



School Board Meeting Minutes

Laurel Tree Charter School

Board Meeting 10/18/22 at 6 PM

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1. **Call to Order: 6:03 pm** Board in attendance: Josh Nikolauson Nicole Dollarhide, Mary Burke, Diane Moore, Liz Larsen, John Scaglione , Staff in attendance: Brenda Sutter, Noelle Lake. Community in attendance: Kristy and Ryan Thompson, Clairissa West.
2. **Adopt the minutes:** Mary Burke motioned to adopt the minutes, John Scaglione seconded. In favor: Josh Nikolauson Nicole Dollarhide, Mary Burke, Diane Moore, Liz Larsen, John Scaglione Opposed: none.
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** *Tabling 8c and 8 e and 9 2.*
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** Josh Nikolauson motioned to adopt the agenda, Liz Larsen seconded. In favor: Josh Nikolauson Nicole Dollarhide, Mary Burke, Diane Moore, Liz Larsen, John Scaglione Opposed: none.
5. **Land Recognition:** *We recognize that we are on the unceded tribal territory of the Wiyot people. This recognition is a starting point for further conversation and education. We thank and honor these caretakers and carry their stewardship from time immemorial forward as part of the education of the next generation.*
6. **Recognitions:** Brenda introduced two new aides, Devon Love and Sam Oetinger. Devon brings her experience with mindfulness and a lovely calm presence to her work as a one-on-one aide. Sam is a credentialed art teacher who will be able to sub for us as well as support high school students in passing A-G classes. He will also be starting afterschool Art Studio time, homework help, and clubs for the middle and high school.
7. **Public Comment on items before the board:** The public is invited to join in our discussions.
8. **Information/Discussion Items:**
 - a. Review our First Interim Budget. *Brenda reviewed the summary of the First Interim Budget.*

- b. Update on Parent Meetings/Plans for Potluck and Performance. *October 27th from 5:30 to 7 we'll have a Potluck and Performance at Azalea Hall. We'll use Sign-up Genius to organize set-up, clean-up and other parent help. Families can bring a potluck item to share. We want to have a zero waste event, with folks bringing their own plates and forks, Teachers will have tables with student portfolios from the quarter, and information on Wild Classes. Family Inclusion Group will have a table there as well. The performance of primary theater, dance, and music classes will start at 6:30. We will have "color coding" for families and some sort of ice-breaker or activity. Brenda will see if we can get the BBQ as well.*
- c. Neighborhood News presented by Kimberley White. - *tabled*
- d. Revisiting our Covid Policy. *We discussed whether or not we wanted to keep the mandatory masking in high as part of our policy. It was decided that no changes should be made without more parent input and that a survey would be sent out to collect data.*
- e. Nomination of new Board Member - Brenda would like to nominate Homer Read to the Board. - *tabled*
- f. Review our ESSER Plan - *We looked at our ESSER spending plan to make sure that we are spending the funds as planned. We are on track. Brenda will review our ESSER Safe Return to School Plan and make sure it is up-to-date and bring it to the Board in November.*
- g. Review our Educator Effectiveness Plan - *Brenda shared the update of the plan to spend the remaining \$22,000 on Diversity Training, Substitute coverage to allow teacher observation and curriculum development, and Forest School Training for primary teachers.*
- h. Review our Anti-Bias Grant application - *The application and general plan was shared. Funding would be used to provide training, student experiences with diverse theater and cultural events, and work on aligning our policies procedures and hiring practices.*
- i. First reading of our Driving Policy
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GY0DsykfCTNRe_Q3Wc7ZgwUKRIP_Mqyu?usp=sharing *Discussion around lowering our driver age from 25 to 21. Second reading and more discussion at the next meeting.*

9. Action Items:

- 1. Approve our First Interim Budget. *John Scaglione motioned to approve our First Interim Budget, Diane Moore seconded. In favor: Josh Nikolauson Nicole Dollarhide, Mary Burke, Diane Moore, Liz Larsen, John Scaglione Opposed: none.*

2. Approval of new Board Member. - *Tabled*
3. Approve changes to our Covid Policy. - *Liz Larsen motioned to table the action until we gather more community input. Mary Burke seconded. In favor: Josh Nikolauson Nicole Dollarhide, Mary Burke, Diane Moore, Liz Larsen, John Scaglione Opposed: none.*
4. Board must assert a state of emergency every month. It must state that it directly impacts the safety of our community to meet in person. *Josh Nikolauson motioned to assert a state of emergency, Liz Larsen seconded. In favor: Josh Nikolauson Nicole Dollarhide, Mary Burke, Diane Moore, Liz Larsen, John Scaglione Opposed: none.*

10. **Future Agenda Items:** Driver's policy, survey on masking requirements, cash flow, report on the Potluck and Performance, ESSER Safe Return to School update, Report from Josh on conference.

11. **Next Board meeting:** November 15th

12. **Adjournment:** 7:12 pm