

Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School

Charter Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, 9/12/23 **Time:** 6P **Location:** Hybrid - Foster LMC & Zoom

Mission

Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School creates partnerships among students, staff, parents and community members to serve a diverse population of learners comprised of neighborhood and open enrolled students in grades PK-6.

Vision

Stephen Foster Elementary Charter School develops independent learners who: honor diversity; show respect for themselves, others, and the environment; and seek to use their unique strengths to lead efforts to improve the world around them.

Join our Zoom call with the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82871483643?pwd=RnFhdW8yVElObGgvUnpJVWJOUFg0QT09>

Passcode: 290350

To request free childcare during an in person Board meeting, contact FosCharter@gmail.com at least one day in advance.

Linked documents & media:

[Sign Request.pdf](#)

[Vending Machine Request.pdf](#)

[8/15/23 Foster Charter Board Meeting Minutes](#)

[Monthly Calendar Events 22-23.docx](#)

[Foster Charter Board Important Dates: 2023-2024](#)

Time	Topic / Discussion Item		Facilitator
PM min	In Attendance (Note if virtual after name) 1. Jamie PRESIDING 2. Kraig 3. Karen 4. Tami 5. Kyle 6. Cortney 7. Susie (virtual - laryngitis, asthma)	Not In Attendance (Note if excused after name) 1.	Ricki

	8. Ricki (virtual - work schedule)	
PM min	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A. <i>Please review linked calendar/date documents for errors or conflicts with your own schedule & contact Susie.</i></p> <p>B. <i>Ten parents/guardians signed up to receive Board minutes & agendas at New Beginnings. 16 individuals entered IHOP gift card drawing. 4 winners were contacted to pick up cards from Lynsi in the office.</i></p> <p>C. <i>Ricki contacted the district to check on Foster minutes & agenda links being posted to AASD website, & touched base with Mike Grether about FB & Foster website postings this year. An uptick in FB posts, shares & comments has been seen recently.</i></p> <p>D. <i>Foster Fun Run is this Friday, 9/15. Contact Katie Boegh to volunteer.</i></p> <p>E. <i>Different use of time column: Speaker announces expected time use before beginning, Ricki acts as timekeeper & reminds speaker as time expires. Trial of this process to start at the October meeting.</i></p>	Susie, Ricki Jamie
PM min	<p>Call to Order, Approval of August Minutes (link above)</p> <p>A. <i>Changes/Additions? Kyle noted Cortney was listed as business services and not programs.</i></p> <p>B. <i>Approval vote postponed to October meeting.</i></p>	Ricki Jamie
PM min	<p>A. <i>Inclusive & Engaging Culture To Support Teaching and Learning</i> - Kindergarten commitment signing with Greg Hartjes went well (end of day 9/5, first day of school). Photos are already on FB, should be on Foster website soon. Photo of draft commitment certificate shown at end of this document. During the agenda planning Huddle earlier this month, Karen & Susie discussed that as the “smile” statement on the document may be deemed inappropriate by some (& the “attitude” statement is very similar), the former may be removed from future versions. Also, Karen suggests using qualities of Global Leaders on the document.</p> <p>B. <i>Student Success</i> - <i>Charter Board at Monday Morning Meeting</i> Jamie suggests that Board members be part of MMM during staff announcements. Susie suggests a rotation be planned among non staff Board members to participate at as many MMM as possible. This could begin with possible school sign purchase fundraising announcement (more info in Business Services, below).</p> <p>C. <i>Family & Community Partnerships</i> - <i>205 students attended New Beginnings this year!</i> - Book vending machine update, October fundraiser planned</p>	Karen, Jamie, Cortney, Susie

	<p>- Grade level/classroom reps update: Karen will touch base with teachers for updated numbers/vacancies to be filled. Further discussion tabled until this info is available.</p> <p>D. <i>Resources & Operational Excellence</i></p> <p>E. <i>District Updates</i></p> <p>F. <i>Title I Updates</i></p> <p>G. <i>Charter Council Updates</i></p> <p>- First meeting scheduled 9/28, 4P-5:30P, AASD Welcome Center</p>	
PM min	<p>Business Services Committee</p> <p>A. <i>Report: No updates at this time.</i></p> <p>B. <i>Discussion of current grant requests:</i></p> <p>- <i>Foster Falcon outdoor metal sign (grant request attached, above). Discussion of tying to a Penny War or other student based fundraising activity to get students excited/involved; Board grant could cover remaining funds needed. (See MMM idea in Announcements, above).</i></p> <p><i>Motion to approve by: Kraig Seconded by: Kyle</i></p> <p><i>Grant approved.</i></p> <p>- <i>Book vending machine (grant request attached, above).</i></p> <p><i>Discussion of using recovered SCRIP funds (account change in progress) to fund this grant.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to approve by: Kyle Seconded by: Tami</i></p> <p><i>Grant approved.</i></p>	Kraig
PM min	<p>Programs and Services Committee (+ Family Recruitment & Communication Ad Hoc Committee)</p> <p>A. <i>Report: No updates at this time. (Jamie noted that several upcoming events will be tied into the Ad Hoc Committee.)</i></p>	Susie Jamie
PM min	<p>Policy Review Committee</p> <p>A. <i>Report: No updates at this time.</i></p>	Kraig
PM min	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A.</p>	Susie
PM min	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. <i>2022-2023 5th/6th grades' Global Issues project presentation? (Official element of Foster Charter; Board monitors compliance.) Discussion tabled until October meeting.</i></p> <p>B. <i>Jamie, Susie & Matt Kierzek (Foster music teacher) have formed a name change proposal group which meets 9/18, & will report progress toward a formal name change proposal at the October meeting. All are welcome to participate - let a group member know if you want to join. Proposal will definitely include removal of "Stephen", & may include other changes or additions. Details of</i></p>	Susie Jamie

	<i>why many "Foster" schools across the country are also doing this will be shared, as well as an introduction to the recently developed AASD process for school name changes, & potential process options for Foster as a Charter.</i>	
PM min	Adjournment A. <i>Motion to Adjourn: Jamie</i> <i>Seconded by: Susie</i> SPECIAL THANKS TO JAMIE FOR PRESIDING AT THIS MEETING ON SHORT NOTICE!	Rieki Jamie
ITEMS FOR A FUTURE MEETING	<i>Board responsibility to monitor Charter compliance (RE 2022-2023 5th/6th grades' Global Issues project presentation)</i> <i>Invite parent/guardian classroom/grade level reps to give feedback at meetings in Fall & Spring? "Parent Council"? Adjunct members?</i>	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, 6PM, LMC or Zoom

The Foster Charter Board generally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except July, unless there are conflicts with the school calendar or activities, or when the Board's work requires additional meetings.

