

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes Thursday, October 27, 2022

Zoom

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

Advisory: Jill Shoemith, Nancy Lewis, Steven Richard

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Joe Spinelli

Pledge of Allegiance performed by all members.

Recognition of Visitors (Community input/ presenters, etc)

No visitors were present. Mr. Richard (as Evergreen Principal) was welcomed in an advisory capacity.

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Meeting minutes from September were reviewed. Motion was made by Mary Ann to approve September minutes, seconded by Eric. (3-0). Sandi abstained from voting because she wasn't at the meeting.

Director's Report

Jill reported the following:

East Stroudsburg has settled the 21-22 reconciliation. Evergreen received the check today.

Auditor field work has been completed. We should expect the final document before next meeting to review

Received notice from Evergreen's attorney that a court case in Northampton County has resulted in a ruling that school districts may no longer require payment for student athletes.

Pocono Mountain East and West are now providing bussing for student athletes when they have away games.

Our "new" bus from Stroudsburg has been picked up. This was made possible in part by a donation from the nonprofit organization The North Pole. The bus enables us to take more field trips with more than one grade. This helps make up for the trips missed during COVID.

Instructional Report

Question from last meeting regarding loss of connectivity during AP and College Board Testing:

After calls to both organizations, it was determined that if the school should lose connectivity during the test for 1 hr or less, the clock just stops and student can jump back in when

connectivity resumes. If the disconnect is for over an hour, the test erases and must be retaken.

AP and College Board have done remote testing on our Internet and have determined that our system qualifies as a remote testing location.

Sandra has reinstated the Reading Program with Countryside Daycare. She used two class periods to take the 6th and then 7th grade students. Books were provided by the Library.

Personnel – Professional Staff

Our new Math teacher is doing very well and is being mentored by several of our experienced teachers. His technology skills have made his classroom organization shine. We are very lucky to have him.

Our other new Middle School teacher is also doing very well. She came in from a long term sub position and is a true veteran.

See **Executive Session**

Financial Affairs

Motion made by Eric and seconded by Mary Ann to approve the Financial Report from September, which included payments to vendors, Balance Sheet, Profit/Loss Statement, and Grant Expenses. Motion passed (4-0)

Students, Curriculum and Policy

Students won Best of Show in the Barrett Twp. Halloween Parade.

Club activities include a food drive from NHS, in-school haunted house from Alpha Helpers.

School pictures were taken outdoors this year at Ice Lake by our school nurse Natasha Keelen.

Photo packages will be offered to families.

Board reviewed the Homeless Student Policy and its necessary posting in the Library. Motion to approve was made by Sandi and seconded by Eric. (4-0)

Open Discussion**Adjournment**

With no more business to come before the Board a motion was made by Eric and seconded by Mary Ann to adjourn at 7:35pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2022.
