

Fresno Innovative Charter Schools, Inc.

Board of Directors Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting Held:

3135 N. Harrison Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704

Regular Meeting:

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Fresno Innovative Charter Schools, Inc. was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2018. Meeting was convened at 5:00 p.m. by Board Member Davis.

Board Members Present:

Bob Nelson, Keshia Thomas, Valerie Davis, Jesse Molina (teleconference), Esmeralda Soria (5:17 p.m.)

- Board Members absent: Caty Perez, Luisa Medina, Esmeralda Soria

Student Presentations to the Board:

First grade students presented their writers workshop book reviews, math strategies, and the differences of learning and resources from their past unit.

Executive Director's Report to the Board:

- Current student enrollment - 399
- Kindergarten - Past and present people who have created change in peaceful ways
- Second grade - Natural processes can cause change
- Third grade - Discovering how communities' histories and futures are shaped by change
- Music - Learning how emotion impacts the rhythm and beat of music
- Mother Tongue & Literacy Week - During Mother Tongue, students investigated the beauty of languages around the world and during Literacy Week students participated in an author study
- Shamrock Shuffle - Students danced for the 2nd year in a row; Pledges were collected online and in person, earning just about \$8,000 so far
- Events - Students participated in activities during National Kindness Week and made valentines for San Joaquin Gardens; Dad event was a night of dancing and had 2 teachers as DJ's
- Professional Learning - Executive Director and Mrs. Hudson attended UnBoundEd; Held Teacher Training Day with learnings from conferences; Monthly professional development on inquiry based instruction; Teacher led professional development; Four grade levels focused on intense foundational reading and writing; Grade levels have become research teams
- FUSD Gate program - Visited Dailey to learn how we design and implement inquiry stations

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- Enrollment - 2nd day of Open Enrollment; Expected to have 36 siblings applying; Possibility of 2 fifth grade classrooms next year; Kindergarten instruction day will be extended to 1:30 p.m.
- Upcoming Events
- Social Media

A. Consent Agenda

A-1: Approve Minutes for Board Meeting of December 4, 2018

Motion Passed: Enacted in one approval with no items pulled for the Consent Agenda.

Passed 4-0-0 with a motion by Board Member Nelson and a second by Board Member Thomas

A-2: Approve CDE P-1 Attendance Report

Motion Passed: Enacted in one approval with no items pulled for the Consent Agenda.

Passed 4-0-0 with a motion by Board Member Nelson and a second by Board Member Thomas

A-3: Approve School Safety Plan 2019-2020

Motion Passed: Enacted in one approval with no items pulled for the Consent Agenda.

Passed 4-0-0 with a motion by Board Member Nelson and a second by Board Member Thomas

A-4: Ratify Board Policy 1003 Visitor and Visitor Removal

Motion Passed: Enacted in one approval with no items pulled for the Consent Agenda.

Passed 4-0-0 with a motion by Board Member Nelson and a second by Board Member Thomas

Unscheduled Oral Communication:

None

B. Conference/Discussion Agenda:

B-1: Present Charter Renewal Process

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Discussed: Debra Odom, Fresno Unified Charter Office presented the process for charter renewal, which is every 5 years

Role of charter office and team is to review the following areas:

- 1) Academic success
- 2) Operationally viable
- 3) Fiscally sound

All criteria currently being met

Three Items Required of the Board

- 1) Notice of Intent
- 2) Board Evaluation of Charter (one copy submitted)
- 3) Request for Board Member Information

Timeline is based on the Executive Director's decision but are generally done in the fall

B-2: Present Charter School Background

Discussed: Background of charter schools, Review of Charter Schools Act of 1992, California Charter Law

B-3: Discuss and Approve Board Policy 5022 - Student Use of Technology Policy

Discussed: Rationale for having our own student use policy

Motion Passed: Enacted in one approval with no items pulled for the Consent Agenda.

Passed 5-0-0 with a motion by Board Member Nelson and a second by Board Member Soria

B-4: Present and Discuss Winter NWEA Data

Discussed: Both Fall and Winter assessments were given four weeks earlier and Kindergarten-Second will be given in May

B-5: Discuss and Approve Substitute Compensation

Discussed: Rationale for increase of pay

Motion Passed: Enacted in one approval with no items pulled for the Consent Agenda.

Passed 5-0-0 with a motion by Board Member Thomas and a second by Board Member Soria

C. Receive Information and Reports

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C-1: Received Draft 2019-2020 Board Meeting Schedule

Closed Session:

1) Personnel

D. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.