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Bridges Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 16, 2024 at 6:15 PM

ONSITE MEETING LOCATION
Bridges Charter School
1335 Calle Bouganvilla, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS
(required for board members joining remotely)

In Ventura County:

1196 Portside Drive
Ventura, CA 93001

Outside Ventura County"

Community Members may choose to join in-person or via Zoom Meeting at:

Join Zoom Meeting
ID: 85692113923
Passcode: 445470

Community members wishing to speak publicly must be present at the board meeting in person.

Directors Present

H. Kruse, K. Yevmenkina, N. Hashemi, O. Gunday Heerma

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
C. McCarthy, I. Rhode, K. Brown, K. Simon

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Yevmenkina called a meeting of the board of directors of Bridges Charter School to order on Tuesday Jan 16, 2024 at 6:15 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to approve agenda.
H. Kruse seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Minutes

H. Kruse made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-11-23.
K. Yevmenkina seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A. Governing Board

B. Administrator Reports

Westlake Village Symphony –

- The Westlake Village Symphony will be visiting Bridges on February 22nd to lead workshops with our middle school students and to give a performance of Peter and the Wolf for our 4th-8th grade students.
- They are providing this performance as part of a grant program that they have received, and Bridges will be spending $1000 for the performance from our Arts and Music Grant.

Teacher Survey –

- Mid-year teacher survey's will be going out to teachers this month. We will share the results with the board when the survey results are in.

Electrical Systems and SCE Billing –

- We have seen significant increases in the Electrical bills from CVUSD; last year the bills nearly doubled, and they are on track to do so again this year.
- Dr. Kelly did a walk through with the District to better understand our electrical meters and the Districts' billing procedures. We learned that there are three separate meters powering Bridges' portion of the facility.
- The HVAC system is on the same system as the Central Kitchen. We still have some questions about how the District is dividing this bill. The other systems are more straight forward, as one meter powers our portable facilities, and the other powers our portion of the facility minus the HVAC systems.
- We learned that the District will be installing a Tesla Power Grid in March that should provide some relief in our electrical bills too. The visit raised some questions about upgrading our HVAC units which are 25+ years old.
- I have scheduled a follow up to discuss concerns about ensuring that our facilities are upgraded at a similar rate that the District is upgrading its' other facilities.

CCSA Conference Presentation –

- Dr. Skye Stifel and I submitted a proposal for a presentation at the CCSA Conference in March to share our school's practices around universal monitoring and schoolwide interventions. Our proposal was accepted, and we look forward to sharing our research with other Charter leaders across the state. We will share the presentation with our board in our March meeting.

Parsec Dashboard –

- We have begun to integrate our social emotional data into the Parsec Dashboard that we will use to present our data at the conference. https://www.parsecgo.com/dashboard?menu=dashboard101

Kindergarten Marketing Recommendations-

- Tabled, my meeting was rescheduled due to illness.

ERC Updates –

- The IRS submitted a request for us to return the majority of the funds that we have received. After discussions, we determined that ERC Funding was not equipped with industry specific knowledge about Charter Schools to manage an appeal with the IRS.

- We have therefore requested a termination of contract with ERC Funding. They will be refunding all the fees paid, and we will be moving our appeal to a Tax Attorney, Michael Williams, who has spent time specializing in ERC for Charter Schools.
- He will be taking over our appeal that is due January 31st and amending some of our submissions. He has guided some charter schools already through the appeal process, and has had success. We are more confident that he has industry specific knowledge to guide us through the next steps of the process. His fees are structured similarly to ERC Funding, but has agreed to charge 9.5% of the overall refund.

III. Consent Items

A. Consent Items

H. Kruse made a motion to approve consent items.
O. Gunday Heerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Business and Operations

A. Approval of 2023-24 CARS Winter Release

N. Hashemi made a motion to approve the 23-24 CARS Winter Release.
H. Kruse seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approval of 2022-23 Audit Report

O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to Approve the 22-23 Audit Report.
N. Hashemi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. 2024-2025 Calendar

N. Hashemi made a motion to Approve the 24-25 Calendar.
H. Kruse seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to Approve the 24-25 Bell Schedule.
H. Kruse seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Curriculum and Instruction

A. School Accountability Report Card

N. Hashemi made a motion to Approve the School Accountability Report Card.
O. Gunday Heerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Governing Board

A. Administrative Goals

Dr. Kelly spoke about the goals for the SY 23-24

Goal 1: Enrollment and Attendance
GOAL 2: Sustain a Safe, Responsible, and Respectful School Learning Community
GOAL 3: Communication, Engagement, and Diversity
GOAL 4: Student Learning in Support of LCAP, WASC, and our Charter.

VII. Closed Session

A. Consideration of Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline, or Dismissal of an Employee. 7 Cases, Employee #'s: 1000029454, 1000024503, 1000018494, 674254304, 1000026825, 1000042428, 371162044

Spoke in closed session about employee #'s
1000029454, 1000024503, 1000018494, 674254304, 1000026825, 1000042428, 371162044

Finished closed session at 7:51

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Yevmenkina