

Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Attendance: Joe Spinelli, Sandi Denniston, Sherline Eugene, Mary Ann Lewis, and Eric Noone (Board Members) Jill Shoesmith, Nancy Lewis, and Steven Richard (Advisory Members)

Meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance led by President at 7:00pm.

Executive Session – No Business to conduct in Executive Session

Motion to reopen the Public Meeting was made by Sherline and seconded by Eric at 7:05. (5-0)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Joe and seconded by Sandi to approve both the October and the December minutes. (3-0-2). Mary Ann and Sherline abstained because they were not present at the January meeting.

Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were in attendance.

Director's Report

- The Alumni Luncheon was held in December and very well attended. Nancy estimated that 30-35 alumni were present. Mr. Dan Cohen also returned and met with several of the alumni.
- Camelback Ski Program has begun and includes two scholarship students. Camelback gives these students lift tickets, lessons, rentals, and even jackets and pants. Students are pleased to be offered this option.
- Flexible Instruction Days have been utilized for the 2023-24 school year (5 days in total). Any other days off due to weather will count as traditional snow days.
- Charter Renewal is proceeding. After submitting the paperwork, the only request so far has been to convert the Quickbook files to Excel. Will reach out within the next two weeks to schedule a visit.

Instructional Report by Teachers and Students

- Keystone, PSSA testing and CDT Math Assessment are now all being done online. No problems so far to report. A Keystone representative from the State visited to assess our delivery and methods. Evergreen passes the audit. The CDT Math Assessment is currently being used to establish student benchmarks throughout the year as a means of developing curriculum.

Business and Financial Affairs

After a review of the Financials, Eric made a motion to approve the December 2023 statements, including the check register and grant spending. Motion was seconded by Mary Ann. (5-0). Board asked Jill to look into an issue in the Special Ed insurance and the categorizing of the Nurse's wages.

Students, Curriculum, and Policy

No new Policies to review this month.

Mr. Richard reported that the math teachers are looking to adjust the math curriculum. Looking to start Algebra in 8th grade for students who are ready. Our goal is to provide a clear path to Calculus as well as other less rigorous math courses in the upper grades. The State just passed a mandate requiring all students to take a personal finance course in high school, beginning 2025-26. Evergreen currently offers an elective in personal finance with plenty of materials to cover a full course.

Steve Richard reported that we continue to hold monthly safety drills and look for ways to improve efficiency.

Open Discussion

An Evergreen 10th grade student has been invited to participate in a Serve Safe Certification Program (free of cost) through his place of employment.

Evergreen received application for this year's Rotary Scholarship. Unfortunately, none of our seniors reside within Barrett or Paradise townships.

Adjournment

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion made by Mary Ann and seconded by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. (5-0)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.