



Board Meeting Minutes
GOLD RUSH CHARTER SCHOOL
Held at the Gold Rush Charter School Conference Room
19410 Village Dr., Sonora, CA 95370
Thursday, April 20th, 2017
4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM

A. Flag salute

2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

A. Present: Robert Griffith, Lyn Wilson, Mary Freer

B. Absent: Coni Chavez, Laurel Rhinehart

C. Non-members present: Ron Hamilton, Shay Saunders, Jennifer Warren, Liz Jones

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 3 was moved by Robert Griffith and seconded by Mary Freer.

Vote: Robert Griffith – aye
Lyn Wilson – aye
Mary Freer – aye – motion carried

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Because this is a public hearing, it is our time to hear from you. The Board reserves the right to limit the time of presentations by individuals and cumulative time. This time is set aside for items not on the agenda. The public may address the Board on agenda items immediately prior to them being considered by the Board. Though the Board generally will not respond,

we are listening carefully. Depending on the nature of the presentation, the Board President or Executive Director may respond or the President may call upon Board members for brief comments, questions of clarification, provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, or request the Executive Director to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning the matter. However, in compliance with Board Policy and the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Board is not permitted to take action on non-agenda items. If appropriate, a Board member may direct the Executive Director to schedule an item for a future Board agenda.

N/A

5. SHOWCASE

N/A

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: BY RON HAMILTON

Ron Hamilton will report on activities and/or issues relevant to the sound management of the school as well as achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.

Mr. Hamilton reported that the Country School enrollment is 179, High School is 44 and Independent Study is 201, with a total of 424. We are approximately 100 ahead in enrollment for the 17/18 school year as we were for the 16/17 school year last year at this time. The 8th Grade Graduation will be held at the Country School on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00 PM. The High School Graduation will be held at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds Sierra Building on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Hamilton reported ongoing conversations with the Curtis Creek Administration regarding issues with the janitorial and maintenance performance at the Country School. There have been conversations regarding the lease negotiation and currently our legal team is formulating a counter offer. It was recommended that an updated detailed job description for maintenance and janitorial staff be included in the negotiation as well as itemized justification for increased cost. The possible availability of another property as an option for building a GRCS campus was discussed.

Mr. Hamilton also discussed the results of a parent survey regarding the new ELA curriculum, which showed that most parents are easily able to help students with their work.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT: BY RON HAMILTON

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the financial statement as of March 31st, 2017 and reported that GRCS is right on track.

8. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members may report on individual activities, issues, and other items of interest.

Mary Freer reported that she is glad to be home from her Tanzania trip, which brought great reports of the school she supports and visited.

Robert Griffith reviewed several academic articles from The Special Educator, and discussed the change to IEP language and requirements, tips to prepare ADHD students for college success, as well as the correct way to handle student allergies and anaphylactic reactions.

9. CLOSED SESSION

N/A

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION and REPORT ACTION TAKEN

N/A

VOTING AGENDA

11. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes from March 17th, 2017

Item 11 was moved by Mary Freer and seconded by Robert Griffith.

Vote: Robert Griffith – aye
Lyn Wilson – aye
Mary Freer – aye – motion carried

12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Transitional Kindergarten Policy #328
- B. Material Return Policy #300
- C. Student Freedom of Speech/Expression #329

Items 12A, 12B and 12C were moved by Robert Griffith and seconded by Mary Freer.

Vote: Robert Griffith – aye
Lyn Wilson – aye
Mary Freer – aye – motion carried

13. FUTURE ITEMS

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

A. May 18th, 2017

15. ADJOURNMENT 4:33 PM

Item 15 was moved by Robert Griffith and seconded by Mary Freer.

Vote: Robert Griffith – aye
Lyn Wilson – aye
Mary Freer – aye – motion carried