

Charter School of Morgan Hill uses project-based learning, strong family involvement and community interaction to develop lifelong learners prepared to be successful and innovative participants in the global community.

**Charter School of Morgan Hill
Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 2008
Minutes**

Closed Session – beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Public employee evaluations - principal (pursuant to Section 54957.8 of the Brown Act)
No action was taken.

Open Session – beginning at 7:12 p.m.

Roll call of members present - Amy Reid, Sherri Duarte, Neal Schirle, Tristine Jakubs, Cinda Meister, Dana Ditmore and Paige Cisewski. Also present was Vivianne Brager, Bob Davis, Tony Eulo, and Kevin and Jeannie McDevitt.

Approval of minutes from November 27, 2007

A motion to approve the minutes from November 27, 2007 was made by Tristine Jakubs

Seconded by Sherri Duarte

Approved 5-0

Amy Reid and Dana Ditmore abstained

Members of the public have an opportunity to speak on any topic not on the agenda. Jeannie and Kevin McDevitt spoke to the Board about their frustration with Special Ed services. Their son is supposed to be receiving RSP services daily, but with over the last several months the District could only send us substitutes and he has not been getting the proper services as stated in his IEP.

Consent Agenda

Approval of 8th grade Washington D.C. trip from April 5th – April 11th

Approval of 6th grade field trip from March 17th – 21st

A motion to approve the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip from April 5th – April 11th and the 6th grade field trip from March 17th – 21st was made by Sherri Duarte

Seconded by Cinda Meister

Approved 7-0

Action Items

Approval of agreement for architectural work

A motion to approve the agreement for architectural work with Weston Miles pending legal review and approval was made by Sherri Duarte

Seconded by Tristine Jakubs

Approved 7-0

Discussion Items

#1 Strategic plan –

Three of the seven goal areas of the strategic plan were discussed and tweaked by the Board. These three areas were the Academic Plan, Staff Retention and Recruitment and Diversity. The other areas will be discussed at the Feb. 26th meeting.

#2 Recruitment and diversity update –

Paige Cisewski updated the board on the school's efforts at recruitment of diverse populations for the upcoming enrollment period. There have been several outreach nights (some in Spanish and some in English). Board members made some additional suggestions for recruiting that will be followed up on by the administration.

#3 Facilities update-

Vivianne Brager updated the Board on the open projects at CSMH. The plans for the bathroom modernization are still at DSA. Changes to the plans must be made to meet ADA guidelines. The Sales Agreements are ready to be signed to purchase the portables from William Scotsman, and once the new contract for architectural services has been read by the legal advisor, it will be signed.

#4 State budget update-

Paige Cisewski updated the board on the Governor's proposed budget cuts to education for next year. We received information from the Charter Schools Association about the proposed cuts. There are some significant cuts being proposed including:

- cuts to special education from both the federal and state levels
- cuts in the categorical block grants
- no COLA growth adjustments

These cuts, however, have not been approved so nothing is certain yet. Paige and Mary will be looking at how these cuts will affect the CSMH budget and will be keeping the Board updated.

Reports

Principal report
Financial report

Adjourn

Next meeting – February 26, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes approved on February 26, 2008

Secretary Signature