

Charter Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Members in attendance: ✓ = in attendance A = absent

Arnold Arsenault	✓	Jennifer Hillman (1)	✓	Nicole Zakharin (2)	✓
Jonathan Hurst	A	Joyce Vanasopha (1) 5:42pm	✓	Frances Loeffler	✓
Kenneth Miller	A	Jennifer Ahrendt (1)	✓	Michele Walker	✓
Cheryl Casanova (1)	✓	Carol Ann McGuire (1)	✓		

1. Call the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. Pledge was recited.
3. Michele welcomed board members.
4. Quorum was established with members of the board present.
5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: **Moved** by Arnold. 2nd by Jennifer Hillman.

Motion adopted 8/0/0/3 with:

*Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – absent*

*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes*

6. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Michele reported that 7th grade information nights were held at the end of January. We have had Crescent, Imperial and Canyon Rim elementaries come on tours. We are continuing with the other elementaries, and we are offering campus tours once a month. Michele was pleased to announce that Jordan Larson was El Rancho's Teacher of the Year and Kathleen LaRochelle was El Rancho's Classified Employee of the Year. Canyon hosted their CTE presentations to our 8th grade students last Friday. The History department took 300 7th grade students to Medieval Times. We will be giving the 8th grade elective presentation to students in a couple of weeks. Michele added that we are looking to add a business class as an additional elective for 8th graders. Jennifer Ahrendt added that Canyon High School has a business pathway. Career Day is February 25th and PTSA has arranged for about 9 careers to be represented. Our fundraiser reward Movie Day will be March 7th, our Minimum Day. Canyon High School will be coming to meet with the 8th graders for their registration.
7. Minutes from December 11, 2024 meeting were presented. Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Nicole.
Motion adopted 8/0/0/3 with:
*Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – absent*
*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes*
8. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Fran reported that the committee met on February 5, 2025 to set the agenda. No additional action was taken.

- 9. Personnel report:** Fran presented. Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Carol Anne.

Motion adopted 8/0/0/3 with:

*Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – absent*

*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes*

- 10. Public Comment – Items on the agenda:** None.

****Joyce arrived at 5:42pm****

INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 11. ACTION: Board Item 1 – 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Safety Plan.** Michele described the essence of the plan. It is generally the same plan other than there are two years that need to be covered. Use of Narcan has been added. Arnold asked for the location of the 5 AEDs on campus. Michele responded. Moved by Arnold. 2nd by Nicole.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/2 with:

*Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes*

*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes*

- 12. ACTION: Board Item 2 – 2025-2026 student calendar.** Fran presented the calendar. No significant changes. Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Jennifer H.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/2 with:

*Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes*

*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes*

- 13. ACTION: Board Item 3 – Minimum wage change to Classified Salary Schedule.** Fran presented a change of minimum on the schedule from \$16.00 to \$16.50 per hour. Moved by Jennifer H. 2nd by Arnold.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/2 with:

*Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes*

*Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes*

- 14. ACTION: Board Item 4 – Penner Partitions.** Penner will replace partitions in office restrooms and 100, 300 and 400 restrooms. Nicole asked about the timeline. Fran explained that the office, including the Health Office, will be done during Spring Break and the other 3 locations in June after school is out. Moved by Carol Anne. 2nd by Jennifer A.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/2 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes

Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes

- 15. ACTION: Board Item 5 – 2nd Interim budget reports.** Fran presented the 2nd Interim budget, the 3-year projected budget and the assumptions. Nominal changes from 1st Interim. Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Arnold.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/2 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes

Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes

- 16. ACTION: Board Item 6 – 2024-2024 2nd Interim Cash flow report.** Fran presented. Nominal changes from 1st Interim. Moved by Jennifer A. 2nd by Carol Anne.

Motion adopted 9/0/0/2 with:

Arnold Arsenault – yes
Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes

Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes

- 17. INFORMATION: LCAP Mid-year update.** Michele explained that we reviewed recent assessments in focus areas of math and English. 7th grade math improved by 6% and 8th grade math improved by 7%. 7th grade English went down only 2% and 8th grade went up 3%. Overall, we are moving in the right direction towards our goals. Fran reported that spending to date has been according to the plan.

- 18. INFORMATION: Governor’s proposed budget and enrollment update.** Fran presented an overview of the governor’s proposals for 25-26. She explained that there are no projected revenues outside of LCFF and that the COLA would be 2.43%. These base revenues would equate to \$11,422 per student. We are currently below expectations for enrollment but continuing to promote our school and accept open enrollment and inter-district transfer applications. She also stated that although

enrollment may be lower, it is not necessary at this time to make any changes in our program.

19. CONSENT: A. Services contract. Moved by Nicole. 2nd by Cheryl

Motion adopted 9/0/0/2 with:

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Jonathan Hurst – absent
Kenneth Miller – absent
Cheryl Casanova – yes
Jennifer Hillman – yes
Joyce Vanasopha – yes

Jennifer Ahrendt – yes
Carol Anne McGuire – yes
Nicole Zakharin – yes
Frances Loeffler – yes
Michele Walker – yes

20. Public comment, items not on the agenda: None

21. New/Other business: Completion of Form 700 by board members.

22. Adjournment – 6:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Loeffler