

## Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes February 26, 2016

Attendance: Joanne Storer, Mary Ann Lewis, Chris Kinsley, Danielle Perez, Kathleen Sandt

Advisory: Jill Shoemith, Nancy Lewis

The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Storer at 7:05pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion was made by Chris, Second by Danielle, to approve the minutes from the January 2016 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

### Director's Report

Jill reported that families will be driving themselves for the upcoming School Family Field Trip (ski trip to Vermont); school bus will not be used.

Establishing Relationship with Pocono Regional Police: ECCS students were recently affected by an outside student's social media indiscretion. Jill reported the issue to the police who came to talk with the students involved. Parents were contacted and asked to discuss safe online/social media practices with their children. Police offered to come back to talk to all of the students. The police response overall was a positive experience.

Evergreen Rated #3 Charter High School in PA: K12.niche.com, a school review site, lists ECCS as the #3 Charter High School in Pennsylvania.

Update on PA State Budget: No further info on the impasse. East Stroudsburg is one month behind in payments. PMSD and other districts are up to date. Charter schools will not be getting "Ready to Learn" grants this year; funds will go to the districts instead.

Random Acts of Kindness Week: The week of Valentine's Day has been designated as a time to emphasize kindness to others.

Community Service: Nursing home visit coming soon.

### Instructional Report by Teachers and Students

Field Trips to Allentown Symphony and Meesing Nature Center: Nature Center trip was postponed due to the weather. The bus broke down on the way to the Symphony and the students never got to the event.

Mid Quarter Progress Reports and Teacher Meetings: Some students are behind in their skills, primarily math and some science. Two 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys are at risk of not passing. Teachers and administration are developing strategies to help, including possible after-school tutoring for one unique situation.

### Business and Financial Affairs

Approval of payments to vendors via the January 2016 Check Register: Motion to approve by Mary Ann, Second by Danielle; approved 5-0.

Approval of current Financial Statements to be provided to PMSD, including Profit & Loss and the Balance Sheets as of January 30, 2016: Motion by Kathleen, Second by Chris; approved 5-0.

Approval of Grant Expenses for December 2015 & January 2016: Motion to approve by Joanne, Second by Kathleen; approved 5-0.

### Students, Curriculum, and Policy

This year's prom will be held at Camelback. PSSAs start in April. Student play is in May. Student Olivia Watt is holding a Carbon Monoxide awareness program to work toward her Girl Scout Gold Award. Katie Troutman spoke about Becca's Closet on a Community Service Agency panel for Youth Employment Services' Project Success program.

### Personnel- Professional Staff

Staff training continues in areas of suicide prevention and anti-bullying.

### Personnel- Support Staff

Long term substitute for Part Time Reading Specialist is working out well.

Adjournment: Motion by Danielle, Second by Joanne; approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

*The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 24, 2016** at 7 PM.*