

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes March 26, 2015

Attendance: Joanne Storer, Frank Lopez, Danielle Perez, Mary Ann Lewis

Advisory: Jill Shoemsmith, Nancy Lewis

The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Storer at 7pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion was made by Joanne, Second by Danielle to approve the minutes from the February 2015 meeting. Motion passed 3-0; 1 abstention.

Director's Report

OpEd articles regarding the State of Charter Schools in PA: Jill Shoemsmith brought to the Board's attention two recent OpEd pieces with opposing viewpoints on the importance of charter schools.

Adjustment to the School Calendar: Jill reported that as of March 26 we have lost 22 days of instruction and 8 hours of early dismissal for ACT 80 days; we are required to complete 990 hours of instruction each year. The proposed revised calendar has grades 6-11 in session three additional days until June 10, 2015, with a school field trip on June 11; Seniors will return for 2.5 days after the graduation ceremony (Memorial Day Weekend) in order to assure completion of the required number of hours. We still have not heard about the status of the application for Flexible Instruction Days. Motion by Danielle, Second by Frank to approve the revised calendar. Motion passed 4-0.

Facility: Upgrade to Heating System: The theater and English classroom upgrades are complete. Chemistry and Science rooms are in process. Warrantee by Pennywise for a full year. Water Testing: New source testing on well begins tomorrow AM. Results will take at least one month. The mound pump needs to be replaced.

Senior College Acceptances: Seniors are getting accepted to their first-choice colleges, including one to Drexel for a 5-year masters in computer science program.

Instructional Reports

Programming Competition in Scranton: a Senior is taking two younger students to the competition this year.

6th & 7th Graders will present a marionette show.

PSSA and Keystone Testing Schedule: testing begins very soon. One family may opt out for religious beliefs.

Spelling Bee: County spelling bee took place this past week.

Items for Discussion and Possible Resolution

Review of Textbooks for Social Studies (newer editions requested): US History 1 & 2 would like textbooks with an online component.

Laptops for Social Studies Classes: 15 laptops needed; will use grant money to purchase. Will allow for use of movie-making software.

Business and Financial Affairs

Approval of payments to vendors via the February 2015 Check Register: Motion to approve by Danielle, Second by Frank; approved 4-0.

Approval of current Financial Statements to be provided to PMSD, including Profit & Loss and the Balance Sheets as of February 28, 2015: Motion by Danielle, Second by Frank; approved 4-0.

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

Students, Curriculum, and Policy

Katie Troutman--Community Service (Becca's Closet): 10th grader coordinated drive to support organization that resells formal wear.

Lorynn Watt--Juvenile Diabetes Ambassador: 9th grader went to Washington, DC, this past week to lobby Congress for the cause.

Permission to Participate Legal Interpretation: East Stroudsburg School District and Pocono Mountain School District* require ECCS to pay for students to participate in extracurricular activities.

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

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

*PMSD was inadvertently omitted in the first version of these minutes.