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Steering Committee Meeting



March 11, 2025

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School
 7300 Marin Avenue Sacramento, CA 95820

A G E N D A – Operational & Educational Focus

1) President call to order and roll call (Check box of those members present) (1 minute)

Steering Committee Members:

| Name: | Role: | Present: | Not Present: |
|------------------|--|----------|--------------|
| Dianne Wiley | Member--- NJBCC School Principal | X | |
| Todd Thibodeau | Member--- Facilitator/Intermediate Teacher | X | |
| Ian Johnson | Member--- Note Taker/Primary Teacher | X | |
| Erica Matter | Member--- Primary Teacher | X | |
| Christina Roulet | Member--- Intermediate Teacher | X | |
| Lavida Edmondson | Member--- Intermediate Teacher | X | |
| Alicia Mendoza | Member--- Time Keeper/Classified Staff | X | |
| Jennifer Ikemoto | Member— Parent/Community | X | |
| Jesus Muñoz | Member--- Parent/Community | X | |
| Gloria Soriano | Member--- Parent/Community | | X |
| Rhonda Kenney | Member--- Parent/Community | | X |
| Heather O’Brien | Member— Parent/Community | X | |
| Mr. O’Brien | Public | X | |

Full Quorum: Yes

2) Approval of Agenda (1 minute)

Begin: 3:02 PM

- Moving item 12 about the murals up to 4.5

Motion to approve agenda.

- Agreements: 8- Reservations: 0 - Stand Asides: 0 - Block: 0
- 4 Absent

End: 3:03PM

Motioned: Erica Matter

Seconded: Dianne Wiley Approved: X

Not Approved:

3) Pledge of Allegiance (1 minute)

Begin: 3:03 PM

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End: 3:04 PM

4) Approval of minutes from last 3 meetings (2 minutes)

Begin: 3:04 PM

Motion to approve minutes.

- Agreements: 8- Reservations: 0 - Stand Asides: 0 - Block: 0
- 4 Absent

End: 3:06 PM

Motioned: Erica Matter

Seconded: Jennifer Ikemoto Approved: X

Not Approved:

5) Standing Committee Reports (PTA, Social Committee, Farm Committee, ELAC/SSC) - 7 minutes

Begin: 3:44 PM

- **ELAC/SSC:** 7 scholars reclassified so far this year! There will be a reclassification ceremony/party coming up, as well as an ELAC meeting.
- **Facilities:** Back fence and back rooms are coming in. Painters are repainting all of our doors and bathrooms. We don't own the classrooms in the back, we pay a \$75,000 fee overall (not per square footage).
- **Farm Committee:** Encouraging teachers to not do a lot on the farm. In a month, it will be shut down. Ben is doing an inventory to check for necessary expenditures, and locksmiths have come in to redo the library locks.
- **PTA:** Science night was recently, and our March dance is coming up on the 20th.
- **Social Committee:** We went out Friday night! It was fun!

End: 3:48 PM

6) Constituent Feedback on Steering Committee Items - 7 minutes

Begin: 3:48 PM

- Heather: Parent requested that if we go on field trips, can we promote spirit wear or a certain color so chaperones can identify our scholars?
- Jennifer: Question on our constituents? - Ms. Jones will work on constituent groups on parent square to allow parents access to communicating with other parents.

End: 3:51 PM

STANDING BUSINESS

7) By-Laws Committee - Bylaws revisions were sent out to SC members on 2/25/2025. We will need a motion to accept the bylaws and begin the process of adopting them - 4 minutes

Begin: 3:51 PM

[See the full updated bylaws draft from 2/25/2025 here.](#)

Motion to approve Bylaws.

- Agreements: 10 - Reservations: 0 - Stand Asides: 0 - Block: 0

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- 2 Absent
 End: 3:55 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley Seconded: Heather O’Brien Approved: X Not Approved:

8) NJB 10-Year Celebration Status - Mr. Campos, Mr. DiSantis, Mrs. Mendoza, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Soriano and Ms. Van Nest have expressed interest in helping with an event like a Celebration On the Lawn. Interested parties voted, and the vote was close. By one vote, interested parties thought an event should happen on the first day of next school year. The president has communicated to interested parties to select a chairperson, and begin discussions of the event and when they foresee it happening - 3 minutes

Begin: 3:55 PM
 - Ramon Campos, Mike Disantis, and Alicia Mendoza are co-chairs.
 End: 3:56 PM

9) BUDGET Update - 10 minutes

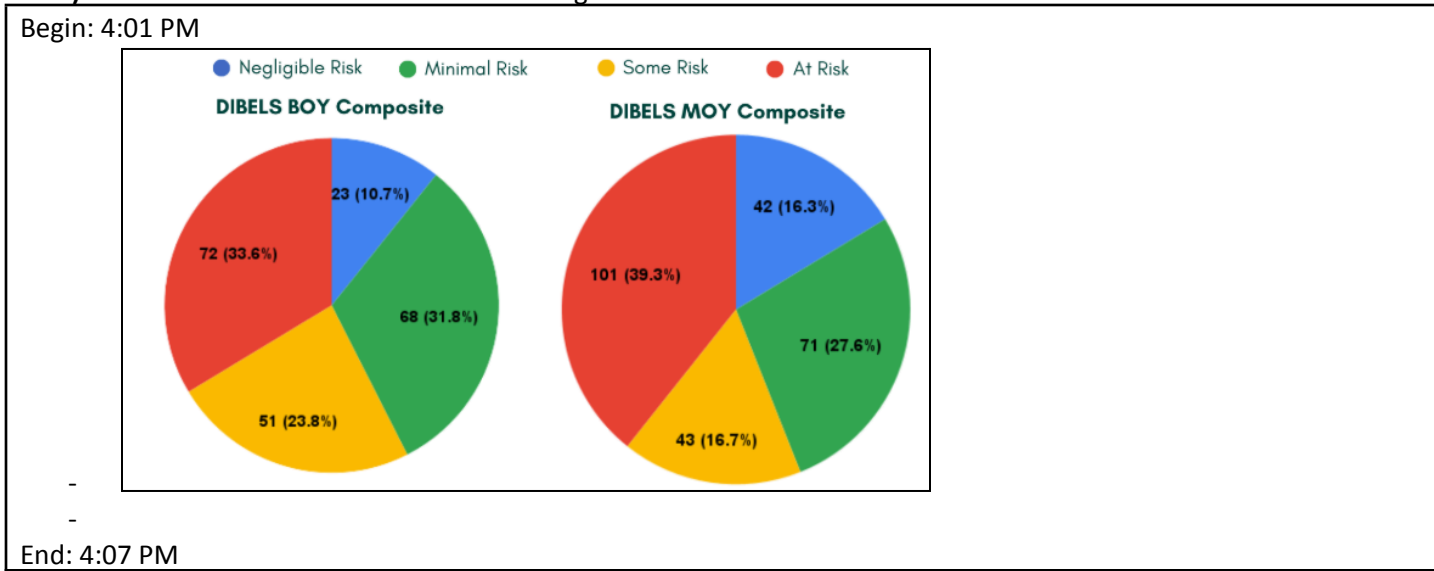
Begin: 3:56 PM

- We continue to fall a little bit behind with our ELOP. Currently we are about \$25,000 behind.
- We had about \$100,000 more in our budget than we expected, which helps with our ELOP funding. Next year, we shouldn’t have a deficit from ELOP.
- Prop 28 Arts and Music grant is coming in for \$85,000
- We have about 700,000 in our overall reserve funds.

[Full budget and curriculum documents can be found here.](#)

End: 4:01 PM

10) Academic Items - ELPAC and other testing from Ms. Jones - 3 minutes



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11) Public Comment on Standing Business (3 minutes)

Begin: 4:07 PM

- Kudos on getting the DIBELS data in! That's hard work!

End: 4:08 PM

NEW BUSINESS

12) MURALS - Presentation and discussion (20 minutes)

Begin: 3:06 PM (Voted to move up between item 4 and 5)

- Jose and 2hermano are signing on with NJB to paint murals at the school. Welcome!
- Concept Overview could include pollinators and producers, the web of life on a farm, natural wonders, etc.
- Cohesive design and efficiency is the primary focus. The goal is to create a level of panoramic continuity and a visual narrative throughout the school.
- They are committed to the April 7th deadline for approvals, allowing ample time for planning and execution.
- The comprehensive budget overview comes in at \$85,000.
- If they started late Spring, some complications could include extra primer and conditioning for the walls, as well as the heat. Also, concurrent construction could create problems with dust.
- They will use 3 coats of clear-coat protectant that is anti-graffiti, anti-fade, and weatherproof. This is a district requirement, which is reflected in the cost.

- Prop 98 funds would be used for this expenditure. We have \$97,000 in the account.

Motion to approve Murals.

- Agreements: 10 - Reservations: 0 - Stand Asides: 0 - Block: 0
- 2 Absent

End: 3:44 PM

Motioned: Heather O'Brien Seconded: Erica Matter Approved: X Not Approved:

13) CURRICULUM for next school year (5 minutes)

Begin: 4:08 PM

- There is a lot of unused curriculum. If we are to change curriculum, we can't go to a completely different curriculum.
- We are looking at 7,000 per year for full training. A fully updated curriculum is \$98,000.
- Since we are getting reading intervention teachers, Dianne's recommendation is to not go with an updated curriculum, but she will defer to teacher preference.

[See curriculum documents here.](#)

End: 4:13 PM

14) GRANT - Mr. Johnson, Mr. Disantis, Mrs. Van Nest (5 minutes)

Begin: 4:13 PM

- The current construction will likely move the granted pollinator garden to the "Butterfly" garden.

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End: 4:13 PM

15) VOLUNTEERS Organizing (7 minutes)

Begin: 4:13 PM

- We need a system for more volunteers. How can we create a volunteer list and get access to a wider community?
- Possibilities include Thank-You dinners and general accolades

End: 4:15 PM

16) READING INTERVENTION SPECIALIST POSITIONS - Update (15 minutes)

Begin: 4:15 PM

- NJB has hired two reading intervention specialists.
- The district says our positions got posted, but the district is not bound to pay for the positions. NJB is looking at paying \$225,000 additional funds per year.
- Eventually we will take this to the board and ask them for a contribution, especially considering this is bound by an NTSS framework.
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End: 4:21 PM

17) PUBLIC COMMENT on New Business (3 minutes)

Begin: 4:21 PM

- Mr. O'Brien: Requested clarification on the Reading Intervention Specialist issues. Essentially, the RIS positions were covered by the district for ALL non-charter schools, but not for charter schools like NJB. This is in discussion with the union, and will be taken to the board.

End: 4:26 PM

18) Future Agenda Items (5 minutes)

Begin: 4:26 PM

- CAASPP testing.

End: 4:28 PM

19) SC Members Announcements (14 minutes)

Begin: 4:29 PM

- Ian: Grant for the pollinator garden will take a pivot, but it's coming in!
- Jennifer: Department of wildlife is doing a watersheds presentation
- Lavida: Started the computer lab yesterday, and working with Leaders of Tomorrow. The goal is to be on Lexia for 20 minutes. In addition, there is one scholar in my class that completed Lexia Core 5 and is now in PowerUp! Another success story is that I had one student who cried to escape work, and she has gone up

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multiple grade levels!

- Heather: I have one scholar that leveled out of SIPPS!
- Dianne: Bought tables and chairs to do formal presentations in the cafeteria. We need to promote enrollment!

End: 4:37 PM

20) Next **regular** meeting date and time: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. (1 Minute). Note we will have a special committee meeting when NJB decides on an after school program.

21) Adjournment (1 minute)

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| Christina Roulet | Member--- Teacher - 4th Grade (SCTA) |
| Lavida Edmondson | Member--- Teacher - 5th & 6th Grade (SCTA) |
| Alicia Mendoza | Member--- SEIU Representative / Parent (Kindergarten) / Time Keeper |
| Jennifer Ikemoto | Member— Parent (Kindergarten) / Vice President |
| Jesus Muñoz | Member--- Parent (2nd Grade) |
| Gloria Soriano | Member--- Parent (3rd & 6th Grade) |
| Rhonda Kenney | Member--- Parent (Kindergarten) |
| Heather O'Brien | Member— Parent (2nd Grade) SEIU member |

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions we encourage you to contact the Principal, the President and or any member of the Steering Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

Upcoming Steering Committee and Charter Renewal Dates for School Year 2024-25:

2nd Tuesday of each month 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Regular Steering Committee Meetings

- August 6, 2024
- September 10, 2024
- October 8, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- January 14, 2025
- February 11, 2025 (February 18, 2025)
- March 11, 2025
- April 8, 2025
- May 13, 2025
- June 10, 2025