



SANTA ROSA
FRENCH-AMERICAN
CHARTER SCHOOL

1350 Sonoma Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 7, 2015

Meeting Location: SRFACS Library

Recorded By: Jennifer Jimenez

ATTENDANCE □ □

Pascal Stricher □

Cindy Beurtheret □

Kathleen Larsen

Sarah L'Hoste

Roy Miller

Jason Davis □

Nas Salamati

Jennifer Jimenez

Sheila Moore

MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled Start: 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Scribe: Jennifer Jimenez

Meeting Actual Start: 5:10 p.m.

Meeting Timekeeper: C. Beurtheret

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Davis moved to approve and K. Larsen seconded. Unanimous approval.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA □

C. Beurtheret moved to approve and S. Moore seconded. Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Benefield: Sweets and quantity of birthday treats for in class celebrations

Communication about homework: quantity and corrections from teachers

Principal's Report

Charter Review Update

There was some discussion about the current draft of the charter review document. Some editing is still necessary. Questions were posed about steps for approval. Lead teachers, SAB members, and founding members are continuing to look at the draft and revise it.

P. Stricher met with the other charter school principals in the district to discuss the SRFACS middle school. Questions were posed about location and bussing to make it accessible to more students. Principals responded favorably to the idea of a middle school that draws from all district charters with potential international, art, and language tracks. The district officials that oversee the charter schools would like to set up a visit to an international school called Gilke, in Portland that follows this model before the end of this school year.

P. Stricher will meet with ELAC members to go over the current LCAP tomorrow, April 8. Teachers will also be involved in the LCAP review. A question was posed about how directly the parent body are involved in budget decisions. P. Stricher shared that some spending decisions have been made based on the parent survey feedback and discussion in SAB.

In tomorrow's school board meeting SRFACS student of the month, Nicolo Gilardoni, will be honored and Michelle Gervais will also be reporting for the Foundation.

ACTION ITEMS

Progress Toward Goals as Outlined in the Charter

SAB Agenda Format Change

A proposal was made to add more detail in the action item section of future SAB agendas. There was some discussion about how much detail to include for each item and general questions about how much this agenda format would involve additional

email discussion. An intention of the agenda format change is to narrow the focus of SAB meetings and make them more efficient. A motion was made to allow for additional detail in SAB agenda action items with a limit of four action items/meeting with standard time allowed as 15 minutes. Seconded by J. Jimenez. Unanimous approval.

An additional question was posed about whether or not public comment can take place at the beginning of each action item during a SAB meeting. A motion was made to include public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda.

SAB Decisions Document

There was some discussion about how to manage such a document. P. Stricher expressed a desire to see such a document focus on major decisions and actions taken by SAB and eventually be used in a public format. At this point in time the document will remain internal to SAB as means to follow up on and track actions taken from SAB votes.

School Mascot

The current rendition was circulated and discussed. Some concern was expressed about the use of the flags in the scarf around the wolf's neck. A motion was made to approve the final version to include international flags in the circle around the wolf and the school logo. The Foundation will be approached with the final artwork to move forward to create student mascot t-shirts. Unanimous approval.

Progress toward goals as outlined in the Charter: Annual Parent Survey

Some of the questions from 2014 survey were discussed and some revisions were recommended. A motion was made to approve with changes and distribute by May 1st, and to compare the last two years of data in the first SAB meeting of 2015-2016. Unanimous approval.

SAB Representative Election

P. Stricher said he will share the documents used two years ago for SAB members to review with the goal of potential candidates submitting paragraphs by early May and elections to take place by mid May. Two votes per family.

Bullying Information Document

N. Salamati passed out a draft document. The document must align with Ed Code, District policies, and any other legal considerations. J. Jimenez will pass on information about bullying policies used by Petaluma City Schools. N. Salamati will continue to work with P. Stricher to develop a draft document.

Additional Public Comments

Patti Sullivan: Opportunities for public comment

Meeting End

Meeting scheduled end: 7 PM

Meeting actual end: 7:20 PM

Next Meeting

Next Meeting Location: SRFACS library

Next Meeting Date: May 5, 2015

Next Meeting Time: 5 PM