

FEASTER CHARTER SCHOOL

FEASTER CHARTER BOARD

Wednesday – August 5, 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 4:34

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Soveyda Armendariz	_____	___X___
Marta Lara	___X___	_____
Joshua Thorburn	___X___	_____
Socorro Valenzuela	___X___	_____
Bernardo Vazquez	___X___	_____
Yolanda Villela	___X___	_____

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Socorro Valenzuela

Second: Joshua Thorburn

Vote: unanimous

II. Communications

A. *Oral Communications:

Community

- Ms. Sandoval shares that she is concerned about the sanitation of the middle school changing rooms.
- Ms. Sandoval shares that she would also like proof of purchase from the iPad insurance from AppleCare or
- Mr. Sandoval shares that he is concerned about the cost of camp
 - Many parents are unable to afford the amount of money for camp
 - Mr. Sandoval shares that he would not like students to miss out on the end of the year activities

- Mr. Sandoval resolves that we, as a school, can fundraise to help support the parents who are unable to pay for camp
- Mr. Sandoval also shares that there are parents who are unable to attend the meetings due to work or prior engagements; perhaps changing our meeting times to an hour that is more accessible to the parents
 - Communication should be made between the board and parents to decide times
- Mr. Sandoval also shares that he has concerns regarding the teachers who were brought in from Spain; he is reflecting upon the differences in language and dialect that is spoken in Spain as compared to Mexico
 - The students and their education should be at the forefront of all decisions

Community Liaison

- Ms. Acuna shares that she is working on the PTO nominations and that we would like to get parents for our PTO board
- Ms. Acuna also shares that she is working on getting donations for uniforms as well as shoes
 - This will be first come, first serve basis
 - 40 of our most needed students will receive free shoes

B. For Information: Executive Director

- Mr. Velasco shares that we have started a new school year with 14 new teachers
 - TK (transitional kinder)
 - Elementary
 - Middle school
- We have 1,180 students
 - This makes Feaster one of the largest schools in CVESD
 - All of our services and charter benefits have been provided to all students
- Mr. Velasco invites everyone to go to the kinder area to see the new turf and their updated play structure
- In addition, the teacher's lounge has been updated

C. For Information: Principals – VAPA & STEM

- STEM
 - Sarah Motsinger shared that the start of the school year was very smooth
 - All teachers will be meeting with admin next week in order to set evaluation goals
 - The PD plan was organized today so that all teachers can receive strategic professional development based on their academy
 - Leads and Bonnie will be working in order to give professional development to support curriculum
 - A \$15,000 grant was awarded to us from Qualcomm in order to enhance our engineering lab
 - This will be used to help “brand” our engineering lab
 - Qualcomm will work with Feaster to create a logo
 - We are looking to provide technology for the students, an easily cleaned environment, and more technology in the classroom

- Students from Matre De High School will be doing a service about building an aquaponic garden
 - The target date is in April
- VAPA
 - Back to School was a success
 - The Cheer Team is continuing this year
 - The counseling program is being set up in order to reach more students
 - VAPA planning meeting will be on Friday
 - They would like to balance arts and sciences
 - Goal setting will be happening with teachers
 - The idea is to go more into project based learning
 - VAPA will have a “Creative Process” that will be most comparable to what STEM has with their “Collaborative Sketch”
 - La Jolla Playhouse will be present in order to assist in the planning
 - Alice in Wonderland will be our annual play
 - This is a versatile play where many students will be able to participate
 - Auditions will take place in September
 - The ASB store is up and running
 - We have new supplies that are being brought to the store
- Marta asks what after school programs we offer for the kinder, first, and second graders
 - Monica shares that the students in k-2 can join Hip Hop
 - In addition, auditions are open to the entire school starting in September
 - During auditions, we do not turn down anyone
 - We cast for the main roles, but we use extras for everyone
 - Sarah shares that after school programs for k-2 are difficult because the students have already been on campus for a very long time
 - Sarah also shares that we advertised an after school soccer club that will be run by a club and will be done on campus at Feaster
 - Maker Mondays also take place where students can play and tinker with supplies

D. For Information: Finance Director

- 1.7 million was the expected carryover, this number remains
- The books must be closed by April 15th

E. For Information: Parent Teacher Organization

- We are currently recruiting for this
 - We hope to have a representative next month

III. Consent Calendar Items For Approval

A.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff Recommendation:

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

IV. Items Scheduled for Action

A. To increase Feaster's Sub Rates to remain competitive with District Sub Rates
Fiscal Impact: Increase of \$24.32 per day for 7.75 hours per day

Staff Recommendation: Change Feaster daily rate from \$110.75 to \$135.07 and Long Term Rate from \$121.83 to \$146.14. District rates are \$122.00 and \$132.00 respectively on a 7 hour day.

- Mr. Velasco shares that there is an issue with subs not accepting jobs from Feaster
 - This causes issues because another staff member, like a coach, is pulled to cover a classroom
 - We have discussed this as a board, but a decision or motion has never been made
- Mr. Reggie shares that it was thought that we would have 900 subs throughout the year
 - Last year, we spent \$36,879 on subs
 - With the increase in pay, as recommended by the district, it would cost approximately \$44,000 if we had the same number of subs as previous years

Motion: Josh Thorburn

Second: Marta Lara

Vote: unanimous

B. To purchase and install a Hydroponics & P.E. Buildings

Fiscal Impact: Estimate \$345,253.00

Staff Recommendation: To incorporate a hydroponic program for all upper grade students.

The P.E. facility will be utilized by all students and the P.E. department to support Physical Education and Health standards, meetings facility for all sports teams and parent/teacher conferences, shelter for rainy days during physical education times, some health and fitness equipment for students, office space for planning P.E. programs, Sports programs and extra curricula physical activities and some Storage space of P.E equipment.

- We have received a building for free, but we do need to update the floor and add a roof onto the building
 - This is the size of approximately two portables
 - These will be placed near the grass field, where students do PE
 - The bulk of the expense that the DSA needs to approve the building
 - Approximately \$67,000
- The hydroponic will be a total of \$61,000
 - We are looking at constructing an 18x30 foot hydroponics greenhouse
 - The estimates include trenching, foundation, labor, and all needs
 - This will be offered to 5th grades and up
 - Primary students will have access to the organic garden, where they are exposed to the foundational skills of gardening to be applied as they
- The idea of lockers was brought to the board's attention

Motion: Socorro Valenzuela
Vote: unanimous

Second: Joshua Thorburn

V. Items Scheduled for Information

A. A possible locker facility for Middle School Students

- The main challenge is space on campus
 - The structure must be both aesthetically appropriate and functional
- Reggie shares that inside the locker rooms will be containers
 - The building will be insulated on the outside so that it looks exactly like the middle school buildings
 - There will be approximately 150 lockers in each structure
 - This will cost approximately \$6,000
 - They will have skylights for lighting
 - Whirly bird turbines will be placed on top for ventilation
- The overall approximate cost is being estimated at \$30,000 - \$40,000
- Currently, the staff and Middle School Dean are monitoring the students as they prepare for their PE class
 - If this were out in the PE field, the classroom teachers would be the ones who are supervising the students PE change time
 - Current PE Schedule:

- Students are first asked to come to school in their PE uniform
 - They change after PE, which is during their nutrition break
 - This leaves 20 minutes to change and eat a snack
 - Bernardo suggests that we come back to this and bring it to a vote when we have more accurate estimates
- B. Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)**
- Ms. Dominguez shares that we are working hard to build partnerships with the community and parents
 - PIQUE- Parent Institute for Quality Education
 - Ensures that students receive all minimum requirements to get into a two year college or a four year university
 - Helps parents understand what requirements are needed for college admission
 - The overall cost is \$5,000 per semester
 - A minimum of 15 parents must be present in order to hold class
 - The maximum is 50
 - The program coordinators keep in contact with the parents and walk them thru the process of school systems and what questions should be asked of teachers
 - The program is offered at varying times in order to accommodate parent's schedules
 - The goal is to give parents the skills needed to be advocates for their students

VI. Board Items

A. Board Elections

- Mr. Velasco shares that he would like to thank Socorro for helping us; this will be her last meeting
- In addition, this will be the last meeting for Rene Loaiza, whose term has also come to an end
- Therefore, we will have one seat open for parents
- We have one community member and one parent representative position open
 - We will send a letter home notifying that there are two positions available

B. Board Meetings for the 2015-2016 School Year

- September 2nd at 4:30 in room 401
 - At this meeting, the time will be finalized and we will set the rest of the scheduled meetings

C. Board Training

- Bernardo has asked Mr. Velasco about bringing another outside member to hold trainings for our board
 - We would receive a refresher on the Brown Act as well as other pertinent board concepts

D. Recording of Meetings

- Bernardo would like to bring this up for discussion

E. Bringing Board Members to School Events

- This would be beneficial for parents to be able to identify the board members
- We should have several board members attend, at least 2
 - We need to be aware that we do not create a quorum

F. Board Member Media Representative

- We should have a board member who is the media rep in case a media outlet contacts a parent or a different board member
- School operations or incidents should be handled by an admin
- As the governing body of the board, all board members should be prepared and trained to answer questions regarding charters and the Feaster board in particular

VII. Closed Session

A. Personnel

VIII. Adjournment 6:26

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

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