



Combined Public Meeting and Executive Session of the Board of Directors of La Tierra Community School - 07/19/2023 Minutes

La Tierra Community School
Jul 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM MST
@ 123 N. Virginia St, Prescott AZ, 86301 - Office

Attendance

Present:

Members: Anne Boettcher, Matt Hart, Julie Jongsma, Dawn Klaiber, Charles Mentken, Bee Sena

Absent:

Members: Kathryn Montoya

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Board Members Present: *joining remotely

Julie, Dawn, Charles, *Bee*, TL, Tricia, Matt

Board Member Absent: Kathryn Montoya

Call to order 5:35

Charles Motions, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Approval of minutes: 5:37

Charles Motions, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Director report start @ 5:38

FTE 131.5 projected

New carpet installed in upstairs classrooms, installation in progress in lower classrooms

No additional maintenance payments in June, still remaining at \$2075 towards deductible YTD, deductible now restarts as of Jul 1, 2023

New STEM teacher Liz Loeber will be starting shortly with local event attended with Julie and kicking off new year shortly after that

Mary's class earns award for book creation from last school year, posted to school social sites

Upcoming events:

Student Achievement @ 5:48

State grant for Julie & Social worker to get training on suicide prevention was funded and training will be completed in next couple of months. Train the trainer program that will be brought back and spread to other staff on campus

Board schedule & composition @ 5:50

Need to examine board members and potentially adding STEM candidate that wasn't chosen but has great experience

Governing board training available 8/28 through Yavapai County Superintendent's office

Finance report @ 5:53

July finance meeting on Thursday 7/19

FY 23-24 budget is finalized, signed and submitted

Public comment @ 5:56

No public comment outside of TL & Tricia, current staff members, no comments

Discussion Items @ 5:56

Fundraising, Charles will be working on organizing and storage for rummage sale in next couple of weeks. Will work with Kathryn on "thermometer" to show progress on fundraising. Aiming for new shade structure and need to gather teacher input for other projects. Kathy is parent who will help lead efforts on fundraising moving forward

Charles reached out to Emmanuel Pines about possible disc golf tournament, aiming for an event this fall or potentially in spring if timeline is too short

Matt has been in touch with Thunderbird Capital, commercial lender based in PHX. Need to get finalized audit report to share so that he can examine and build out options for loan and payments. Once we have this information we have parameters that we can use to search for a facility or explore options with current facility. Similar conversation with OneAZ is ongoing as well.

Jackie, 2nd grade parent will be helping to organize volunteers and tasks/requests from teachers throughout the year

Action Items @ 6:07

Tricia, Dial 4 early childhood assessment. More holistic assessment tool used to understand where students are at after 45 min assessment and what their needs might be going into the school year. Tricia has used/administered 100+ times and is confident that tool would be useful and successful. Results would be communicated with parents and assessment includes parent questionnaire. TSG Gold state assessment is previous/current school year state standard, new law allows charter schools to choose own assessment tool with board approval.

Charles Motions to approve use of Dial 4 in Kindergarten classroom this year in support of current TSG and use in future school years pending state approval for future years @ 6:16, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Employee Handbook, updates to hourly rates, dresscode for teachers

Charles Motions to approve @ 6:18, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Student/Family Handbook, includes additional information for 1-4 assessment system for report cards, students must eat main portion of meal before dessert in student lunch/snack expectations section is now included

Charles Motions to approve @ 6:20, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Board officers, nominations, resignations:

Sierra Wilson Resignation @ 6:21

Charles Motions to approve, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Anne Boettcher - Chair @ 6:22

Charles Motions to approve, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Charles Mentken - Secretary, tabled for 8/16 meeting

Bee Motions to approve, tabled for 8/16 meeting when larger quorum not including member in vote is available

Bee Sena - Treasurer, tabled for 8/16 meeting

Kathryn Montoya resignation as secretary

Executive Session, tabled until 8/16 meeting, unable to meet standards based on attendance.

Director Goals

Charles Motions to approve for 2023-2024 academic year @ 6:26, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Academic Coordinator Goals

Charles Motions to approve for 2023-2024 academic year @ 6:26, Bee Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor

Discussion about ASBA Charter Policy advisory updates and approval @ 6:27. Current policy advisories and updates have not been sent from ASBA and are not able to be approved at this time.

Information Items

Future Agenda Items @ 6:29

Tricia requests discussion for future meeting about curriculum. What ELA curriculum will be used moving forward? Charles asks for clarification and suggests discussion amongst teacher leadership group and then suggestions or additional details are then brought to the board with a recommendation.

Emergency plan will need to be approved for 2023-2024 school year in August meeting.

Remove/Approve Kathryn as Charter Representative at next meeting

Next meeting on 8/16 @ 5:30

Adjourn @ 6:35

Charles Motions, Matt Seconds, Charles, Bee & Matt in favor