

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

Forest Ranch Charter School – Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM
15815 Cedar Creek Road, Forest Ranch, CA 95942
Minutes

1. Open Session – Call to Order at 5:36
2. Roll Call
 - a. Christia Marasco – Director: *present*
 - b. Lisa Speegle – consulting CBO
 - c. Kala Ulep – Teacher Advisor/Liaison: *present*
 - d. Jody Cornilsen – Chair, Parent Representative (June 2024) : *present*
 - 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)
 - h. Susie Welker – Treasurer, Parent Representative (June 2025)
 - i. Tamba Sellu – Parent Representative (June 2024) : *present*
3. Celebrations / Recognitions
New Sticker Machine used with funds for Maker Space; very exciting opportunities. Christia showed the board examples.
4. Review Meeting Norms: *set time limits on items.*
5. Public Comments on Items NOT on the Current Meeting Agenda: *N/A*
6. Changes / Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda: *Teacher Report moved to follow Consent Calendar. On Action Calendar; 8c, Parent Budget Overview not available. Christia will discuss some items under the category of 'General Items' before her report.*
7. Consent Calendar
 - a. January Financials: *Beth made motion to approve; seconded by Teresa; passed unanimously.*
 - b. January Meeting Minutes: *Teresa made the motion to approve; seconded by Tamba; passed unanimously.*
8. Discussion/Action Calendar
 - a. Consider Approval of Second Interim Budget: *Everyone had read the budget; Tamba made the motion to approve; seconded by Robert, passed unanimously.*
 - b. Consider Approval of See's Candy Fundraiser: *Jody explained how the fundraiser worked and since the school has to put out some money for it, it needs board approval. Teresa made the motion to approve; seconded by Tamba, passed unanimously.*
 - c. Consider Approval of Mid-Year LCAP and Parent Budget Overview: *Christia went through the document and highlighted different areas. She noted that Math was the weakest academic area. Attendance has improved, but still needs to get better. Student behavior has improved since last year. Beth approved the Mid-Year LCAP; seconded by Teresa; passed unanimously.*

- d. Consider Approval of Reunion Event: *Margie Smith (former teacher) and Carolyn Atkinson (former principal) want to put on a school reunion which would be a joint event for the old school and the charter school. If held at the school there would be no alcohol allowed. Jody made the motion to approve the reunion; seconded by Beth; passed unanimously.*
- e. Consider Approval of Spring Overnight Field Trips: *Two trips discussed: Shady Creek for middle school students and Pioneer Event at the FR Community Center for 5th graders. Beth made the motion to approve; seconded by Jody; passed by all present (Tamba had to leave early).*
- f. Consider Approval of 21-22 SARC with added state data: *Jody made the motion to approve; seconded by Teresa; passed by all present (minus Tamba).*
- g. Discuss Aftercare/Homework Coordinator and Consider Approval of Change to 22-23 Pay Scale for Aftercare Coordinator Position: *Christia explained the rationale for the pay raise for the After School Coordinator position as well as how the enrollment in the program has greatly expanded since it has been offered for free to the parents. Jody made the motion to approve; Robert seconded it; passed by all present.*
- h. Discuss Form 700 obligation and requirements; *Jody explained the form and let the board members know that each one is required to submit it yearly to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest.*

9. Reports and Presentations

a. Director Report

General Report: Christia is looking in to the 'Paycheck Protection Plan' which is a government incentive plan for schools which suffered monetary losses because of Covid. She is also working with Caitlyn Dalby from the FR Fire Safe Council regarding a restoration project at the school as well as allowing the FRFSC to place a storage shed next to the existing one owned by the school. Caitlyn agreed to have the area that the council had worked on previously to be restored.

- i. Enrollment: *107; some students had to be turned away for next year due to the configuration of the class sizes.*
- ii. Student Achievement and Related Measures: *Teachers working extremely hard to help students improve their scores. Some of the challenges are: many new students were low achievers as well as need of intervention. The scores have improved, but more progress needed. Attendance is also a major challenge, as students do not always make up the work. Fortunately, this year there are funds for Intervention.*
- iii. Campus and Student Safety: *Christia is looking into an alarm system.*
- iv. Human Resources: *Several subs available and being used.*
- v. Upcoming School Event
- vi. Professional Development: *Virtual and in person training will be available for both teaching and support staff*
- vii. Board Development and Update on Responsibility Actions
- b. Teacher Report: *See attached*
- c. Facilities Report: *Pumps never replaced.*
- d. Technology Report: *Emergency Activities Fund for computers to go home.*
- e. Transportation Report: *Still looking for a permanent driver for next year.*

f. Parent Teacher Partnership Report

10. Future Agenda Items

Consolidated Application

Update Comprehensive Safety Plan

11. Adjournment at 7:21 pm

Submitted by Beth Wattenberg, Secretary

Stearns-started math unit on money, informational writing, continuing weather concluding with our water field trip

Palmarini-kindergartners are learning about beginning place value and are focusing on short vowels and cvc words. We will be moving onto the continent of Asia at the end of the week with a project about tigers.

Sellu-started new book clubs. We are reading *Shiloh*, *Bride to Terabithia*, *Hatchet*, and *City of Ember*. Fifth graders are excited about camp. In math we are getting into fractions and for science we are focusing on Earth's place on the universe.

Ulep-we are working on opinion writing. In math we are finishing up multiplying by 3, 4, 0 and 1. In science we just started our unit on living things.

DJ-Tell the board about the fantastic job the middle school kids did on their history based plays.

6th did "Demeter and Persephone," since they are studying Ancient Greece. 7/8th did "Romeo and Juliet," since their history studies find them in medieval Europe.

The kids did fantastic! Audree had all of her lines memorized as Demeter in 6th and almost all of the 7/8th. Graders had the all of their lines completely memorized!!! Lilly took the book and rewrote it as a play for our class.

It turned out to be a representation of the personality of our 7/8th grade this year, which is one of unity, support, and

belief in one another



--

All the best,
Kala Ulep

v