

# Thursday, April 21, 2022 Governing Board Minutes

Location: Bellevue-Santa Fe Charter School

1401 San Luis Bay Drive San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

4:00-5:00 p.m. OPEN SESSION

In attendance: Kevin Ashworth, Julie Turk, JoEd Sennes, Ellen Pitrowski, Bradley Escobar,

Megan Horner, Julie Stellpflug

Public: Jenny Crooks, Vicki Cheatwood, Elaine Elmore

#### 1. OPEN SESSION

1.01 Pledge of Allegiance

#### 2. ACTION

2.01 Consensus on Order of Business

2.02 Approval of Minutes - March 17, 2022

Julie Stellpflug made a motion to approve the minutes. Ellen seconded. All were in favor.

#### **3 PUBLIC INPUT**

3.01 Correspondence

A letter was read from Stephanie Purvis in regards to the library. The letter is included in the minutes. 3.02 Public Comment

Jenny Crooks - Would like to share how phenomenal the Earth Week activities have been and to thank Rhianna Henderson for her work with this. The pickets in the garden look so good. They are such a charming, whimsical addition to the garden. Thank you to the governing board for doing the job you do.

## 4. ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Rhianna has done a fabulous job organizing the Earth Week activities. The kids have been amazing. Thank you to Jenny Crooks for spearheading the pollinator garden/picket fence. Colonial Days was so good. The culminating dance with Josh Ekblom was such a treat. We're moving into testing soon.

#### 5. PTO REPORT

Wanted to thank Rhianna again for her work during Earth Week. Tomorrow will be the Earth Week movie night. The Chateau Noland event is coming up, tickets are still available. We're working on Summer Send-off with some games, raffles, and bounce houses. More information will be forthcoming. If there are extra funds needed for things around the school, please come to the PTO. Yearbook is done. Thank you to all of the volunteers for their hard work with the yearbook.

### 6. INFORMATION

6.01 Reports by Board members

Kevin - The end of the year is always a busy time at school and in Blue Forum, so I'll talk a little about both. We're wrapping up our unit on Egypt. The students just finished the first steps in their making of an Egyptian Death Mask. We will be visiting Laguna Middle School next week. The first week of May we have the return of Mock Rock at our morning assemblies. Standardized testing begins that week as well. All students in grades 3-6 will test in May. I know there will be a meeting before, but I also wanted to invite the board to our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 26th.

JoEd - I want to give a huge thank you to all of our Colonial Days volunteers:

- Dr. Luke Rawlings for apothecary.
- Julie Rawlings for colonial dance
- Sarah Rijnen and Rob Rijnen for stitchery help, tea service, and assistance all week

- Jim and Jenny Crooks for food preservation
- Dr. Jon Fow and Leslie Fow for the soldier's camp and presenting the Sons and Daughters of Liberty
- Jen Senor for cross stitching
- Kevin Ashworth for bringing in the news of new taxes
- Bradley and Kristen Escobar for the cotton trade
- Nancy Tejada for arranging our tea
- Megan Horner for the baked goods

All parents who donated food, drinks, and items for the simulation

All parents who set up and tore down the classrooms

Ellen - I'll be attending the Regent's Dinner, which is exciting.

Bradley - It's a big whirlwind at Bellevue. Lots of volunteerism around the school. From guitar to plays there is so much going on. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved.

Megan - The parents at our school are amazing. Church got into the school and it is so exciting. I've been thinking about what next year will look like without our Instructional Assistants. Is there something we can look into to raise funds for some kind of support (like revisiting the Independent Study). Is there something that we can do to make after school care more affordable? Is there something that can be done to get more students involved in assemblies?

Julie Stellpflug - Thank you to the parents for trusting me to serve on the board these last four years. Serving during COVID definitely provided challenges. Learning more about the operation of the school has been informative. It's time to spend a little more time with my family. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the school.

6.02 Enrollment Report

One student has moved out of the area. Enrollment for next year is looking good.

6.03 Curriculum and Instruction: mid-year report

Some of each meeting is spent with the business of school. We read and discussed an article on the power of praise and how it can impact our classroom. Most of our time has been spent working on growing our understanding of the components of SEL and its practices in our classrooms and teaching. As Julie discussed earlier in the year, we purchased access to an online platform that allows teachers to go through different SEL modules at their own pace. The platform, called Aperture has teachers do some reading and self-reflection through surveys and questionnaires where they identify relative strengths and focus goals within that component. We will then discuss the results of our surveys and questionnaires. Our SEL team (consisting of Erica, Olivia, Lindsey, and Julie Turk) will then extend the conversation in a subsequent meeting. So far we've covered an introduction to SEL, self-awareness, self-management, and optimistic thinking. Next week the staff will be trained in CPR and first-aid, which is a requirement for school personnel.

6.04 Governing Board Candidate Statements

A Candidate Statement from Cole Cheatwood was read.

# 7. DISCUSSION

### 8. ACTION

#### 9. CONSENT AGENDA

### 10. UPCOMING MEETING PLANNING

10.01 Develop Agenda - add Closed session and ratify election results

10.02 Review assignments and action items

10.03 Next scheduled meeting: May 19, 2022 (Closed session at 4:00; Open session at 4:15

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