

FEASTER CHARTER SCHOOL

FEASTER CHARTER BOARD
Wednesday – January 20, 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 4:35pm

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 Vazquez	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Yolanda Villela	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Bryan Mays

Second: Soveyda Armendariz

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

Ney: N/A

Result: motion carries

II. Communications

A. ***Oral Communications:** Community
Community Liaison

B. **For Information:** Executive Director
Mr. Velasco shares:

- Last week, we received visitors from ALAS (Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents); they visited several of the top schools in CVESD.
- We have also had visitors from Colorado Springs
- A group called Edubroad has brought 80 Chinese students in 5th – 8th grades to our school; they have also brought teachers and principals. A small group of students will be taken to Qualcomm
- Our partnership with the YMCA has secured the 10 million needed to begin construction on the new building. The YMCA will begin providing services to our middle school students; this will be a customized program for our middle schoolers. This new program is slated to begin this week.
- Our new VAPA principal is Ms. Stephanie Dominguez. A posting has been placed for our middle school AP position; this will close on Friday.

C. For Information: Principals

- VAPA
 - Stephanie Dominguez shares that the Jazz Band will be returning for 4th-8th grade students
 - Beauty and the Beast shows are coming up at the end of this quarter
 - PIQUE is set to begin next Wednesday up until the Wednesday before spring break. RSVPs have been coming and PIQUE will be calling parents whose first language is Spanish. The purpose of this program is to help parents become advocates for their students
- STEM
 - The STEM academy finished their Quarter 2 goal, which was to complete a prototype that works to solve a problem using the design process
 - Most recently, our student's engineering projects won tickets to the STEM Expo at Petco Park on March 5th

D. For Information: Finance Director

- Reggie shares that he is working on a state and federal funding project.
- A listing of all expenses was sent out to board members
 - A bulk of the expenses is on school supplies for classrooms
 - School operations includes, but is not limited to:
 - Moving the fire hydrant
 - Installing a new intercom system
 - Purchasing the PE building
 - Architectural plan fees for hydroponics building, the locker rooms, and the PE building
 - Debt service is our payment for the middle school
 - Two payments are made each year
 - The charter school allocations include chargebacks as calculated by the district
 - \$130,000 was charged for new lights in all of the buildings; LED lights have replaced the old lights both inside and outside
- Reggie shares that he can provide more information
 - Bernardo brings this to the board for discussion – how would this information best be presented to the board

- A better definition of school operations would be beneficial (a split up of personal which is on the front and the back shows costs of supplies)
 - Notes on this discussion will be continued
- Our copy machines are in need of replacement; this will be a discussion for the board to hold
 - The machines are 8-9 years old
- 50-60 students are wanted for the YMCA middle school program. They are working on a new design for the middle schoolers using an interest survey. The YMCA program will also cover the \$1,400 expense for our girls and boys basketball leagues.
 - Each school is being asked to campaign for the YMCA
 - Reggie would like the board to consider us supporting their campaign by providing \$1 per student which would come to about \$1,200.
- Josh Thorburn shares that he would like the YMCA to come up with a new, revised version of their blueprints so that they can accommodate all of our sports leagues
 - Reggie responds that as we get closer, we will have representation supporting Feaster's needs in this building
 - The newest regional person should be brought the Feaster's Charter Board so that she can address the concerns of Feaster's stakeholders and give them the opportunity to make changes as necessary
 - Mr. Velasco or Reggie will set up a meeting with YMCA
- The board will consider the following:
 - Copy machine replacements
 - Supporting the YMCA campaign by funding \$1/student

E. For Information: AVID Program Representative

Ms. Dominguez shares that we have been in contact with an AVID representative

- AVID is research based strategies and curriculum for teachers so that they can pass on the college and career readiness programs to students
- Cindy, the AVID representative shares:
 - AVID starts at kindergarten and goes all the way up 12th grade
 - Belief that every student should be prepared to pursue higher education
 - Key components: professional staff development and leadership training, proven educational strategies for in-classroom use with traditionally underrepresented students in four-year colleges
 - AVID will close opportunity gaps by:
 - Preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society
 - AVID Secondary includes:
 - AVID elective
 - Focused attention is given to targeted students through an AVID elective class
 - Strategies are implemented school wide
 - WICOR – writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading
 - Everything is connected to these academic concepts

- All lessons are challenging and engaging for students
 - Active learning is essential in WICOR and implemented into all AVID trainings
 - Collaborative, personal, and academic skills are taught
- Ms. Dominguez proposes that at the next meeting, we vote on whether or not to bring AVID to Feaster
 - Number of targeted students
 - Timeframe
 - Grade levels

III. Consent Calendar Items For Approval

A.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff Recommendation:

Motion:

Second:

IV. Items Scheduled for Action

A. Set up Maximum Class Size Limitation for the 2015-2016 School Year Fiscal Impact: none

Staff Recommendation: To set our Class Size as Follows:

TK-3rd Grade 23 Students

4th-5th Grade 30 Students

6th-8th Grade 25 Students

- Mr. Velasco shares that once these numbers are approved by the board, we will have the opportunity to do this each year and renew from the beginning of the school year
- We will continue providing service and support to those who are in need; placing a cap on the class sizes will allow us to continue focusing on our students

Motion: Bertha Lopez

Second: Joshua Thorburn

Yay: Marta Lara, Bernardo Vasquez, Soveyda Armendariz, Yolanda Villela, Bryan Mays,

Ney: N/A

Result: motion carries

B. Approval of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Current School Year Fiscal Impact: none

Staff Recommendation: To approve the Safe School Plan

- Engaging Parents
 - Feaster will have a group of parents roll play so that all staff members can practice releasing students from specific locations

Motion: Soveyda Armendariz

Second: Bertha Lopez

Yay: Marta Lara, Bernardo Vasquez, Yolanda Villela, Bryan Mays, Joshua Thorburn

Ney: N/A

Result: motion carries

V. Items Scheduled for Information

A. AVID Program for Feaster's Middle School

VI. Board Items

1. Board panel for outreach to the community
 - Bryan Mays shares that a parent came and requested this
 - Board members would be in a central location at a specified time
 - The issue with this is that the Brown Act requires all board members meeting to include an agenda and a posting of that agenda
 - We do have board members at every Board Meeting where parents and the community is welcome to attend
 - Ms. Bertha Lopez suggests having a social gathering before our February board meeting and invite parents and the community
 - Mr. Velasco will also send out information to the board regarding attending the PIQUE meeting on Wednesday, January 27th in the am or in the pm
 - Marta Lara shares that we could share a summary of the board meeting including: action items and what was approved or denied
2. Staff bonuses
 - This was brought up by a parent
 - Mr. Vazquez shares that there is a grievance over the compensation of Chula Vista charter school staff. This is a closed item on the current district board meeting
 - The grievance was filed by CVESD union
 - Some type of criteria needs to be set based on the requirements for the bonus
 - Mr. Thorburn shares that bonuses help attract and retain professional talent

- Mr. Velasco shares that we are not currently attracting the best of the best, but we train the teachers we have to become the best
- Much of the awards and spotlights we get give Feaster a positive reputation
- Mr. Velasco shares that bonuses can be accredited based on attendance, data, and student content based on previous surveys
- Mr. Vazquez shares that we need to decide how/if we could give a bonus this year
 - A committee can be created consisting of the admin team and three board members
- Ms. Bertha Lopez proposes:
 - A team of classified and certificated people, not to exceed 4 people, bring the information to the ad-hoc committee who will report to the admin team
 - Ms. Lopez, Mr. Mays, and Mr. Thorburn will be part of this committee

The following items will be tabled for the following meeting:

3. Review of spending authority of Executive Director
4. Posting of Board meeting agenda's and documents, and Board members pictures and autobiography's in open area
5. Remodel of Executive Director's office
6. Request for detailed financial report, including expense report line item and office petty cash, supplied to the Board on a monthly basis
7. Executive Director annual evaluation

VII. Adjournment 6:32

Motion: Bryan Mays

Second: Soveyda Armendariz

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

Ney: N/A

Result: motion carries

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