

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes—May 15, 2012

**Tuesday, May 15, 2012
5:30 p.m. Special Session
5:45 p.m. Regular Session
224 Church Street
Nevada City, CA 95959**

Council Members:

Pam Barram, Chair
Linda Katz, ES Representative
Steve Ross, ES Representative
Dakota Crider, Student Representative
Matt Heaps, Parent Representative
Cheri Ray, Parent Representative
Dan Thiem, Parent Representative
Nancy Nobles, Secretary

Minutes

Present: Pam Barram, Cheri Ray, Dan Thiem, Dakota Crider, Steve Ross, Peter Sagebiel, Debbie Carter, Paul Simoes, BJ Hatcher and Nancy Nobles.

Absent: Matt Heaps

- 1. Call to Order: 5:30**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Closed Session**
- 4. Action: Reconvene to regular session; 5:55**
No action taken.
- 5. Action: Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2012**

Cheri Rey made the motion to accept the Minutes. Steve Ross seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

- 6. Action: Adoption of the Agenda**

Linda Katz made the motion to adopt the Agenda. Dan Thiem seconded.

7. Discussion: Other

Dakota Crider wanted the Council to know that students would like another dance like the Spring Semi-Formal. He felt that with more notice, there might be better attendance.

8. Information/Action: Salary Schedule—Debbie Carter

Debbie referred to the discussion at the April Council meeting regarding the proposed 'up to 3%' salary increase. The cost to FCS is \$61,000 per year. She explained that the adopted budget includes a raise of 3% for all FCS classified and certified employees and asked the Council to approve the revised salary schedule for the 2012-13 school year.

Cheri Rey made a motion to approve the Salary Schedule. Dan Thiem seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

9. Information/Action: Cash-in-Lieu—Debbie Carter

Debbie reviewed the current Cash in Lieu agreement and asked the Council for approval to maintain the agreement in the 2012-13 school year.

Dan Thiem made a motion to approve the cash-in-lieu. Steve Ross seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

10. Information/Action: Adopted Budget information—Debbie Carter

- Debbie reviewed the 2012-13 Budget Narrative.
- Debbie reviewed the proposed 2012-13 budget with the Council. She explained to the Council that the "healthy beginning" balance is a reflection of the TTUSD money.
- Debbie reviewed the proposed 2012-13 Three Year Projections. She explained that there is a reserve for additional budget cuts if necessary. Debbie added that there is a projection of student enrollment increasing in year three and the addition of a new ES.
- Debbie reviewed the 2011-13 Cash Flow report and answered questions from the Council. She explained the transfer of property tax funds from the Chicago Park School District to FCS; payment will be received three times a year.

Dan Thiem made a motion to approve the 2012-13 School Budget and the Three Year Projection. Cheri Rey seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

11. Information/Action: 2012-13 Calendar—Peter Sagebiel

Peter asked the Council to approve the revised 2012-13 Calendar. He explained that there is a change to the spring break, which will be the last week of March.

Linda Katz made a motion to approve the 2012-13 Calendar. Steve Ross seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

12. Discussion: Retired Employee Stipend—Peter Sagebiel, Debbie Carter

Peter and Debbie explained to the Council that a retired FCS employee has found themselves in a bad situation in regards to health benefits and is looking for a solution. The Council discussed options and asked that Peter and Debbie research the options and report back to the Council at the June meeting.

13. Information: Student Achievement – BJ Hatcher

- BJ presented information on the recent CAHSEE testing results for 10th graders. He said that the scores are the highest ever for March testing with 83% passing in math and 88% in ELA. “Best scores ever!”
- BJ reported that there were still a few students missing at the May CAHSEE testing for 10th, 11th and 12th graders; only one 12th grader.
- The STAR tests have been packaged and sent to the County. 576 students tested with six students missing. BJ added that he felt this had been the smoothest year ever. Peter added a “huge thank you” to BJ and all of the ESs that helped with the testing.

14. Information/Action: Consent Agenda – Debbie Carter

Debbie asked the Council to approve the Consent Agenda.

Steve Ross made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dan Thiem seconded.

Ayes: All Nays: None Abstain: None

15. Information: Director’s Update – Peter Sagebiel

- **2010-11 Enrollments:** enrollment for the year stayed consistently high; information nights for interested families have been ongoing. Peter is hoping for a strong start for the 2011-12 school year.
- **Charter Council Elections:** Linda Katz will continue for another two years and Zach Barram will be the new student representative. Peter has spoken with Ruthanne Buckley about sitting on the Council as the community representative; he continues to seek parent representatives and if there are any parents interested they would be appointed by approval of the Council.
- **Prom:** the dance went well with 45 students attending. Peter thanked BJ for organizing the event.
- **Graduation:** Coming up on Friday, June 8th at 5:00; 85 graduates but not all will be walking. Peter invited all of the Council members to the graduation ceremony.
- **Parent Survey:** the survey has gone out and Peter will bring the results to the June or August meeting.
- **Other:** the Charter Renewal was approved by the State but FCS has been assigned a new CDS number; FCS will need to re-hire employees and re-adopt policies.

16. Discussion: Future Agenda Items

- Special Ed presentation (fall)
- Foundation Report (as needed)
- Introduce new Council members
- Approve the MOU with Chicago Park
- Health Stipend
- Opening/Closing (old agenda from 2007)
- Facility Update

17. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

- June 12

18. Action: Adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Linda Katz made the motion to adjourn. Steve Ross seconded.

Ayes: All

Nayes: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Nobles, Secretary

Date

Charter Council Approved:

Pam Barram, Chair

Date

Vice Chair

Date