

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2025

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

10725 Pioneer Trail # 201, Truckee, CA 96161
23221 Foresthill Road, Foresthill, CA 95631
11952 Masters Court, Auburn, CA 95603

Council Members:

Dan Thiem, Community Representative, and Chair
Amber Baker, Parent Representative
Makala Clinton, Parent Representative
Gabriella Stockdale, Parent Representative
Amea Medeiros, Parent Representative
Tita Fowler, Secretary

Minutes

Present: Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons, Dawn Anthney, Makala Clinton, Janice Eggers (Truckee Campus), Tita Fowler, B. J. Hatcher, Bernadette Healy (Auburn Campus), Laura Lysen (Foresthill Campus), Amea Medeiros, David Stanger, Christine Sween
Absent: Katy Baggett, Amber Baker, Gabriella Stockdale

1. **Call to Order: 5:00 pm**
2. **Roll Call:** Dan Thiem, Peter Sagebiel, Meshawn Simmons, Dawn Anthney, Makala Clinton, Janice Eggers (Truckee Campus), Tita Fowler, B. J. Hatcher, Bernadette Healy (Auburn Campus), Laura Lysen (Foresthill Campus), Amea Medeiros, David Stanger, Christine Sween
3. **Information/Action: A, B, C, and D may be considered for Consent Agenda—Meshawn Simmons**

April 8, 2025, Charter Council Agenda, March 11, 2025, Minutes, Contracts, and Warrants were presented for approval.

Amea Medeiros made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Makala Clinton seconded. All ayes.

Ayes: Makala Clinton, Amea Medeiros, Dan Thiem
Nays: None

4. **Discussion: Other**

None.

Information/Discussion Items:

5. Information: Charter Council Elections—Peter Sagebiel, Dan Thiem

Discussion on the upcoming Charter Council Elections and the positions that are up for election.

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

Dawn, Janice, and Christine provided learning center updates, including independent study students and campus highlights. All campuses have exciting things going on, including science camp and year-end trips, projects, senior center visits, and an essay contest where the Forest students placed at the top. College acceptances are coming in, and students will be moving on to an exciting and impressive list of schools!

7. Information: NCCSA (Nevada County Charter Services Authority) Update - Staffing—Peter Sagebiel

Peter provided an update on the NCCSA (Special Education) staff, including hiring a new director.

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

B.J. reviewed CAASPP participation numbers with the Council. We are seeing good numbers so far and have until the end of the school year to test.

9. Information: LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) Update—Peter Sagebiel

The County office is just starting to schedule training and one-on-ones.

10. Information: 2024/25 Budget and Cash Flow—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed the 2024/25 budget and cash flow with the Council.

11. Information: 2025/26 Salary Schedules, Benefit Caps, Calendars, and Sick Leave—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn led a discussion and provided information on the 2025/26 salary schedules, benefit caps, calendars, and sick leave.

12. Information: Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Verification of Educator Experience—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn discussed the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Verification of Educator Experience with the Council and reviewed the requirements for those holding TK students starting 8/2026. A certification will be presented at the May meeting for Council approval.

Action Items:

13. Action: Forest Charter School Job Description—Meshawn Simmons

Approval of the RTI Tutor Job Description was tabled until the May Charter Council meeting.

14. Action: 2025/26 Forest Charter School Salary Schedules—Meshawn Simmons

Meshawn reviewed changes to the 2025/26 Salary Schedules, which included benefit cap increases, changes in sick and vacation for Classified Exempt and Classified Non-Exempt Employees, and an adjustment to the Tech Director cap to adjust to industry averages.

Amee Medeiros motioned to approve the 2025/26 Forest Charter School Salary Schedules. Makala Clinton seconded.

Ayes: Makala Clinton, Amee Medeiros, Dan Thiem

Nays: None

15. Director's Update--Peter Sagebiel

- Enrollment - looking good. Long waitlists at most locations.
- Political Updates - Review of AB1493, AB84, and SB414
- Reading Difficulties Risk Screener (RDRS)- we have a pilot team reviewing different screeners for the new K-2 reading screener requirements starting in the 2025-26 school year.
- Staffing Updates - we have hired a new 6-8 PACE teacher in NC (Kolenko) and are finishing up interviews and hires for 2 ST positions in NC and 1 in Auburn.
- Other - Teacher Who Makes a Difference was awarded to Laura Lysen. Kudos!

16. Future Agenda Items

- RTI Tutor Job Description
- Salary Schedules
- Ethics Training for the Board (August 2025)
- i-Ready Trends and Comparisons (subgroups)

17. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

Dates for the 2024/25 Charter Council meetings were set as follows:

2025: 5/13, 6/10**

***Special Meeting**

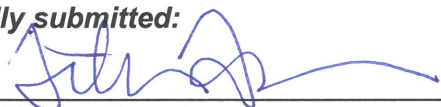
****Budget Meeting**

18. Closed Session

The Council met in Closed Session in compliance with the Brown Act restrictions to review the Director's Evaluation. No action taken.

19. Action: Adjourn at 6:12 pm

Respectfully submitted:



Tita Fowler, Secretary

5/13/25
Date

Charter Council Approved:



Dan Thiem, Chair

5/13/25
Date