



CHARTER COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2020 – 5:30 PM – Faculty Lounge

Charter Council Members	<i>President</i>	<i>Tim Mitchell</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Jessica Lee</i>	<i>Present</i>
	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>*Vacant*</i>	<i>*Vacant*</i>
	<i>Member</i>	<i>Larry Schwartz</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Member</i>	<i>Kate Feigin</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Administrator, Ex-officio</i>		<i>Jeanne Yttreness</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Business Manager</i>		<i>Michelle Ebert</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Faculty Representative</i>		<i>Meagan Bet</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Parent Representative</i>		<i>Eva Marie Gomez</i>	<i>Present</i>

1. OPENING ITEMS

- 1.1. Call to Order – *Tim called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.*
- 1.2. Roll Call – *Tim Mitchell, Jessica Lee, Kate Feigin, and Jeanne Yttreness present. Larry Schwartz absent by prior arrangement.*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

- 2.1. Approval of Agenda – February 10, 2020 – *Jessica motioned to approve; Kate seconded; approved 3-0.*
- 2.2. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2020 – *Continued to a future meeting until which time a quorum of those in attendance at the January meeting are present to vote.*

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. Public Comment for Items NOT on Agenda – *Mrs. Bet provided a letter advising of her intentions not to return as a full-time teacher next year. She is looking to continue with ROCS in a part-time capacity, should there be a position for her.*
- 3.2. Public Comment for Items ON Agenda – *Eva Marie Gomez shared comments on behalf of ROCS parent Achilles Polyonis regarding agenda item 6.2. Based on the parent letter submitted to the various ROCS councils, Mr. Polyonis requested that Parent Council be afforded an opportunity to review and provide feedback prior to any action taken by the Charter Council.*

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- 4.1. Parent Council Report – *Ms. Gomez reported on various topics regarding the Parent Council. She indicated that the PC is currently looking at promoting illness prevention through hand-washing education and by installing sanitation stations throughout the school. Ms. Gomez also provided updates regarding some current and upcoming fundraisers.*



- 4.2. Faculty Council Report – *Mrs. Bet discussed the 100th anniversary of Waldorf and advised that the faculty has been addressing reaffirming Waldorf values while also breathing fresh air into these principles; this includes looking at how we interact with technology and how to make Waldorf-based education more inclusive. Faculty is looking at possibly sending two or three delegates to the 2020 Association of Waldorf Schools conference held in Chicago in June. The fact that this year’s conference is a combination of both the Association of Waldorf Schools and the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education is very significant and should provide a unique platform for both learning and for advocating. Mrs. Bet shared that students are actively preparing for the upcoming speech assembly, taking place on February 13. She also noted students’ anticipation for Valentine’s Day, highlighting the 6th Grade flower and cookie fundraiser. The faculty is working on identifying and selecting CAASP testing dates. Mrs. Bet advised that teachers are having more and more discussions in the classroom regarding respect due to students’ treatment of each other, the staff, and the school. Lastly, Mrs. Bet imparted that the 8th Grade will be hosting an upcoming parent/child dance, in which mothers, fathers, and guardians can share a dance with their child.*

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1. Approval to Hire Jessica Windrem, Office/Health Assistant – *Jessica motioned to approve; Kate seconded; approved 3-0.*
- 5.2. Approval to Temporarily Hire Lisa Strom to Assist in Transition of Business & Operations Manager Duties – *This item was pulled from Consent for discussion. Kate motioned to approve the temporary hire of Lisa Strom at the rate of \$65 per hour (non-benefitted), not to exceed a maximum of 30 hours; Jessica seconded; approved 3-0.*
- 5.3. Approval of River Oak Charter School Financial Auditor’s Report – *Report Jessica motioned to approve; Kate seconded; approved 3-0.*

6. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6.1. Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding Development of River Oak Charter School Media Recommendations/Guidelines – *Based on direction from the Charter Council, members unanimously support the development of these guidelines, including those modifications recommended by the Parent Council.*
- 6.2. Discussion and Possible Amendment to the River Oak Charter School Student Dress Standards Policy – *Those present discussed why this matter was agendaized, including a parent letter highlighting concerns over a recent incident in which the Policy was applied. While it was agreed that certain elements of the Policy are outdated, the Charter Council ultimately decided to table this item until which time as the Faculty and Parent Councils have had an opportunity to review and provide their recommendations.*
- 6.3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding River Oak Charter School’s Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum – *Mrs. Yttresness presented on the LCAP Addendum. She advised that she is currently working with staff to develop the annual satisfaction survey, which is distributed to faculty, parents/guardians, and students very soon. This item was not presented for action at this time. The Charter Council accepted the informational update from Mrs. Yttresness.*



6.3. Fieldtrips:

6.4.1 Class 5, Mrs. Oberti, February 27-28, 2020
Destination: Rosecrucian Museum, San Jose, CA

6.4.2 Classes 6/7/8 (members of ROCS boys basketball), Mrs. Martinez, March 6-8, 2020
Destination: 52nd Annual Crescent City Jaycees Boys Basketball Tournament (Invitational)

Jessica motioned to approve both field trips; Kate seconded; approved 3-0.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (Continued)

7.1. Administrator's Report – *Mrs. Yttreness reflected on the amount of work that has been going into projects such as the LCAP and the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). She also imparted that many illnesses have been going around the school with several students out sick. The school is actively working to education students on proper hygiene and protocols to help decrease the spread of these germs.*

7.2. Charter Council Report – *The Charter Council discussed the fact that both Jessica's and Tim's terms will be ending in March. Jessica indicated that she does not intend to seek re-election. With the currently un-filled Community Member seat, this will potentially create three new members on the Council. Members also discussed the recruitment for a new School Administrator/Superintendent. As of the meeting date, 3 applications had been received. The Charter Council would like to see a hiring committee convened and comprised of representatives from Charter Council, Faculty Council, and Parent Council. All applicants are from out of the area, so it is likely that the initial interview will be Skype-based. Mrs. Ebert will start reaching out to applicants regarding their availability and will work with council representatives to schedule first interviews.*

8. CLOSED SESSION

8.1. Conference with Labor Negotiations
Agency Designated Representative(s): Jeanne Yttreness and Lisa Strom
Unrepresented Employee: Food Service Director

9. OPEN SESSION

9.1. Report of Action Taken, If Any – *Jessica motioned to approve an increase in the salary for the Food Service Director position to \$25 per hour, effective immediately; Kate seconded; approved 3-0.*

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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