

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes—October 23, 2012

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

5:30 p.m.

470 Searls Avenue

Nevada City, CA 95959

Council Members:

Dan Thiem, Chair

Matt Heaps, Parent Representative

Cheri Rey, Parent Representative

Tracy Steele, Parent Representative

Dawn Koerber, Parent Representative

Ruthanne Buckley, Community Representative

Zach Barram, Student Representative

Linda Katz, ES Representative

Steve Ross, ES Representative

Nancy Nobles, Secretary

Minutes

Present: Dan Thiem, Cheri Rey, Dawn Koeber, Zach Barram, Linda Katz, Steve Ross, Peter Sagebiel, Debbie Carter, Paul Simoes, BJ Hatcher and Nancy Nobles.

Absent: Ruthanne Buckley, Matt Heaps and Tracy Steele

1. Call to Order: 5:33

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Action: Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2012

Steve Ross made the motion to accept the Minutes. Zach Barram seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

4. Action: Adoption of the Agenda

Zach Barram made the motion to adopt the Agenda. Linda Katz seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

5. Discussion: Other

Nothing to report.

6. Information: 2011-12 Summary—Nancy Nobles

Nancy gave the Council the summary of 2011-12 Action items.

7. Information: Information: 2012-13 Budget Information—Debbie Carter

Debbie explained that she is preparing the 1st Interim budget and will present it to the Council at the November meeting.

She had a handout for the Council that compared Propositions 30 and 38. The propositions will have an impact on school budgets.

8. Information: SB 740—Debbie Carter

Debbie reported to the Council on the upcoming SB 740 application and explained how it works and why it is in place. She also shared with the Council a previous application and the 'worksheet' that she uses when preparing the application. Debbie is hoping the 2012 application will be available from the CDE and, if so, will bring to the Council for review and approval at the November meeting with the goal that FCS will be on the State agenda in January.

9. Enrollment Philosophy—Peter Sagebiel

Peter asked the Council for input on possible changes and growth to FCS. The Council discussed the possibility of growth in the Truckee and Auburn area and with the online program. Dan recommended a five year plan be put in place and would like to see this revisited in March with the Strategic Plan.

10. Information: School Wide Action Plan—Peter Sagebiel

Peter presented a summary of the School Wide Action Plan Goals. The three goals are: Academic Intervention, New Facility and Professional Development. Happily, the goal of new facility has been met. Peter reminded the Council that these goals had been recommended by WASC. Dan asked that the specific steps to the Plan be e-mailed to the Council for review.

11. Information: Student Achievement – BJ Hatcher

BJ was not at the meeting due to inclement weather in Truckee. In his absence, Peter reported on the STAR results and said that they were a bit lower than the previous year, which lowered the API score by three points. Peter added that this is frustrating due to the amount of effort put forth by the students and the change in procedures. The administration will look at factors that may have influenced the drop.

12. Information/Action: Surplus—Debbie Carter

Debbie asked the Council to approve the surplus of two 2005 IBook Mac laptops.

Steve Ross approved the surplus of the two laptops. Linda Katz seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

13. Information/Action: Consent Agenda – Debbie Carter

Debbie asked the Council to approve the Consent Agenda. The warrants will be made available for review prior to the next meeting either via e-mail or as a hard copy at the office.

Dawn Koerber made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with change. Zach Barram seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

14. Information: Director's Update – Peter Sagebiel

- **2012-13 Enrollment:** Enrollment for the school year is strong; approximately 680 students with enrollment interviews continuing; most ESs are presently close to 27 students.
- **Play Structure/Fundraiser:** Peter asked the council for input as to whether or not the structure should be repaired; he has been in contact with the FCS attorney regarding the structure and if it needs to meet County codes. The attorney's research shows that since it only needs 'maintenance' due to age and weather and not 'improvements' that new codes would not apply. The Council agreed that the structure should be repaired, if possible.
- **Staff CPR Training:** CPR and First Aid training was completed at the last staff meeting; all but 2 or 3 completed the training and those will do so on their own.
- **Ashland Field Trip:** The high school Global Studies Academy recently completed their yearly field trip to the Ashland Shakespeare festival. The plays were great, good weather, a successful trip!
- **Other:** Linda Katz reported that Truckee student took first place in the recent geography tourney. She added that the spelling tournament is coming up soon and is a team event this year. Peter thanked Linda for her efforts with the tournaments over the past three years.

15. Discussion: Future Agenda Items

- Special Ed presentation (fall)
- Foundation Report (as needed)
- SB 740
- Common Core Standards (January)
- ADA upgrades
- Update on Initiatives
- Growth Plan (March)
- Possible Spring meeting in Foresthill

16. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

- 2012: November 13; December 18 (if needed)
- 2013: January 22; February 12; March 19; April 16; May14; June 11

17. Action: Adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Linda Katz made the motion to adjourn. Zach Barram seconded.

Ayes: All

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Nobles, Secretary

Date

Charter Council Approved:

Dan Thiem, Chair

Date

Cheri Rey, Vice Chair

Date