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Steering Committee Meeting



November 12, 2024

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	
Melissa Silis	Member— Parent/Community		X
Stephanie Sheets	Member--- Parent/Community		X
Gloria Soriano	Member--- Parent/Community	X	
Rhonda Kenney	Member--- Community	X	
Rose Ramos	Member— Community		X
Heather O’Brien	Elective/Alternate Member (2.7 in bylaws)	X	

Full Quorum: Yes

2) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

Begin: 3:02 PM
 - Adjusting time of next meeting on the agenda to December 10.
 - 8 Ayes, 0 abstentions, 0 nays, 5 absent.
 End: 3:04 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley

Seconded: Rhonda Kenney Approved: X

Not Approved:

3) Pledge of Allegiance (1 minutes)

Begin: 3:04 PM
 End: 3:04 PM

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4) Review Norms and Rules. Mission and Vision are on top of Form (2 minutes)

Begin: 3:04 PM

- **Speak to the topic.**
- **One speaker at a time.**
- **Not personal.**
- **Support the Majority.**
- **Respect the Minority.**

End: 3:04 PM

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

Begin: 3:04 PM

- **PTA:** Over \$4,000 available in the Scholastic dollars from our book fairs! The harvest festival was a huge success, but monetarily cost the PTA.
- **Social Committee:** Nothing at this time.
- **Farm Committee:** Not much to report - facilities are needed to repair irrigation & hose, waiting on chicken coop materials, and we need to cut back flowers.
- **ELAC/SSC:** DELAC president stepped down, so we are looking for a new DELAC president. 2023-2024 CAASPP scores reviewed, overall 34.23% scored proficient in ELA on the CAASPP, only 14.28% of our EL scholars. 22.15% scored proficient or better in Math, only 13.68% in math.

End: 3:10 PM

6) Constituent Feedback on Steering Committee Items

Begin: 3:10 PM

- Erica: Constituents would like the SC to fund rubber-maid agricultural topics that we could check out and return.
 - Constituents were not sure who the founders were, nor why we should participate in a founders' celebration when they aren't all participating at NJB anymore.
- Rose: Constituents want to know what the proposed amendments to the bylaws are.
- Rhonda: Questions about the after school agencies - **Follow-up:** we have narrowed the selection down to 4.
- Questions about constituent responsibilities from parents.
- Todd: Can we create mailboxes for parents to submit questions to the SC?
- Erica: Perhaps we can raise SC awareness during Friday Morning Movement.
- SC members to Email availability to Dianne Wiley so she can send that out to the greater community.

End: 3:33 PM

7) Approval of Minutes from Prior Regular Steering Committee Meeting (2 minutes)

Begin: 3:33 PM

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- 9 Ayes, 0 abstentions, 0 nays, 4 absent.

End: 3:35 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley

Seconded: Heather O'Brien Approved: X

Not Approved:

Total Allotted Minutes: 35

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NEW BUSINESS:

8) Expanded Learning Opportunity Interview

Begin: 3:35 PM

- The review is down to 4 agencies. They will make their final bids, and we will ask questions. We (NJB) may decide as soon as tomorrow.
- The committee is going down to the Serna Center tomorrow for the final review.
- SC will vote in a special meeting.

End: 3:44 PM

9) Upcoming Planning for Budget/FTE

Begin: 3:44 PM

- See the [full Budget Update document here](#).
- **Highlights from the discussion included:**
- \$230,000 is estimated as the cost for our next after school agency, and we have \$400,000 left for the rest of the year for expanded learning, including the 2025 summer.
- Prop 28 resources for music, dance, etc. will NOT require NJB to pay salaries with these funds. Consequently, Mr. Fry may be able to cover a dance program using the \$84,000 over the next 2 years.

End: 4:11 PM

10) Ten Year Anniversary in 2024 or Upon Renewal

Begin: 4:11 PM

- Do we want a 10 year anniversary celebration, or do we want to celebrate our charter renewal?
- Is there a committee who wants to be involved?
 - **Advocating to celebrate the charter renewal:**
 - If we celebrate the 10 year anniversary, but the charter doesn't get renewed, that's a problem.
 - With COVID, it doesn't feel like we have 10 years of continuity anyway.
 - It is a lot of work, and no one has volunteered yet about organizing a 10 year celebration.
 - Dianne will put out a survey to parents and constituents about preferences

End: 4:17 PM

11) Transfer of \$15K from Title 1/Correct Budget Item

Begin: 4:17 PM

- Skipped for now.

End: 4:17 PM

12) California Ag in the Classroom Conference

Begin: 4:17 PM

- Tabled, as the conference is next fall.

End: 4:18 PM

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13) Purchase of Computers

Begin: 4:19 PM

- Grades 4-6 is 2:1 for computers. 1st - 3rd grades want to be able to send home some number of computers as well.
- Dianne asks to send home some old computers for the 1st - 3rd grade classes, and then buy new computers. This item will come up for voting
- From Dianne: When we are using title 1 funds for computers, are you seeing gains?
 - From Erica and Ian: Yes, resoundingly. Lexia levels and phonics scores are increasing, and are trackable. Reflex math fluency rates are also increasing.
- From Jasmine Jones: Aides are working with 1st - 3rd grades now, starting today. With the use of those aides, we are able to level groups and give targeted phonics instruction to students as needed. Some of these stations are using computers.

End: 4:28 PM

14) Discussion/Action Items related to SC

Begin: 4:28 PM

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a) Change February Meeting from 2/11 to 2/18

Begin: 4:28 PM

- 10 Ayes, 0 abstentions, 0 nays, 3 absent.

End: 4:29 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley

Seconded: Erica Matter

Approved: X

Not Approved:

b) Create Bylaw Committee

Begin: 4:29 PM

- [See amended bylaw suggestions here.](#)
- Volunteers for the By-Law Committee included: Jasmine Jones, Thomas O'Brien, Heather O'Brien, Christina Roulet, Arthur Aleman.
- In addition, Dianne will send out a request to the community to see if there is anyone else interested in joining the committee.
- Let's make sure Can we get a signed copy of the bylaws once it is complete!
- Dr. Amanda Goldman will train the rest of the Steering Committee on the bylaws.

End: 4:37 PM

c) Volunteer Committee and Requirements

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- There was confusion about mandated reporter training, and whether our volunteers were aware of that.
- Do we have a need for a volunteer committee to encourage more volunteers?
 - Parents have been made aware on parent square about the volunteer requirements, and our volunteer needs.

End: 4:42 PM

d) Public Comment/Feedback (2 Minutes)

Begin: 4:42 PM

- We are seeing more volunteers in the evening rather than during the day. Can we do more evening events?
 - Alternating event times give multiple families an opportunity to participate.
- From Jasmine Jones: Ruby Bridges walk to school day is on Thursday. We will encourage students to walk to school. We had a poster contest, and winners will be announced tomorrow!
- From Art: What happened to Sly Park? Also, this coming Friday, my veteran's group will be presenting from 8:30 - 10:00 for a Veteran's Day assembly. I had another meeting about measure P, with 500 million coming in for school facility budgets, can we adjust the LCAP to show what we need?
- From Thomas O'Brien: Thank you for the email you provided that goes deep into the issues of the bylaws. I'm looking forward to being on the committee. We had a situation about the alternates, just to clarify - each represented group can have 1 alternate, in 2.7 under the bylaws.

End: 4:52 PM

Total Allotted Minutes: 30 Minutes Presentation and 15 minutes feedback

STANDING BUSINESS (5 minutes presentation and 7 minutes feedback)

15) Informational/Compliance

Begin: 4:52 PM

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a) Constituency Groups

Begin: 4:52 PM

- Each constituent representative will figure out their groups.

End: 4:52 PM

b) Referring to Parent Square: Continue to work on getting all the parents on the site

Begin: 4:52 PM

- Jasmine is adding parents, and hoping that support doesn't clear them out.

End: 4:53 PM

c) Referring to Volunteer Form: Parents are informed of video/promote volunteering

Begin: 4:53 PM

- Covered briefly earlier in discussion.

End: 4:53 PM

d) ELAC and Steering Committee Combined

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Begin: 4:54 PM
- Not combining the ELAC and Steering Committee. No need to combine at this time.
End: 4:54 PM

Total Allotted Minutes: 12

16) Budget and Facilities: Informational Item - Mrs. Wiley

Begin: 4:54 PM
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a) Farm Improvement: Ben Driscoll and vision for NJB

Begin: 4:54 PM
- Ben came out with Sac Tree foundation. All the trees on the back side have to be torn out, as they are not healthy.
- The Sac Tree foundation is willing to come out and help plant an entire orchard, however.
- The district is coming out and putting in new irrigation.
End: 4:56 PM

17) Informational - Nothing on Agenda

Begin: 4:57 PM
- NA
End: 4:57 PM

18) Future Agenda Items - (2 minutes total) Please feel free to let us know if you would like an item to be put on our next agenda.

Begin: 4:57 PM
- Please reach out to Todd Thibodeau to put on agendas.
- Melissa Silis' resignation.
- Academic School Data to share.
- Projected student enrollment numbers for next year.
End: 4:58 PM

19) SC Members Announcements - (22 minutes total: 2 per member)

Begin: 4:58 PM
- From Lavidia Edmondson: Come out on Thursday morning for our Ruby Bridges Walk!
- From Dianne Wiley: Mandated from title 9 - Rose brought up the basis for a title 9 complaint about removing people from the committee based on their color. Thus far, on the record, there is no evidence for this, from anyone. If there is any evidence or substantiated claims, please bring this up to me immediately.
- From Rose: As a rebuttal, the email didn't do a good job of conveying my feelings, but we need to advocate for the entire community. If NJB is making changes to remove voices, it isn't fair.
- Thank you, Amanda Goldman, for your positive affirmations and words towards the end of our meeting!
End: 5:07 PM

20) Next regular meeting date and time: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. (1 Minute). Note we

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will have a special committee meeting when NJB decides on an after school program.

21) Adjournment (1 minute)

Total Allotted Minutes: 137

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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