

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes April 27, 2017

Attendance: Joanne Storer, Mary Ann Lewis, Kathleen Sandt, Joe Spinelli

Advisory: Jill Shoemith, Nancy Lewis

Visitor: Pete Evanofski, ECCS Accountant

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Storer at 7pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion was made by Kathleen, Second by Joe, to approve the minutes from the March 2017 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Director's Report

Jill reported the following:

Patti O'Keefe has been named "Monroe County Science Teacher of the Year" by the Conservation District.

A previously approved school calendar change was not necessary due to the Governor declaring a weather emergency related to the March storm; the Monday after Easter remained a vacation day. The last day of school is set for June 5. The Foundation declined the offer of \$6000 to offset the cost of the new alarm system. They have purchased a 2010 van for the school.

Final approval for the Rural and Lower Income Schools Grant was received. The school can expect to receive more than \$18,000 soon; funds must be spent by 9/30/17.

The Board received recommendations for additions to the Employee Handbook, the result of Andrew Price's work. The additions will be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

Executive Session

Candidates for the open faculty position are under review.

Instructional Reports by Teachers and Students

PSSA testing will be completed next week, then Keystone testing begins for grades 9-12.

Recognition of Visitors

Pete Evanofski, ECCS's accountant, attended to review the Profit & Loss and Balance sheets. He plans to return next month.

Items for Discussion and Possible Resolution

Clarification of Hearing Officer Policy: An attorney will direct us, if needed. Motion to approve the policy by Joanne, Second by Kathleen. Approved 4-0.

Business and Financial Affairs

Approval of payments to vendors via the March 2017 Check Register: Motion by Kathleen, Second by Joe; approved 4-0.

Approval of current Financial Statements to be provided to PMSD, including the Profit & Loss and the Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2017: Motion by Kathleen, Second by Joe; approved 4-0.

There were no Grant Expenses for March 2017.

Students, Curriculum, and Policy

Review of 2017-18 Application Form and Procedure: Motion to approve by Mary Ann, Second by Joanne; approved 4-0.

Open Discussion

A memorial service for former Board member Frank Lopez is scheduled for 5/20/17; ECCS will be represented.

An 8th grade student brought it to a Board member's attention that younger students have been watching and talking about the controversial Netflix program "13 Reasons Why." The show, based on a novel for older teens, deals with teen suicide in a direct, graphic way. Some of the 8th graders thought it might be helpful if the younger students had the opportunity to discuss the topic in school with a counselor, like the group sessions that were provided at Evergreen last year.

Adjournment: Motion by Kathleen, Second by Joe; approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

*The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 25, 2017** at 7 PM.*