

## Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes August 22, 2019

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

Advisory: Jill Shoemith, Nancy Lewis

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Storer at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Executive Session

Session began at 7:01pm.

Discussion of Legal and Personnel Matters

Session ended at 7:03pm and regular meeting resumed.

**Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:** Motion was made by Kathleen, Second by Joanne, to approve the minutes from the June 2019 meeting (no meeting in July). Motion passed 4-0.

### Director's Report

Jill reported the following:

**Building Renovations:** Several areas were painted. Sunshine Carpet repaired seams from last year's job. Shed was re-roofed and extensive bee's nests were found; exterminator was called. Sixteen hardwired laptops were installed in the Chem Lab. Carpets were shampooed.

**Review of Course Offerings:** Adding Western Civ and Civics; can be "clepped" or AP. Art history will be offered again as well as anatomy and statistics.

**Potential Bussing Concerns:** PM West students won't arrive home until 4:30pm, raising parent concerns. Waiting to hear what time those students will be picked up at ECCS. May consider possibility of adjusting school day schedule to accommodate if necessary.

**Grant Received for 2019-20:** Received about \$23,000 for technology and textbooks.

**Proposed Charter School Reforms:** Jill explained that most won't affect ECCS except for the possibility of payments coming from the PDE instead of the sending school districts.

### Recognition of Visitors

Jolen Nortey was available by phone to discuss updates to the proposal submitted by the Nortey family to start a tennis program at Evergreen. Regarding court costs, he said Paradise Falls will be responsible. Jolen will ask them about a liability waiver. He said it's likely that Mr. Heller is willing to run tennis as a movement option.

### Items Requiring Board Action

**Business and Financial Affairs:** Approval of payments to vendors via the June & July 2019 Check Registers, approval of current Financial Statements to be provided to PMSD, including the Profit & Loss and the Balance Sheets as of July 31, 2019, and approval of Grant Expenses: Motion by Kathleen, Second by Joe; approved 4-0.

**Retirement Letter Submitted by Chris Kinsley:** Longtime Board member Chris Kinsley respectfully wrote that he is leaving the Board; he has served since its inception in 2006. ECCS is seeking nominations to fill the position. An ad will be placed in the local newspaper. Parents of students, former students, and those outside the ECCS community are among those who will be considered.

### Students, Curriculum, and Policy

**Policy Review:** Will have some policies to review next meeting.

### Open Discussion

There is parent concern regarding the new cell phone policy that students can't have phones with them in class and therefore won't have them available in an emergency. There is also concern about possible damage or loss/theft of phones that are unattended. The school will review and revise the practice so that phones are more readily available to the students and placed in a designated spot in the classroom at the beginning of each class. Phones must be turned off during the school day except at the discretion of the teacher if they are used for education purposes during class. They can be used during lunch.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Joe, Second by Kathleen; approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

*The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2019** at 7 PM.*