

**LIBERTY COMMON SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
BUSINESS MEETING**

January 31, 2019

Teacher's Lounge, Liberty Common School
1725 Sharp Point Dr. Fort Collins, CO

BOD: Paulette Hansen, Kelly Notarfrancesco, Patrick Albright, Brad Kreikemeier, Aislinn Kottwitz, Tricia Diehl, Patrick Albright
Tom Kranz, Robert Robinson, Sandy Stoltzfus, Dan Knab, Kathleen Kearney, Katrina Brossia, Cole Goeltl, Todd Arnderfer, Chris Pletcher, Carrie Pletcher, Elizabeth Barber,

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03

- Approve agenda – unanimously approved.

STAFF AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

- Chris Pletcher - HB 19-1032 – Sex Education Bill. Takes control away from the parents and the school. Broad definition of human sexuality training. It will adversely affect our character education and school.
- Cole Goeltl – New and improved Goeltl. House retreat two weeks ago. Went spectacular. What it means to be a leader and how to more efficiently use our house time. Thank you for the education. MIT, Texax A&M

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Approve minutes – December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - Moved by Notarfrancesco. Seconded by Diehl
 - Passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Headmaster Report – Mr. Schaffer
 - Ms. Stoltzfus – Worked extensively on Policy for ECEA 12.00. Next steps of implementation are for BOD to express any changes. Staff feels confident about policy as written. Policy will be in place. To be voted on later in the meeting.
 - Charter Renewal with PSD went as expected. Superintendent recommended 5 year renewal instead of our requested 24 year renewal. 30 day timeline. Mr. Schaffer recommends appeal of the term of the charter. There was no discussion between school and PSD. Believe there should be mutual discussion. Important to send the message that our school will stand up for itself and our students.
 - Rep. Kipp is intending to repeal the Charter School equalization fund which our school participated in fighting to get equal funding for all charter school students. Hasn't been introduced yet but we haven't seen the bill yet.
 - HB 1052 Comprehensive Sexual Education Act in CO state House. Passed through committee 1/30/19. Charter schools are not precluded. This is a curricular mandate of which we oppose all as school, such as history, financial management, etc. This is a non-academic. We maintain academics in our school. We are concerned about addition to curriculum that is not academic. We are intentional to not undermine personal household philosophies. There are parts of this bill that are outside the schools mission. CLCS has not made a stand or strategy on this bill. Regardless of subject matter, CLCS has autonomy as first priority of legislation. BOD gave direction to pursue all political options to defeat this bill or exemption of charter schools.
 - Ms. Kearney – Several disciplinary actions required. Significant amount of plagiarism. SLADER website gives answers to textbook questions. House

Retreat – the kids have incredible discussions. “More managing and less leading”. Shedding light on character education and incorporating into House system.

- Security training/opportunity with Larimer County Sheriff’s Department and Fort Collins Police Department. Looking at opportunities learned at this event.
- Student information privacy. Working on policy for BOD approval and implementation of committee
- Foreign Language Department Report
 - Ms. Paulina Deitrick, Dr. Gerson, Ms. Fowler, Ms. Auble, Ms. Clouser, Dr. Werner, Ms. Bradley, Ms. Solis
 - Celebrations: We had great results on national Latin exam. Increasing success in National Spanish exam, as well. We have won every award we have applied to. Our kids are winning amazing travel and educational opportunities.
 - 7th Grade Latin club is growing and are quite successful.
 - Transition for 7th grade Latin. Elementary prepares students quite well for 7th grade Latin.
 - Biggest concern is elective attendance. In order to market the classes, we had foreign language week. Greek, Latin, French, Spanish.

NEW BUSINESS

- Charter Renewal Approved for 5 Years – discuss appeal – Mr. Schaffer
 - Ms. Notarfrancesco moved to appeal the 5 year charter renewal to the Colorado State Board of Education. Mr. Albright seconded it. Opportunities far outweigh the costs. Unanimously approved.
- Discussion of Headmaster Performance Evaluation Policy Draft – First reading – Mrs. Hansen
 - Discussion around 2 BOD members versus full board.
 - Other input from HM direct reports. No opposition at this time.
- Review of Preliminary 2019-20 Budget – Mr. Kreikemeier
 - Will be voted on in February. Needs to be submitted to PSD in March.
 - Added new fund for bond money from PSD. This is fund 41 and has limitations on what it may be used for and must be reported to PSD.
- Approve 2019-20 School Calendar – Ms. Hansen and Mr. Churchill
 - No concerns. Some discussion on required days and hours. Also questioned Thanksgiving days off.
 - Ms. Notarfrancesco moved to approve start/end dates and major holidays for 2019-20 school calendar. Mr. Kreikemeier seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Discussion of Exceptional Children’s Educational Act Policy – First Reading – Mr. Schaffer
 - Mandated to have a policy.
 - Will be fully implemented in 2019-20 school year.
 - Will vote at next meeting.
- Appoint BOD Election Committee – Ms. Hansen
 - Referred to Governance Committee for action

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Parent Survey – Ms. Diehl
 - Still getting input and making adjustments to be presented. Ms. Diehl will send to board for input.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Financial Advisory Committee – Mr. Kreikemeier

- Full-time kindergarten will be increased to \$315 to align with school district. Recommended by FAC.
- Financial management is strong.
- Academic Advisory Committee – No report this month
- Parent Education – Mrs. Diehl
 - Junto was extremely successful.
 - Continuing plan for philosophy night.
- Governance – Ms. Notarfrancesco
 - June Strategic planning meeting – will send doodle poll for advanced planning
 - February Strategic Planning Meeting planned for Feb 21st.
- Charter Renewal Committee – Mr. Goetl
 - Nothing additional
- Building Corporation Liaison – Ms. Diehl
 - Deck capital project. Waiting on final pricing.
 - Future opportunities with public/private partnership
- Development/Fundraising – Ms. Kottwitz
 - Looking forward to two fundraising events coming up in the next semester.
 - Inclusion of new committee members is stimulating
 - Successful letter writing campaign
 - Development Committee to work with BOD liaison to CKCSF on where we are spending
- Political – Mr. Albright
 - Strategic Plan for Committee includes:
 - Increase BOD and staff development in political outreach.
 - Promote growth of charter schools
 - Ensure a successful charter renewal
 - Establish and maintain a strong working relationship with PSD, Department of Education, and Colorado league of Charter Schools.

TOP THREE ITEMS FOR COMMON SENSE NEWSLETTER – to be written by Mr. Kreikemeier

ADJOURN – 9:20pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

BOD Discussion/Training on School Finance – Mr. Kreikemeier and Ms. Brossia