

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors
Minutes Thursday, January 28th, 2021
Zoom/Video Conference

Attendance: Joe Spinelli, Sandi Denniston, Eric Noone, Mary Ann Lewis, Sherline Eugene

Advisory: Jill Shoesmith, Nancy Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:59pm by Joe Spinelli
Pledge of Allegiance performed by all members.

Executive Session

Session began at 7:00pm

NONE

Session ended at 7:01pm Motion: Joe / All in favor (5-0)

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Approved without additions or corrections. Motion: Sandi/ Second: Mary Ann (5-0)

Director's Report

Jills reported the following:

School status: 2nd marking period has been completed doing total virtual learning.

Evergreen is waiting on Monroe Counties numbers to dip below 10% positivity rate.

When this number is reached, Evergreen will wait to make sure number is steady then begin plan to return. Jill and Nancy are getting vaccinated February 25th. School nurse and Mrs. Yerkes have already received vaccination. School is working diligently to get all teachers (who want a vaccine) to receive one asap.

Some students are in jeopardy of failing. The percentage of failing students is the same as "normal" school years. Students came into school for PSSA's and took the test socially distanced in the theater. Nancy and Jill believe it will be a huge adjustment when students return to school from virtual.

Several students have been accepted to college including our first Ivy League acceptance to Tufts and a sports scholarship to Wilkes.

Camelback Ski Program: Program is limited but kids are taking advantage! Good year to learn!

Internet: Totally upgraded and networked with Penn Tela Data (including phone service) . Cost \$11,000 paid for by SRSA grant.

Instruction Report

Remain safe is #1 priority while at the same time staying in touch with the kids. Only contact is when they pick up materials at school. Teachers are instructing live without videos or taped instruction.

NO VISITORS

Personal

Prom: Nancy working hard but not getting very far! Difficult to plan with restrictions.

Yearbook: Kids are sending in photos of what they are doing, and all senior pictures have been received. WE WILL HAVE A YEARBOOK!

PSERS Audit: We did an in-house audit of employee retirement to make sure we had correct contributions and withholding amounts. Looked over the last 14 years, one teacher came out 114.00 dollars short and corrections were made.

Suicide Prevention: On hold for now, we are trained and updated with training. Have not had any calls to Safe2Say this school year.

Finance

Looked at two months of financials. One student went fully cyber and one student tested out of special ed which changed reimbursement slightly. Financials are in great shape, utilities down! PV, East Burg and Wallenpaupack are slow on tuition reimbursement. PM is totally caught up.

\$89,000 reimbursement was from COVID-19 grant that we borrowed from.

Not in line for more funding as they are tying it to free lunch program.

Motion to approve financials: Eric/Second Sherline (5-0)

Open Discussion

Board chatted about the importance of safety for teachers and students. Getting teachers vaccinated, wearing of masks and social distancing. No conversation by CDC for students to receive vaccination except high-risk children.

Physical Science Cabbage lab/project in the works!!!

Sandra's 8th grade trying to write play that will be performed in parking lot.

Adjournment

7:26PM

Motion by Mary Ann, Second by Eric; approved 5-0.