

Forest Charter School

Monthly Charter Council Meeting Minutes—June 10, 2014

5:30 p.m. Closed Session
6:45 p.m. Regular Session
470 Searls Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Council Members:

Dan Thiem, Chair
Nicole McCulloch, Parent Representative
Leslie Whitcomb, Parent Representative
Ruthanne Buckley, Community Rep., Vice Chair
Sarah Rongey, Student Representative
Linda Katz, ST Representative
Gina Holbrook, ST Representative
Nancy Nobles, Secretary

Minutes

Present: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Leslie Whitcomb, Peter Sagebiel, Debbie Carter, Paul Simoes, BJ Hatcher, Dave Stanger, Kaleen Ojeda-Chatigny and Nancy Nobles

Absent: Ruthanne Buckley

- 1. Call to Order: 5:51**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Information/Action: Closed Session for the Director's Evaluation**
- 4. Information: Director's Evaluation**

The Council reconvened to open session at 6:35. Motion for the Director's Evaluation was approved in closed session.

Nicole McCulloch made a motion to accept the Director's Evaluation. Leslie Whitcomb seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Nicole McCulloch, Gina Holbrook and Leslie Whitcomb.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

4. Action: Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2014

Nicole McCulloch made the motion to accept the Minutes. Sarah Rongey seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. Action: Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2014 (Committee Meeting)

Linda Katz made the motion to accept the Minutes. Nicole McCulloch seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

6. Action: Adoption of the Agenda

Sarah Rongey made the motion to adopt the agenda. Linda Katz seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

7. Discussion: Other

Nothing to report.

8. Information/Action: Appointment of Charter Council Community Rep—Dan Thiem

Dan recommended to the Council the appointment of Ruthanne Buckley to another term as the Council's Community Representative.

Nicole McCulloch made the motion to approve the appointment of Ruthanne Buckley. Sarah Rongey seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

9. Information: 2013/14 Retiring Members— Dan Thiem

Dan thanked the retiring committee members, Parent Representative Debbie Marchi and ST Representative Linda Katz. Debbie was a member of the Council for the 2013-14 school year and Linda was with the Council for four years, two terms.

10. Information: 2014/15 Elected Council Members— Dan Thiem

Dan welcomed the two new representatives, Dave Stanger (ST) and Kaleen Ojeda-Chatigny (parent) to the Council. He also acknowledged returning Student Representative Sarah Rongey.

Form 700s were given to the retiring members to sign for the County. Nancy will contact Debbie Marchi to have the form filled out and signed. Debbie's retired in May and did not attend the June meeting.

11. Information: Budget—Debbie Carter

Debbie presented the updated 2014/15 Cash Flow that was sent to the Council electronically. She reviewed and explained what the cash flow is for the new members. Debbie reminded the Council that the Governor's scheduled deferrals in the amount of \$823,000 are still expected to come in June or July. Linda Katz added a thank you to Debbie for all of the work she puts in to the FCS budget.

12. Information/Action: Math 1 Course—Paul Simoes

Paul explained the pilot program of this new math option for students. FCS's math department head, Colleen Manuola will work with one student for the 2014-15 school year with this integrated math program which Paul explained is more "rich and less linear" than the standard math options for high schoolers and might also be helpful for CAHSEE prep as it includes geometry. He added that this option will be a good fit for students who struggle with traditional algebra and math classes.

Leslie Whitcomb made the motion to approve the Math 1 Course to meet the Algebra 1 requirement. Linda Katz seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb

Nays: None

Abstain: None

13. Information/Action: Surplus of 2006 Macbook Laptop—Paul Simoes

Debbie asked the Council to approve the surplus of a 2006 Macbook laptop.

Linda Katz made the motion to approve the laptop surplus. Nicole McCulloch seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb

Nays: None

Abstain: None

14. Information/Action: A & B may be considered for Consent Agenda –Debbie Carter

Debbie presented the consent agenda for approval.

Leslie Whitcomb made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Nicole McCulloch seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb

Nays: None

Abstain: None

15. Information: Director's Update –Peter Sagebiel

- **Graduation:** Peter offered a huge thank you to BJ for all of the effort he put in to the ceremony; graduation went well, very efficient; Peter also thanked the office staff for helping at the ceremony.

- **2014-15 Enrollment:** Continues to go well at all of the learning centers; almost all established STs are full and new STs are being assigned students; the new homestudy budget is helping with enrollment in the Foresthill/Auburn area.
- **ST Check-outs:** Feedback has been positive on the new ST evaluation form; it takes more time but has been a helpful tool.
- **Other:** The Nevada City learning center produced the second high school yearbook; the project was student driven with the help of ST Yvette Cadeaux.

16. Discussion: Future Agenda Items

- Foundation Report (as needed)
- Action Plan Update (as needed)
- Student Achievement (as needed)
- Energy Plan (August)
- One Time Funds (Debbie)
- Appoint Community Member
- Director's Evaluation Process (September)
- One Time Funds (September/October)
- Proposed Dates for 2014/15 Calendar
- Set Agenda Meetings for 2014/15

17. Information: Reminder of Future Meetings

2014: August 26 (the fourth Tuesday of the month)

18. Action: Adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Linda Katz made the motion to adjourn. Sarah Rongey seconded.

Ayes: Dan Thiem, Sarah Rongey, Linda Katz, Nicole McCulloch and Leslie Whitcomb

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Nobles, Secretary

Date

Charter Council Approved:

Dan Thiem, Chair

Date

Ruthanne Buckley, Vice Chair

Date