

Days Creek Charter School K-12
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
September 7, 2017

Board Members Present: Diane Swingley, Rex Fuller, Pauline Montgomery-Borg, Dana Stone, Jim Docherty, Cathy Knapp, Nicole Bambino, Sandy Kelley, Ron Dunn, Matt Giles, Cyndal Brown, Carlie Dossman, and Samantha Cañete

Administration: Dr. Mark Angle

District Staff:

Public/Students:

1. 6:33 PM Meeting called to order by Ms. Swingley.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
3. Agenda approval – The agenda was approved.
4. Approval of minutes – August meeting notes approved as read.
5. Public Input – None
6. Appoint and Swear in Director and Student Directors – Matt Giles, Parent/Patron Position 7, Cyndal Brown-Student Position 11, Carlie Dossman, Student Position 12, and Samantha Cañete, Student Position 13 provided their applications for appointment to the Charter Board. All Board members read them. Diane explained the Board of Directors positions and that we follow public meeting laws. Pauline motioned to approve the four applicants as members, Nicole seconded, all in favor. Diane swore them into office. Dr. Angle explained to the three students that they were nonvoting members and encouraging them to stay engaged in the discussions and provide input. He also mentioned he had discussed with them the need for appropriate confidentiality.
7. Report of the Director – Supt. Mark Angle
 - a. Enrollment update: Dr. Angle provided a handout that broke out the number of students in each grade and a breakdown of male or female. We have a total of 209 students, 86 high school students. Ninety high school students would move us into 2A league for sports. The 2A league status would increase cost and time out of class due to length of travel time. Dr. Angle is going to propose to the District Board to add one additional educational assistant. This would be a one year temporary position.
 - b. Charter Document Update and the Path Forward: The District Board did not like the wording stating the Charter Board having representation in hiring the Superintendent/Principle/Director. Dr. Angle provided a copy of a March, 2005 DCDS Governance that listed the operation responsibilities authorized by the District Board to the Charter Board. This Governance states “Hiring administrator or Exec Director” will continue to be done by the District Board. Diane stated this was updated with the ORS 338, Charter School Law. She explained this school has traditionally been a community school, with the District Board involving the community in selecting a superintendent/principle. While considering to charter the Days Creek 6-12 campus, this tradition was followed in hiring the person who subsequently became the first Director. The traditional hiring process was negligently not included in the charter to cover the hiring of the Charter School Director who also serves as the Superintendent/Principal.

The traditional hiring process was used in the selection of the second Director, without that authority being in the charter contract. To hire their Director, the seasoned Charter School Board of Directors were at the table, reading candidate applications, calling for verification of information, selecting the final candidates, interviewing candidates, selecting the final candidate. The District #15 Board of Directors voted for the record. Diane is concerned about the Charter School directors being accountable to the voters through the District Board for the curriculum, etc. and not having the authority to accomplish their responsibilities. The two District Board members on the Charter Board explained their reasoning for voting to reject the revision because the word “collaborate” is too broad, the new language added an overlap in Board roles, and the District Board members are elected by the community and are ultimately responsible for the hiring and firing of the superintendent. Dr. Angle read the district policy which states “may consult.” It was suggested that the two boards get together to come to an understanding of each board’s roles and responsibilities. Diane stated that we need to consult with the Charter Board Attorney prior to meeting with the District Board. The Charter Board wants what the law provided for us. The Charter revision will be postponed. Dr. Angle will set up a training session for the Charter Board members, covering laws, responsibilities, roles, etc. and invite the District Board members. September 29 has been proposed for this training.

Side note: The Senior Project Advisor asked through Dr. Angle that the project proposal presentations be pushed back into October. He also mentioned splitting the seniors into three separate Board member groups and splitting the Board members into groups for presentations. The board groups will summarize the projects to the other groups. This will reduce the amount of time the students need to stay after school hours.

8. Report of the Student Success Coordinator - Ms. Cathy Knapp

- a. Smarter Balance Assessment Data: Cathy provided us with handouts detailing the results of the Smarter Balance and the OAKS assessments completed last school year. She stated we did better than expected for the first time doing Smarter Balance. Math is our primary weakness. 11th grade students really need to improve in math. Algebra and geometry are the areas needing to work on. In order to help with this Dr. Angle has increased the part time math tutor to 3 hours per day and the tutor is with the 9th grade class for a full hour. The science assessment has very fuzzy results, with not enough info for proper analysis. It is hard for the teachers to know how to improve. The new Student Board members were asked their opinion of the assessment and they agreed that it was harder than the past testing; having essays, defending math answers, and not being multiple choice type questions. They said it was stressful but they were allowed to take breaks.

9. Standing Committee Reports -

- a. Mission and Vision – Jim Docherty, Chair reviewed the GLOBE.gov website. He emphasized GLOBE teaching the importance of understanding the protocol to collecting data and moves to share that data. There are 117 countries involved with GLOBE. He is excited to introduce GLOBE across the school’s curriculum.

10. Discussion and Action Items-

- a. Items brought forward from reports – None
- b. Senior Project Proposal Presentations – By consensus approved for October 12 at 5:00 PM.

11. Announcements:

- OSBA dinner October 18 at UCC
- FFA Forestry Team leaving for nationals October 21

12. Adjourn at 9:00 PM

Submitted by Pauline Montgomery-Borg, DCCS Board Secretary