

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools
Governing Board Meeting
January 11, 2107
12:01**

In attendance: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Kim Winward, Chris Johnnie, Denae Pruden

Excused: Emma Bullock

Welcome/Conducting: Adam Burris

Pledge: Chris Johnnie

Charter Highlight: Audra Parent - Homework

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Adam Bullock

Second: Denae Pruden

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Kim Winward, Chris Johnnie, Denae Pruden

Public Comment: Adam advised that when adjourning a meeting, all should respond to the motion.

Approval of Minutes – Adam Burris:

Motion to approve the minutes from December 7, 2016, meeting: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Kim Winward, Chris Johnnie, Denae Pruden

Achievement Report (SAGE Education) – Emma/Denae/Etc.:

Carolyn explained the history of SAGE. It tests the new standards. SAGE asks students to cite evidence, apply concepts and analyze problems.

Adam asked the greatest benefit and greatest downside of SAGE. Carolyn replied that the benefit would be a focus on the core standards. The downside is the stress on students and teachers. The schools had good scores with the CRT. Scores are lower with SAGE.

Scott commented that the “depth of knowledge” helps raise the bar and train teachers on different strategies students can use to become more proficient in showing what they learn.

The downside, aside from stress, which is important, is that we also need to look at the philosophy of the school and how we teach. Scott does not like that is has taken all of the charters and magnet schools and lumped them together to make them the same.

Melani agrees with positives and the higher level thinking. Teachers are promoting it to help the students gain advantages. There is time stress on teachers, students and scheduling. There are as many pros as there are cons.

Jim Peterson – There has been some discussion in the interim legislative education committee that there will be some adjustments to assessments. The bill has already been circulated and is available. The changes would take place starting July 1.

Audit Report and Acceptance – Audra/Steve:

The finance committee reviewed the audit. It is clean and shows a lot of information about cash flow. Adam noticed that it says the agendas were not posted in a timely manner, but they were. Squire did not search correctly so reported that the school was not in compliance with the rules. Even though there was no problem with the posting, Squire advised that it was not good to amend the audit. They did not give us enough time to review it before it was published.

Motion to accept the audit as is: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Kim Winward, Chris Johnnie, Denae Pruden

Finance Report/Forecast – Jim: Edison North had large expenses in December for Chromebooks and security cameras. Edison North is close to right on the projected budget. Edison South continues to be well below the projected budget. Both schools are doing well.

Principal Reports – Shem/Scott/Melani:

- At Edison North 23 students have opted out of SAGE
- Melani report that that offers had been to both parties for land adjacent to the school. The school has not yet had a response from either.
- The roof repairs still have not started at Edison South.
- Both schools are working on how to make up the snow day. Options talked about are coming back after Memorial Day, holding school on President's day, taking a day from spring break or having a half day of parent teacher conference on Saturday.

Personnel Requests – Shem/Melani:

- Edison North is withdrawing Kristen Terry, who is shown on the written report. They are asking that Mitchell Kohler be approved to replace Noelani Crump.
- Isabel Lopez for a two hour per day custodial position to replace Katy Meatoga.
- Occupational Therapy services – Tim Jensen
- A pay raise for full time maintenance person Uziel Lopez.

Motion to approve personnel requests with pay the raise also: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Kim Winward, Chris Johnnie, Denae Pruden

Board Visit Day – Adam:

The board will coordinate with the principals to set up the board visit day.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Adam Burris

Second: Denae Pruden

Yes: Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Kim Winward, Chris Johnnie, Denae Pruden

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