Education Program
- Comprehensive School Safety Plan (February)
- Audit (February)
- 24/25 Calendar (February)
- Initial Director's Evaluation - B.J. will provide survey questions.

15. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

Dates for the 2023/24 Charter Council meetings were set as follows:

2024: 2/6, 3/5**, 4/16, 5/14, 6/10*, 6/11****

***Special Meeting**

****Budget Meeting**

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

Respectfully submitted:

Tita Fowler, Secretary

Date

Charter Council Approved:

Dan Thiem, Chair

Date