

**Forest Charter School
Charter Council Meeting
March 20, 2007**

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

1. Call to Order at 5:38pm

The charter council enjoyed the new FCS Choir, led by Gabrilla Lawso, who performed several songs!

2. Roll Call/Present: Larry Homan, Susan Morris, Marina Sanford, Maris Sanford, Peter Sagebiel, Marcey Gist, BJ Hatcher, Sandy McDivitt, Nancy Markson, Camille Taylor, Linda Hill (by phone) and Debbie Ayala

3. Flag Salute

4. Other: Sandy informed the group that John Walsh, who has students at both the Creekside Cooperative and the Truckee/Pioneer site, would like to join the council as a parent representative. Nancy wanted to mention the Science Fair – three projects will be submitted by FCS students from Nancy's block classes and Skye Roemer will be submitting independently. She is not aware of any middle school students participating. The awards ceremony is March 29th at the Nevada County Fairgrounds at 5:30pm. They are looking for judges – contact Leslie Smith at the county office if you are interested. The science fair is a K-12 event.

5. Camille Made the Motion to accept the March 1, 2007 Minutes with spelling corrections. Maris Seconded. AYES: Yes NOES: None

6. County Update: Sandy informed the council that our charter petition has been accepted by the Nevada County School Board and sent on to the State Board. All five charter school directors presented at the county board meeting and received a very warm welcome. Hopefully we will have our new charter number by May, 2007. Sandy also shared that we had our closure meeting with the district, which went very smooth and was a reflection of our schools accountability. Susan thanked the school team on how well this transition is progressing. Larry Meek has also agreed to renegotiate the Special Education Reserve funds with the charters. Charter Binders, containing our proposed Charter Petition, By-Laws, etc., were distributed. Sandy also shared that a representative from CCSA (California Charter School Association) came by to visit our school. She had visited with Terry McAteer, who spoke very highly of FCS and recommended she come by. Maris asked what her role would be as a parent representative on the council and Sandy discussed the charter council training and how we will become responsible as a school board.

7. Linda made the motion to **approve rescheduling the next Charter Council meeting** to April 25th with the following timeline:

- 3:30pm – 5:30pm Regular Meeting
- 6pm – 7:30pm Council Training at county office (dinner included)

Maris Seconded. AYES: All NOES: None

8. **International Summer Travel:** Nancy informed the council that we did not get the Toyota Grant she and Jennifer Homan applied for to help cover international travel. Nancy would still like FCS to support a Costa Rica trip in the spring of 2008 (a two week turtle research trip). Nancy would like to use the Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate as a fundraiser and continue to promote this trip through the school (i.e. FCS Open House, etc).

9. Camille moved that we **gather at 2pm on April 25th** to generate our director's evaluation. Nancy seconded. AYES: All NOES: None

10. **Education Foundation Documents:** Camille will email the proposed foundation By-Laws to charter members for review for further discussion at our April meeting. Camille gave a clear outline on the process of creating a foundation and the duties of the officers which would be required. We would start with one annual meeting per year. Camille would be willing to serve on the foundation.

11. **Policy Approval:** (Handout)

- Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Dean's list and Honor Roll requirements
- Block Class Substitutes

Maris made the motion to approve the Academic Policy and Block Class Substitute Policy as presented by Peter. Camille Seconded. AYES: All NOES: None

13. Charter Council Evaluation: *Tabled*

14. Linda made the motion to approve the Youth Environmental Symposium (May 18th) fieldtrip and the SF Exploratorium and Marine World (May 10 – 11) science field trip. Nancy Seconded. AYES: All NOES: None

15. **Director's Update:**

- Sandy acknowledged Creekside and Camille for their very successful **Super Bowl Fundraiser**, where they raised \$14,000. Sandy and Debbie went up for the event and had a great time! The students read poems and did a Rhyming Cinderella play!
- Sandy talked about and handed out the '**Threshold**' magazine, where Jeff Rice, CEO of APlus, is interviewed about Personalized Learning Programs and FCS is mentioned.
- **CCSA Conference** will be happening the week of March 26th in San Diego. Linda, Peter, Sandy and Eleni will be attending. It's a great way to see what is going on in charter schools throughout the state.

- Students **art work on display** at the Rood Center.
- A **K-8 parent meeting** took place last week regarding block classes at the Imaginaium. We are currently researching options for facilities. Sandy and Peter have a meeting schedule with **Mt. Saint Mary's School** and a partnership for facilities. We will also have a teacher on board next year who will be able to hold and focus on the K-8 block classes.

Consent Agenda Nancy made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Linda Seconded. AYES: All NOES: None

Marina made the motion to adjourn at 7:29pm. Camille Seconded.

Our next Charter Council Meeting will be held on April 25 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Ayala, Charter Council Secretary

Charter Council Approved:

Larry Home, Chair

Date