

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors
Minutes Thursday, March 24th, 2022
Zoom

Attendance: Joe Spinelli, Mary Ann Lewis, Eric Noone, Sherline Eugene, Sandi Denniston
Advisory: Jill Shoemsmith, Nancy Lewis

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Joe
Pledge of Allegiance performed by all members.

Recognition of Visitors (Community input/ presenters, etc)

Visitors included two Evergreen parents, Evergreen Lead Teacher (Senora Price) and Evergreen Principal (Steven Richard). They were here to discuss the upcoming Spirit Week.

Situation Background: NHS's plans for Spirit Week included 2 new categories which were approved by the Director. Jill received a phone call from a parent feeling that one of the Themes (Gender Bender Day) made light of a serious mental health issue. She asked that we reconsider the approval and perhaps ask the committee to come up with an alternate description. Jill agreed to return it back to the committee for discussion.

Jill then received an email from an NHS parent expressing her disappointment in the change. She felt that we needed to recognize all gender identities. Seeing a need for compromise, they were invited to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Richard spoke in support of the overall school community. Senora explained how the NHS was discussing simply a change in name to keep the week light. Jill reminded the Board and visitors that we are a school which allows for self-expression every day. Evergreen doesn't have uniforms.

After hearing from all visitors, the Board decided to allow Spirit Week, but to change the Gender Bender term. They referred it back to NHS to rename the theme to Opposite or Freedom of Expression Day.

Executive Session

Session began at 7:40 – 7:42pm

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:42pm

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Motion was made by Sherline and seconded by Mary Ann to approve the Minutes from the March 25th 2022 meeting. (5-0).

Director's Report

Jill reported the following:

Evergreen's COVID numbers have dropped (much like the rest of Monroe County).

Approximately 25% of students and staff continue to wear masks.

Water Testing - The Foundation is in the process of interviewing and hiring a new water testing lab and supervisor. The lab costs are expected to increase from \$45/month to \$1,000/month for the next 18 months.

School Activities/Fundraisers/Community Service

Maple Syrup Field Trip
LipSync Evening
St. Patrick's Day Pancakes

Financials

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the Financial Statements from the Charter and Grant Accounts for the period ending February 28, 2022.

Adjournment

With no more business to come before the Board a motion was made by Eric to adjourn at 8:20pm

Next Meeting: April 28, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Executive Session

Office of Unemployment Compensation contacted the school and asked for a full description of the employee termination.