



PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Charter Committee Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2019

Attendance

Dara Williams
Pam Magee
Monica Iannessa
Tami Christopher
Susan Ackerman
Larry Wiener
Daphne Gronich
Student – Maddie Stein
Student – Arlene Cruz
Lisa Saxon
Keri Kraft arrived late

The following people would like to be on the Charter Committee:

Pam Magee, Dara Williams, Monica Iannessa, Tami Christopher, Susan Ackerman, Larry Wiener, Daphne Gronich, Keri Kraft, and Maddie Stein

Discussion about District Required Language

Monica has started looking at modifying some of the language based on the updates she is of which she is aware.

Approval of minutes:

Paul

Lisa

Monica and Daphne abstain

Unanimously approved

Attendance Policy

Instituting a policy for bringing notes for clearing absences; maybe shortening the time period to turn in notes

Closing loopholes on make-up work

Suggestion by Minh Ha Ngo that we tie community service hours to excess absences as opposed to it having it affect a grade

There is a lack of consistency in attendance policies and make-up work



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If the absence excused, then teachers are required to give the make-up work
Keri Kraft arrived

Right now there are a lot of kids excusing absences because they want to go to prom
Many teachers do not want to fail a student for excessive absences
Infinite Campus does not automatically do it
Can't use a grade to punish a student for behaving badly
Granada is very strict with their grading policy

Discussion of SARB possibility

First period tardies may not depend on the student
Maybe there are different punishments that could be implemented
If we have tardies removed from the equation for failing that might work

Doesn't seem to be an attendance issue at Pali Academy
Discussion about how this works with IEPs; probably need to intervene through the IEP
Distance traveled might play into the problem

Sometimes with the 7 absences those kids are already failing
Nobody writes truancy tickets anymore
An absence just shows up as unknown
Make unknown unappealable if they miss the window for clearing up
If your absence is uncleared then no make-up work, that will have an impact on their grade
Either 5 to 10-day window

Tardy sweeps
Granada puts kids in study hall
Many of the kids do need supports and that is why they are missing class

For the 7th period PE some kids stop going after the season is over and that results in many absences; no reason to pay teachers to coach sports when the kids do not need the PE credits
Cross-country and track there are so many kids
Where the teacher of record is not the coach it is costing money so no reason to pay a teacher to just take roll; kids can still get their PE credit but not a grade

SARB members possibilities:

Principal
School psychologist



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School counselor
Deputy District Attorney
School police officer
Teachers
Social workers

We could think of offering attendance incentives:

Like getting premium seats at graduation for great attendance over 4 years
Attendance cookies
Gift cards
Attendance banquets

Absences and tardies trigger an intervention

We should look at it from a support issue

Tami Christopher will prepare something for our next meeting

The benefit of looking at it this way is that it is individualized

Perhaps sometimes prohibiting after school activities might work

Looking at it on an individualized basis; some kids would be motivated by this

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