

FEASTER CHARTER SCHOOL

FEASTER CHARTER BOARD

Wednesday – May 18, 2016

4:30 p.m.

Room 401

MINUTES

***Public Oral Communication on Items Not Listed on Agenda**
(3 minutes maximum per speaker, 15 minutes total)

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order 4:35

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Soveyda Armendariz	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Marta Lara	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Bertha Lopez	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Bryan Mays	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Joshua Thorburn	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Bernardo Vasquez	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Yolanda Villela	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Soveyda Armendariz

Second: Bryan Mays

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Joshua Thorburn, Yolanda Villela, Marta Lara, Yolanda Villela

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

II. Communications

A. *Oral Communications: Community

○ We have one card for communication from the public:

▪ Robert Sandoval shares:

• Policy and procedures regarding the voting that we recently had

○ According to the bylaws, we should have a locked ballot box, 10 school days, and a nominating committee

▪ Mr. Sandoval shares that there were some concerns with the times that letters were sent

home for voting (some were only a day before they were due)

- Mr. Sandoval also shares that the board at CVLCC was run differently than Feaster's board
 - The community was welcomed and the board responded to the community immediately
- Mr. Sandoval also shares that he would like to have some information regarding how the school is doing as a whole

Community Liaison

- Ms. Acuna shares that Teacher Appreciation Week was held last week
 - Lunches were provided
 - Teachers were given a \$20 gift card to use at the Book Fair
- A volunteer breakfast will be held May 26th to thank those parents who help on campus

B. For Information: Executive Director

- Mr. Velasco shares his thanks for the board members who have served
- Last week, we attended an event to receive our Gold Ribbon Award and our Title One award
 - Group pictures are posted on Facebook
 - We have two new flags and two new plaques awarding the school
 - Mr. Velasco wants to publicly thank all students, board members, and staff for all of the work that everyone is doing in their classrooms and for the school

C. For Information: Principals

- Ms. Dominguez shares:
 - The VAPA Spectacular is coming up on Tuesday from 8:10 – 12:30
 - Each grade level will be presenting something from the arts
 - Tk-2 dance
 - 3 – 5 music
 - 6 & middle presentation with art as focus to include speaking and listening standards
 - April 24th, awards were given to students who scored proficient or advanced for the 2014/2015 SBAC assessment
 - The top grade level scorers received trophies
 - There is a student in the VAPA class who was selected to attend a camp; Sergio and his mom are here to share more about what the process will look like. They started a GoFundMe campaign and Sergio will share about this opportunity
 - Sergio shares
 - He was nominated to learn more about higher levels of academics (ELA, math, and other subjects)
 - He still needs more funds in order to pay for the cost
 - He has been here since 1st grade
 - He always been on honor roll

- If you know of anyone, please ask them to support Sergio in going to camp
 - He needs the money prior June 1st (\$500 to complete registration then the rest is due July 8th)
- Ms. Motsinger shares:
 - We will have a STEM Expo that demonstrates science, technology, engineering, and math on Wednesday, May 25th
 - This will give STEM students the opportunity to practice their presentation skills
 - Bertha Lopez suggests that future STEM Expo and VAPA Spectaculars are held after school as well so that parents have the opportunity to attend
 - Some updates have been done to our engineering and science labs
 - New flooring that safer in case of spills
 - Lab table with mirrors so that students can see
 - New tables that are safe for spills
 - The middle school area has begun construction
 - The new PE building is well underway
 - Our middle school students are getting heart rate monitors in order to make fitness goals more equitable
- Ms. Sleiman shares:
 - Jordan Martinez is receiving an award for having perfect attendance for 9 years!! She will be acknowledged at the promotion ceremony as well
 - 8th grade promotion will be at the Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course
 - 104 students have been accepted to our Feaster Charter Middle School
 - 5 are on the waiting list (3 from other schools and 2 from Tijuana)
 - Middle School Orientation will be held on July 14th
 - A middle school luau will be held next week for all 6th graders who have been accepted to Feaster Charter Middle School
 - This will be from 2:00 – 3:30

D. For Information: Finance Director

- Mr. Reggie shares
 - June 30th is the deadline to complete the Title I Application
 - This recently opened for application
 - More will be reported during the July meeting
 - The Revenue and Expenses document was posted on our website
 - Mr. Reggie shares that these are all estimated actuals
 - Our total revenues are down slightly from previous estimates due to the STRS adjustment
 - Expenses went up \$168,000. The estimated expenses are now over 11 million. This was due to the PE building, new bathroom, trenching, and sewer lines.
 - Currently, our ending balance is over 2 million
 - Our carryover fund is healthy
 - Actual numbers will not come out until August

E. For Information: YMCA Representatives

- The YMCA is here to share some information
 - Feaster will have access to the facilities, details will be communicated and worked out with the school in conjunction with the board
- The purpose is to “strengthen the foundations of our community”
- The goal is prevention – prevent gangs, jail time, etc
- The YMCA throughout San Diego county is focused on social issues
 - Academic disparity
 - Social emotional development
 - Social isolation
 - Lack of support systems
 - Rise in chronic disease stemming from obesity
- The YMCA on Feaster’s campus will have (2 floors)
 - Fitness courses
 - Outdoor running area
 - Multipurpose rooms (2)
 - Group exercise
 - Meetings
 - Etc.
 - Teen Center
 - Gymnasium
 - Locker Rooms
 - Aquatic office
 - Wellness center
 - Covered sports pavilion (preliminary plan)
 - Parking
- The three areas of focus with YMCA are
 - Youth development
 - Healthy living
 - Social responsibility
- Project update:
 - Detailed schematics are in a packet that was left with the board members
 - The Southbay YMCA is going to be working with a board to get this project rolling
 - Total cost = \$15 million
 - Prop 84 has already provided \$5 million
 - NMTC will provide \$2 million
 - Philanthropy will provide \$8 million
 - THQ math will provide \$500,000
 - Uses of funds:
 - Building costs = 13.5 million (estimated)
 - Pre-opening and operating costs (first 3 years) \$1.5 million

III. Items Scheduled for Action

- A. Funding for Student Assemblies (\$10,000), Professional development (\$110,000), and Instructional Materials (\$60,000) for the 16-17 School Year.

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$180,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve funding for student assemblies, instructional materials, and professional development – with the flexibility to move funds around the various staff development programs needed.

Motion: Marta Lara

Second: Soveyda Armendariz

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Joshua Thorburn, Yolanda Villela, Bryan Mays

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

- B. Yearly Updates to the LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan)

- Last month, the revised LCAP was looked at
- No cost is involved in the updates
- Board approval is needed before sending the updates

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: To approve updates to the LCAP

Motion: Yolanda Villela

Second: Joshua Thorburn

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendariz, Marta Lara, Bryan Mays

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

- C. Approval of the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: To approve the proposed 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

- The only change is that Feaster's minimum days are on Thursdays instead of Fridays

Motion: Marta Lara

Second: Yolanda Villela

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendariz, Bryan Mays, Joshua Thornburn

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

- D. Set up Maximum Class Size Limitation for the 2016-2017 School Year

- This is needed in order to set our limits with the district so that students above our limits are not placed here

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: To set up class size as Follow:

TK-3rd Grade 23 Students

4th-5th Grade 30 Students

6th-8th Grade 25 Students

Motion: Joshua Thornburn

Second: Bryan Mays

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendari, Marta Lara, Yolanda Villela

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

E. Approval of Salary Increases for the 2016-2017 School Year

- The board decides whether or not we can approve this without a complete board
 - Bryan shares that he will abstain from voting due to the clause in the charter board
 - The board decides to meet again on Wednesday, May 25th in order to adhere to the Charter Board
 - The item is not carried to a vote due to missing board member

Fiscal Impact: \$115,284

Staff Recommendation: To approve the salary increases for the 2016-2017 School Year

Motion: n/a

Second: n/a

Yay: n/a

Ney: n/a

Result: n/a

F. Approval of EduAbroad donation and payment of one half of donation to participating teachers.

- EduAbroad gave Feaster a check for \$9,660. Each student was allocated with \$14/day. Students were in classrooms for 4 days. The average amount being sent to teachers is over \$300. We will be paying out \$5,348. The rest of the money will be in an account at the district that is going to be used to supplement materials. This is recommended to go into the June check for the teachers.
- Students are already requesting to come back to Feaster because of the enrichment that we provided them.

Fiscal Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: To approve donation and the payment of one half of donation to participating teachers.

Motion: Bryan Mays

Second: Marta Lara

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendari, Joshua Thornburn, Yolanda Villela

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

- G. Approval of Stipend Payment for Theater Coordinator
- Each year, a teacher takes on the responsibility of organizing the play
 - The classroom teacher does spend weekends as well as after school time organizing the play
 - The teacher puts in a lot of extra time

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$1,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve the stipend payment to theater coordinator

Motion: Marta Lara **Second:** Yolanda Villela

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendari, Bryan Mays, Joshua Thornburn

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

- H. Approval for Increase Spending on PE Building and Greenhouse
- As explained in the past, the estimated cost for the Greenhouse and the PE building. They are almost completed with the project.
 - The other addition is the trenching that increased the cost due to the bathrooms
 - Large fencing is being placed around the PE building
 - For the Greenhouse, trenching will also need to be dug

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$600,000

Staff Recommendation: To approve the increase spending on PE building and Greenhouse.

Motion: Bryan Mays **Second:** Joshua Thornburn

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendari, Bryan Mays, Yolanda Villela, Marta Lara

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

- I. Approval of Staff Incentives Recommended by Ad-Hoc Committee
- This item is tabled until the decision can be unanimous

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$369,856

Staff Recommendation: To approve the incentives proposed by the Ad-Hoc Committee (see attached recommendation sheet).

Motion: n/a **Second:** n/a

Yay: n/a

Ney: n/a

Result: n/a

IV. Items Scheduled for Information

- A. Proposed Budget for the 2016-2017 School Year
- The total beginning balance and revenue is \$13,574,520
 - The total expenditures are \$11,340,820
 - The total ending balance is \$2,233,700

V. Board Items

1. Yolanda checks in to see if Feaster is able to support Sergio in his fundraiser. Bertha shares that it is a gift of public funds if the school pays for this. Mr. Velasco shares that we could use the amount from EduAbroad. This item will be tabled until 5/26/2016 so that we can identify discretionary funds that can be donated to Sergio.

2. Joshua Thornburn shares that he has had the privilege of being on the board. It is his duty to bring concerns to the board about the integrity of the voting process. Several staff members have come to Mr. Thornburn regarding the integrity of the voting process. Questions include:

where the voting ballots were kept
ensuring that there is only one vote for the teacher
whether or not there was a lock box

Joshua Thornburn shares that several solutions were shared by those teachers who had concerns

-holding a SurveyMonkey
-holding the survey on one day.

This will be put on the agenda for 5/26/16. Mr. Velasco will share the routines for voting. Marta Lara shares that she is surprised that these concerns were shared; no staff members came to her regarding these concerns. Marta shares that some teachers were sending ballots with their students. In the past, voting was held on only one day which is not aligned to our charter.

Mr. Velasco shares that we have followed the routines that were discussed in previous meetings. This was the same that was done in the past; if a change is necessary, we will need to adjust Feaster's bylaws.

Ms. Acuna shares that all of the copies were made, the original was under lock and key, the extra copies could not be made due to the fact that the color chosen would come out black. After the color paper was used, it was locked up so that no copies could have been made.

Mr. Thornburn shares that a vote could be done with the certificated and classified staff members in the same room. Mr. Velasco shares that if the suggestions are made after, they should have been shared prior to the voting process.

Yolanda shares that she would like teachers to come to these meetings in order to share their concerns.

Bertha shares that she feels comfortable that everything is okay and that there is not a reason to bring this up at our next meeting. Bertha shares that the election results should stand as elected.

Joshua Thornburn shares that it is part of the issue that teachers do not get involved; this leads to them being misinformed or ill-informed.

Bertha responds that Mr. Thornburn has a point; however, if these were extreme concerns, the teachers would be present today.

Bertha states that we will be posting this on our May 25th meeting where we will clarify the voting process; however, the results will not be changed. We can discuss a process that is more equitable.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Bryan Mays

Second: Marta Lara

Yay: Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendari, Joshua Thornburn, Yolanda Villela

Ney: n/a

Result: unanimous

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