

## Charter Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Members in attendance: ✓ = in attendance      A = absent

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| Arnold Arsenault   | ✓ | Katherine HeideIman (2+1) | A | Jennifer Ahrendt (2) | ✓ |
| Greg Smith         | ✓ | Steven Little (2)         | ✓ | Frances Loeffler     | ✓ |
|                    |   | Troy Coffey (1)           | ✓ | Michele Walker       | ✓ |
| Megan Lundsberg(2) | ✓ | Matt Trayte (2)           | ✓ |                      |   |

- Michele called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. in ERCS Library
- The pledge was recited.
- Michele welcomed the board. Michele also introduced Arnold Arsenault, newly appointed community member. Mr. Arsenault addressed the board.
- Quorum was established with members of the board present. Michele announced that Ed Howard has retired today from Orange Unified effective today and offered congratulations and thanks.

**5. CLOSED SESSION:** None

**6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:** N/A

**7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Moved by Troy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven. Fran asked to table Board Item 1 and Board Item 2. Michele noted that there was a discrepancy on the district's calendars that needed to be clarified.

**Motion adopted 9-0-0-2**

**8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Michele again recognized Ed Howard as an ERCS board member. She offered that he was an excellent contributor and thanked him for his service to El Rancho. Michele announced that there were no new Covid cases today. We are down from 43 to 22. Michele recognized staff for their assistance in distributing Covid tests. We received additional N95 masks from the state along with 100 buckets of disinfecting wipes. Our team is using Clorox 360 every night and all cleaning measures are kept in place. Parent Information Nights were held last week with in person and virtual options. It was great to be back to greeting kids and parents in person. We are offering tours every couple of weeks as this is a time when families are shopping for schools. We are hoping to have 6<sup>th</sup> grade tours for our feeder students.

**9. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes for the December 15 17, 2021 meeting were presented. Moved by Troy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt.

**Motion adopted 9-0-0-2**

**10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Fran reported that the committee met on January 20<sup>th</sup> to set the agenda. No other action was taken.

**11. Personnel report:** Michele presented the personnel report. Moved by Greg. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer.

**Motion adopted 9-0-0-2**

**12. Public Comment - None**

**INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**13. \*\*\*Tabled\*\*\*ACTION:** Board Item 1 – Student calendar for 2022-2023

**14. \*\*\*Tabled\*\*\*ACTION:** Board Item 2 – Work calendars for 2022-2023

**15. INFORMATION: Open Enrollment** – Michele discussed that Open Enrollment started last Monday and continues for 2 weeks. We will have space and will continue to accept students after the window closes. We currently have 85 Open Enrollment/Inter-district transfers signed up. We have 545 7<sup>th</sup> graders and anticipate 440 from our feeder schools. We need at least 30 more OE/IDT. Greater challenge is that last year, 53 students from our feeders did not come for various reason, including remaining in home school type programs. We continue to advertise, hold tours and encourage word of mouth. One drawback from feeders could be that PTSA meetings continue to be online and there are no activities on campus so parents may still feel disconnected. This all is just a sampling of the statewide issue of declining enrollment. Board members asked how to increase enrollment in the independent study program when prescribed.

**16. INFORMATION: Governor's budget proposal** – Fran conducted a presentation for the board on the Governor's budget proposal for the 2022-23 year

**17. CONSENT:** A. Contract services agreement. Moved by Troy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer.  
**Motion adopted 9-0-0-2**

**18. Public comment:** None

**19. Other business:** Fran distributed the annual Form 700 for execution by board members.

**19. Adjournment** – 6:15p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Fran Loeffler*