

FEASTER CHARTER SCHOOL

FEASTER CHARTER BOARD
Wednesday – December 9, 2015
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 4:33pm

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

- Bryan Mays shares that two things are missing:
 - Financial compensation to end in January 2016
 - Bryan May's commentary on the concerns of Mr. Velasco's office

Motion: Marta Lara **Second:** Bryan Mays

Yay: Marta Lopez, Bernardo Vasquez, Bertha Lopez, Soveyda Armendariz, Yolanda Villela

Ney:

Result: motion carries

II. Communications

A. *Oral Communications: Community

- Mr. Sandoval shares that he is grateful for the float that was part of the Starlight Parade in Chula Vista
- Mr. Sandoval also shares that he would like to see the full time teachers & front office staff get a \$1000 stipend
- Mr. Sandoval shares that he would like the alternate's email addresses on the website

Community Liaison

B. For Information: Executive Director

C. For Information: Principals

D. For Information: Finance Director

E. For Information:

III. Consent Calendar Items For Approval

A.

Fiscal Impact:
Staff Recommendation:

Motion: Second:
Vote:

IV. Items Scheduled for Action

A. Removal of 2 parent volunteers from Board of Directors for not showing up to meetings

- Bernard Vazquez shares that he would like to hear from the parents who are being affected by this decision
- Yolanda shares that she is has been experiencing health problems and this is the reason why she has been missing so many meetings. Yolanda shares that she did hear from Mr. Velasco, she would rather finish this year as this is her last year being on the board.
- Soveyda Armendariz shares that she was having issues with transportation and was unable to attend the pervious meetings. She does share that she wants to remain part of the board.

- Bernardo shares that this is nothing personal, he would like them to stay on board in order to finish their terms.
- Bertha Lopez shares that parent volunteers are very important on the board; however, we need a routine for any board to contact the director or send out an email to the board if they will not be in attendance.
 - The board agrees that for consistency, everyone should contact Mr. Velasco if they are unable to attend the meeting or if they will be late
- Marta Lara shares that she has never seen this enforced as part of the board. We do need to set this up as an expectation; it should be part done in writing
- A request has been made to add a routine of emailing the board and contacting Mr. Velasco if a meeting will be missed or the board member will need to arrive late. This will be put on the next agenda for the following meeting.
- Bernardo Vazquez shares that the parent volunteers are the voice of the school and all the parents
- Bryan Mays shares that we need to strike the word “may” when discussing and referencing this issue in our bylaws. This should be replaced with “will” or “shall.”

Fiscal Impact: none

Staff Recommendation:

Motion: _____ **Second:**

Vote:

**Vote was stricken per Bernardo Vazquez*

B. Vote to allow Board of Directors to select up to 2 parents on the board to serve as alternate board members.

Bernardo suggests that this is brought to action after the bylaws are adjusted to reword and remove any questions. The vote is tallied regarding changing the bylaws during this meeting.

Motion: Marta Lara **Second:** Bertha Lopez

Yay: Bernardo Vasquez, Yolanda Villela, Soveyda Armendariz, Joshua Thorburn, Bryan Mays

Ney:

Result: motion carries

The board discusses changing the word “may” to “shall” remove any member who....

- Marta shares that this routine for reporting absences or truancies should be applicable to all parent reps and alternates
- Bryan shares that holding the alternates to the same standard may be pose an issue with future meeting and unforeseeable events since they would be in a more strict position
- Josh Thorburn asks about proper notification and wonders if this can be counted as an excused absence without penalties
 - Bernardo brings back the jargo of may vs shall; if the word is changed to “shall,” the
- All sitting board member, if they will miss a meeting or be late to the meeting will
 - Contact Mr. Velasco via phone, text, or email
 - This will be the standard that all sitting board members and alternates are held to

The board votes on the new jargons being added the bylaws

- The board can appoint the parent representative as an alternate at the board meeting
- The bylaws will say
 - Article 5 – Duties of Board and School Officials
 - Add language (as a 10th item) that states something along the lines of contacting Mr. Velasco via text, phone, or email
 - This will address absences
 - Parent alternates will have the same expectations regarding absences as sitting board members
 - If a parent alternate is needed, the board can appoint a parent representative based on vote, or resumes
 - The alternate parent representative with the most seniority will take the place of an absent parent

Motion: Bryan Mays

Second: Soveyda Armendariz

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

Ney:

Result: carries

Motion:

Second:

Yay:

Ney:

Result:

Fiscal Impact: none

Staff Recommendation:

Motion: **Second:**
Yay:
Ney:
Result:

V. Items Scheduled for Information

A. Maximum Class Size Limitation – Declaration Process

With the board's approval, Mr. Velasco would like for the board to designate a class size for each classroom. This will be specialized for DI programs as well as mainstream programs so that the district cannot overrule our class sizes. This would allow Feaster to prevent the district from forcing us to take on classes.

- Bryan Mays about funding for class size reduction
 - Mr. Velasco states that this is something that is often promised but rarely given
- Bertha Lopez shares that the ability to reduce class size is something that we are able to do as a charter school
- Bernardo asks that this is expedited for the next meeting

VI. Board Items

- Mr. Velasco shares that the Safe School Plan is ready
 - This will be emailed in the next few days

VII. Adjournment 5:27

Motion: Bryan Mays

Second: Bertha Lopez

Yay: Marta Lopez, Bernardo Vasquez, Marta Lara, Soveyda Armendariz, Yolanda Villela

Ney:

Result: carries

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