

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes September 24, 2015

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

Absent: Frank Lopez, Danielle Perez, and Tijuana Summers

Advisory: Jill Shoemith, Nancy Lewis

The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Storer at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion was made by Kathleen, Second by Joanne to approve the minutes from the July 2015 meeting (there was no meeting in August 2015). Motion passed 4-0.

Director's Report

Jill reported that the school year is off to a great start with a dynamic group of students. Field trips are underway with others forthcoming including trips to the library, Country Side Day Care, New York City, and U. of Scranton.

Coordinating Completion of Comprehensive Plan Submission: The Comprehensive Plan, which is over 60 pages long, is due in early November; will need Board approval at October meeting.

Update on PA State Budget: PMSD has been timely with payments. ECCS can operate in an emergency due to PMSD payments and the Foundation. Spending carefully until State budget situation is resolved.

Instructional Reports

Based on student interest, Personal Finance is a proposed single semester elective for the senior class this year. This course will include banking skills, financial aid, budgeting, and independent living. Motion by Joanne, Second by Kathleen to approve the new course. Motion passed 4-0.

AP Calculus and AP European History courses are already in place.

Math Delivery: Teachers are moving away from individually paced math classes to dissuade students from rushing through the coursework. Emphasis on working through the units as a class with opportunities for students to advance further if they are ahead of the class.

Items for Discussion and Possible Resolution

Suicide Policy Review: Policy has been received by the Board for review.

Comprehensive Plan Review: see Director's Report above.

Health Insurance: For now, no changes. Offering individual and family with no contribution from staff. ECCS pays deductible from \$500-2000. Eventually will switch to self-insured.

Business and Financial Affairs

Past Board meeting minutes will be corrected making Mary Ann Lewis a signer on all ECCS bank accounts. Motion to approve by Chris, second by Joanne. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of payments to vendors via the August 2015 Check Register: Motion to approve by Mary Ann, Second by Chris; approved 4-0.

Approval of current Financial Statements to be provided to PMSD, including Profit & Loss and the Balance Sheets as of August 31, 2015: Motion by Joanne, Second by Kathleen; approved 4-0.

Approval of Grant Expenses for August 2015: Motion to approve by Chris, Second by Mary Ann; approved 4-0.

Students, Curriculum, and Policy

No new textbooks have been purchased. Instead, teachers are asking for slightly used copies of their current textbooks. Increasing our inventory so all students who need books at home will have them.

Personnel-Professional Staff

Lucas Heller has been hired to teach part-time Physics and AP Calculus. Jessica Planchock has been hired as a full-time math teacher.

Adjournment: Motion by Chris, Second by Joanne; approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

*The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 23, 2015 at 7 PM.***