

~ To inspire our students and community through a sustainable, comprehensive academic environment...

Forest Ranch Charter School – Board of Directors
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM
15815 Cedar Creek Road, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Minutes

1. Open Session – Call to Order 5:35 pm
2. Roll Call
 - a. Christia Marasco – Director: *present*
 - b. Lisa Speegle – consulting CBO
 - c. Kala Ulep – Teacher Advisor/Liaison
 - d. Jody Cornilsen – Chair, Parent Representative (June 2024): *absent*
 - e. Teresa Amoroso – Vice Chair, Parent Representative (June 2025) : *present*
 - f. Beth Wattenberg – Secretary, Community Representative (June 2023) : *present*
 - g. Robert Chaplin – FRCA Liaison, Educational Representative (June 2024): *present*
 - h. Susie Welker – Treasurer, Parent Representative (June 2025): *present*
 - i. Tamba Sellu – Parent Representative (June 2024): *present*
3. Celebrations / Recognitions
Christia shared that most of the staff is back at work; preparing for Stone Soup, where all the classrooms participate by bringing food for the celebration.
4. Review Meeting Norms: *recommended time limits for agenda items made; Tamba agreed to be the timekeeper*
5. Public Comments on Items NOT on the Current Meeting Agenda *N/A*
6. Changes / Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda: *7.e: tabled as no financial report available yet.*
7. Consent Calendar
 - a. Consider Approval of October Minutes: *Tamba made the motion to approve; Teresa seconded it; Susie abstained; passed by all others.*
 - b. Consider Approval of Special Meeting October Minutes: *Robert made the motion to approve; Teresa seconded it; Susie abstained; passed by all others*
 - c. Consider Approval of Upcoming Field Trips: *Christia explained that since the Ice Skating Field Trip involves money she wanted to bring it to the board. Paradise Rink would charge \$500; looking into the Chico Rink; trying to get the price down to \$300. Student Store may be asked to pitch in some money. Beth made the motion to approve; Susie seconded it; passed unanimously.*
 - d. Consider Approval of Safety Policies: *Discussion about policies; a suggestion was made to include the following: "During an evacuation the office manager would take the necessary student medications and physicals copies of student contacts." Beth made the motion to approve the Safety Policies and suggested change; seconded by Tamba; passed unanimously.*
 - e. Consider Approval of October Financial Report: *Tabled until next meeting*

8. Discussion/Action Calendar

- a. Consider Approval of Winter Concert and Multicultural Event: *Christia explained that since the event involves fundraising she brought it to the board. Each classroom adopts a theme and creates a basket for a raffle. Parents are asked to donate. There is also food that reflects a culture. Garrett and Jonah, two employees may provide some music. Susie made the motion to approve; Teresa seconded it; passed unanimously.*
- b. Consider Approval of Transportation Safety Plan: *Christia shared that the audit for the Transportation Safety Plan was approved, but the goal is to clarify the language and improve the overall organization of the document. Robert made the motion to pass; Susie seconded it; passed unanimously.*

9. Reports and Presentations

a. Director Report

i. Enrollment: 108

ii. Student Achievement and Related Measures: *In middle of doing assessments, should have results by February*

Challenges:

- *Covid impacted learning for many students*
- *Parent support difficult for many due to multitude of factors: i.e. single parent, working parents, several children in household;*
- *Work ethics have weakened for many students who had to engage in remote learning*

Responses to the challenges:

- *Motivating students: FRCS Teachers and staff are working very hard to address these challenges; often putting in extra time for the students.*
- *Life Skills are being celebrated*

iii. Campus and Student Safety: *Break in at the school on 11/10; someone stole a personal computer of a teacher as well as 2 chrome books and a security camera. Police were contacted but FRCS has not yet received the report. Robert noted that the chrome books could probably be tracked. An insurance claim was made.*

iv. Human Resources: *Going well.*

v. Upcoming School Events: *December 2nd Showcase; and a Winter Concert*

vi. Professional Development: *Christia has been meeting with each teacher; the teachers will be attending workshops on **MTSS**: Multi-Tiered System of Supports beginning in March. Stipends are available for teachers.*

vii. Board Development and Update on Responsibility Actions: *Board continues to review the academic achievements of the students.*

b. Teacher Report: *attached to minutes.*

c. Facilities Report: *Teresa noted the propane smell behind the kitchen; Christia noted that it has been evident for as long as FRCS has been in existence and that it has been checked multiple times and deemed not to be a safety issue. Tamba suggested getting a CO 2 detector which Christia thought was a good idea.*

- d. Technology Report: *Nothing to report*
- e. Transportation Report: *Still looking for a driver*
- f. Parent Teacher Partnership Report: *Shared by Teresa: A Wreath and Center Piece Workshop is planned for Saturday, December 10th. The cost for each is \$25; participants can take home what they made and purchase more of they wish. There will also be a cookie exchange. Board members were encouraged to donate manzanita, cedar or holly if they can.*

10. Future Agenda Items
Safety Policies

11. Adjournment: 7:00 pm

Submitted by Beth Wattenberg, Secretary

Teacher Report submitted by Kale Ulep

Theresa-Kindergarten is continuing to work on North American and started their theme books. They will also be starting their fall projects soon.

Stearns- We started learning about the rock cycle. We started off by learning about tectonic plates and doing some fun experiments on that. Today we are starting on a project on volcanoes.

Ulep-3rd grade math has finished their multiplication unit and will be diving into division after the break. We went on another field trip to Chico state with Sellus class for a hands-on science lab. This time it was on matter and the students had a blast. We wrapped up our science unit and are now starting our California history unit.

Sellu-Mrs. Sellu's class finished reading Wonder, watched the movie, wrote a response to literature, and have now begun Sign of the Beaver as we learn about Native Americans and their relationship with European settlers. Fourth graders are learning how to multiply with 2 digits, while fifth graders are taking on the daunting task of dividing with 2 digit divisors. We have begun writing fall poems, now that it feels like fall and will be creating art to go with them. The class is excited to learn and share about Italy for multicultural night.

DJ-The 6th graders finished a research paper on ancient Egyptian pharaohs. Seventh and Eighth grader science are working on electric circuits. The 8th graders are excited because they just got their reservation at Sunsplash for their 8th grade graduation trip. Middle school is also looking to do a field trip to the ice skating rink after the break. We are ending the trimester today and the students are working hard at completing assignments for this trimester.