

**Days Creek Charter School K-12
Regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
February 4, 2021**

Charter Board Members in person: Diane Swingley, Jim Docherty, Matt Giles, Valerie Anderson, Anna Rickards, Rex Fuller. Laura Stufflebeam, Bailey Stufflebeam.

Online Google meets: Cheryl Silva, Cathy Knapp, Matt Anderson

Administration: Steve Woods; Online Google meets: Cathy Knapp;

District Staff: None

Public/Students: Boo Hooker, Riley Stufflebeam.

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Diane Swingley at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Matt with the addition of agenda item 10, Action Item and Executive Director's Evaluation, and item 11, Discussion: New Vaccines; seconded by Valerie. No discussion, passed unanimously.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: a. January 6, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion to approve minutes with correction of Matt Anderson's name by Matt Giles; seconded by Valerie. No discussion, passed unanimously.**
- 5. Public Input:** No public input.
- 6. Student Input:** Matt reported he likes the shorter school days; school and classes are going well; and he noted they are doing experiments in chemistry which is "nice". Bailey then reported shop class is fun. She thinks Ms. Hall's on-line math class was difficult to learn and she commented that lunches are not good, so many students just don't eat. Finally she reported Pixy Week with dress up days was next week. A brief discussion followed about the on-line math class and that there was assistance from Mr. Isles and Ms. Jill Bong in class which is helpful. Anna gave Kate's written report for her. Kate reported school was going well but she felt she got done with her science too quickly. She also complained about the poor lunches. Steve shared that Ms. Jill Bong was filling in until Ms. Hall returns and that a new science teacher was on the District Board agenda for hiring after spring break. Laura began a discussion about the student lunch complaints with the information that this was not planned or coordinated. A long discussion followed with input and questions from many board members. Steve spoke about the US Dept. of Ed requirement, portion sizes, and the fact that all lunches are free. He recommended that a committee be formed to look into the situation and make short and long term recommendations. Matt suggested that head cook Sara Luster should be on the committee and the committee should approach her for solutions and support. Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Anna Rickards, Kate Clifton, and Bailey Stufflebeam volunteered to be on the committee.
- 7. Report of Executive Director, Steve Woods: a. Q & A regarding items from the District Board Agenda:** Steve pointed out that in the District Board's Agenda Jessica Grant has resigned effective at the end of spring break. Ryan Flerage will be recommended for the position of secondary math and science teacher. School sports are to start on Monday, February 8, but the official decision should be announced before Monday. Steve reported the Radon Testing Grant was completed and found all measurements were within acceptable limits after initially showing a high reading downstairs. Finally from the District Board Agenda, Steve shared the DC FIT equipment has all been installed. Anna is coordinator of the grant. The equipment is available for all staff and students 14 years and older. **b. Status of School Opening and ODE Updates:**

Steve reported all metrics look good and the school is good and staying open. Staff has been given the option to be vaccinated both last Saturday and again tonight. **c. Academic requirements for the remainder of the school year to meet state standards:** There is no change yet on Smarter Balance tests this spring. Essential skills requirements were waived for seniors since they did not take any state tests as juniors. If the Smarter Balance tests do get cancelled for this spring, we will still do the Interim Test. Steve plans to go over the last Interim Test results with staff at this Friday's in-service. Teachers report, Steve shared, that there are bigger gaps in knowledge since students have returned to in-class learning. **c. Charter Board Proclamation: Mistakenly left on agenda from last month.**

8. Reports of Cathy Knapp and/or James Ellis: Winter Interim Assessments Results:

Cathy reported on the results of the Interim Assessment that started the week after students returned from Christmas break. The reading assessments focused on specific areas. Students showed definite improvement in sighting or locating information from passages read. Both Cathy and Matt expressed they believe the Reading + program has resulted in strong growth in areas of reading and finding information. Cathy also expressed that she saw more effort from 10th and 11th graders on the tests. Finally, on reading, she reported the Reading + program has been extended to about half of the second graders. The high school grades were not able to load their math test. However, the junior high grades showed definite improvement from fall to winter. Students were working on the Ingenuity math program one day per week and this was thought to have helped. Cathy then went over the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade test results and gave out compliments and discussed teachers' efforts and work using computer programs.

9. Discussion: Techniques, Resources, and Status of Academic and Emotional support for students and all school personnel: Diane led the discussion with input from Matt and questions and comments from others. Matt feels more in a "groove" now because he has seen the degree of impact and importance of social interaction and being together for students. He said the students really appreciate the Tuesday and Thursday time together during Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) classes. Some teachers are doing some team building activities also. Elementary has two recesses per day for that free, safe with masks, time. There was a general discussion about how everything is so difficult with the COVID requirements and the uncertainty created with the ever moving changes. Matt shared his belief that some students' reading skills have gone down totally because of emotional difficulties.

10. Action Item and Executive Director's Evaluation: Matt made a motion to accept the Narrative of the Executive Director's Evaluation. Valerie seconded the motion. A short discussion followed before the motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion: New Vaccines – Cheryl Silva- **a.** Cheryl shared a web address for board directors to watch so we can discuss the information at a later meeting. **b.** Steve shared that there are no requirements for staff to take the vaccine. He has provided the opportunity to take the vaccine and he passes on information as he receives it. What followed was a general discussion over requirements for being in class, how students react and behave. The importance of connections for the students was stressed.

12. Announcements: Steve briefly went over the announcements.

13. Adjourn: Matt motioned to adjourn. Anna seconded the motion. No discussion, passed unanimously at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Docherty

Charter Board Secretary