

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes

Thursday, October 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Noone at 7:00pm.

Eric Noone led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sherline Eugene, Board Secretary took attendance. Present were: Mary Ann Lewis, Sherline Eugene, Sandi Denniston, Bryan Dunlap, and Eric Noone. Advisory Board members in attendance included Jill Shoesmith and Steven Richard.

Motion was made by Mary Ann Lewis and seconded by Sherline Eugene to approve the October 24, 2024 agenda. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board did not enter into Executive Session. There were no visitors present and no correspondence from the public to discuss.

Evergreen Director, Jill Shoesmith reported on current activities:

During the month of October the teachers utilized the outdoors for many of their classroom activities. Students in US History I visited Gettsburg, PA. Students in the World Cultures classes visited Baps Shri Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Jersey.

On Oct 22nd we had an assembly by Camelback Resort which focused on snow sports, safety, and careers. Once again, Evergreen participated in the Barrett Township Halloween Parade. The students all received positive feedback from the community. The prize money we won was regifted back to the Rotary Club. NHS is currently collecting for the Fill-A-Truck project bringing supplies to the Hurricane victims in NC. We are also bringing in socks for Lilliana's Helping Hands.

Instructional Report:

Mr. Richard explained that the staff recently attended a 2hr training on using a Trauma Informed Approach to help understand student behavior. We will be preparing for Safety Drills next month. We will be having a training for staff and a drill for students on the various safety drills which we conduct throughout the year.

Mr. Richard wanted to recognize that due to our small size many of the teachers find themselves serving on more than one team: Safe2Say, SAP, Threat Assessment. Natasha Keelen (Nurse), Kathy Yerkes (Special Education), and Senora Price (Spanish) spend a great deal of time outside of the classroom in an effort to help our students feel safe. We currently have a part time counselor available for individual and group work on an as needed basis.

Under items for Discussion:

As Evergreen's Title IX Coordinator, Jill Shoesmith has scheduled a 2hr training with our attorney Joshua Polack. Following this training the staff will participate in a zoom presentation to help improve awareness of the required procedures.

Our Asbestos inspection is scheduled for Oct. 30, 2024 by Element Environmental from Adamstown, PA. We should have the Management Plan by our next meeting. The cost for this will be covered by the Foundation.

Bryan Dunlap reported on his research into the County LSA Grants, PPL Energy Efficiency Grant, and the WAWA Foundation Grant for Non-Profits.

Eric Noone and Bryan Dunlap offered to serve on a committee to review the grant opportunities as well as the upcoming audit.

Under Items Requiring Board Action:

Eric Noone made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2024 meeting. Mary Ann Lewis seconded the motion which passed. (4-0-1). Sandi Denniston did not vote because she was not in attendance.

Sherline Eugene made the motion to approve the current financial statements, payment to vendors, and Grant spending. The motion was seconded by Bryan Dunlap and approved (5-0). A discussion of the plan for replacing chromebooks and their protective cases was included as well as the need to review the student responsibility associated with using a chromebook. This discussion included the possibility of a chromebook following a student from year to year.

After review, Sherline Eugene made a motion to approve the School Evaluation and Reevaluation Policy. The motion was seconded by Sandi Denniston and approved (5-0). This policy is designed to help parents through the Evaluation process for students with special needs. The reevaluation must be done every 3yrs.

With no other business before the Board, Bryan Dunlap made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Lewis and passed (5-0).

The next scheduled meeting is December 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.