

Days Creek Charter School K-12
Regular Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2021

Charter Board Members in person: Diane Swingley, Jim Docherty, Matt Giles, Valerie Anderson, Cheryl Silva, Anna Rickards, Rex Fuller, Laura Stufflebeam.

On line Google meets: Kate Clifton, Matt Anderson

Administration: Steve Woods

District Staff: None

Public/Students: Boo Hooker, Chelsie Hopkins.

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Diane Swingley at 6:05 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Matt with the addition of agenda item 9. a. Status of Oregon SB 254 to drop vaccination exemption for school children video clip, seconded by Valerie. No discussion, passed unanimously.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: a. February 3, 2021 Regular Meeting: Motion to approve minutes by Matt Giles; seconded by Valerie. No discussion, passed unanimously.**
- 5. Public Input:** Chelsie Hopkins asked a question about who chooses the length of the school day and time devoted to PE. Steve said it was an administration question determined by the state. Short discussion with Steve and Chelsie about how Days Creek days go compared to Oakland. Chelsie shared that Oakland is doing an 8:00 to 4:00 school day with daily PE classes with all students. Elementary has 8:00 to 3:00 school day (with some distance learning). Steve will check with Oakland Superintendent because that is not what he heard at the county superintendents' meeting.
- 6. Student Input:** Kate reported school is going well with no real changes. Matt Anderson agreed and related he was doing a lot and staying busy. He reported there were some changes in his math class with which some were not happy. Matt Giles shared that the last three weeks were beginning to feel like a return to normalcy.
- 7. Report of Executive Director, Steve Woods: a. Q & A regarding items from the District Board Agenda:** Steve reported that the District Board has an agenda item for the return of Sarah Hooper as an Elementary teacher, and the new hire of Karen White as an Elementary teacher. These hires were due to the loss of five teachers due to high risk pregnancies. Steve also shared the enrollment is now at 195. **b. SIA Future Planning:** Steve shared that since Douglas County was rated as COVID Extreme, schools were not allowed indoor sports practices but could practice outdoors. Also, the projected SIA funds for next year are \$200,000. Steve is planning on input and meeting with community members to help prioritize the use of these funds. **c. County Graduation Rates, 4-year trend, 2018-19 Cohorts:** Steve shared graphs over graduation rates in Douglas County, trends, and specifically the change in the cohort graduation rates from 2007-08 to 2018-19. There was brief discussion over the graphs. Steve also shared that throughout the state there are 23,000 lost students in this school year who have not returned or participated in school during the pandemic. **d. Update – Spring Testing:** Steve reported the ODE has requested three times from the US Department of Education for waivers from the spring assessment and accountability expectations. They are still waiting for a response. Regardless of the request outcome, ODE is moving ahead on the Student Education

Equity Development Survey. There was a general discussion and questions over testing and the survey. Steve explained he was at a lost for information and was waiting for more from the state.

8. Reports From Cathy Knapp and/or James Ellis: Steve shared that this Friday there will be a football game at Camus Valley. Volleyball is playing and practicing outdoors and the middle school is engaged in flag football and volleyball. Matt shared that last Friday the staff went over interim assessment results and saw improvement toward state averages in math which was cause for celebration.

9. Discussion: Status of SB 254 to drop vaccination exemption for school children – Cheryl Silva: Cheryl led a lengthy discussion, including a video (**a. video clip**) over the new senate bill on eliminating vaccination exemptions required for public school students; difficulties from reliable COVID testing; and alternative treatments for COVID. She said that it was important to her to share this information to create dialogue for informed individual decision making.

10. Standing Committee Reports: None at this time.

11. Discussion: IDEAS? a. Curriculum and Instruction: None at this time. **b. Social Distancing:** A discussion followed around social distancing and classroom versus distance learning. Matt shared that social distancing is mandated by the state and we must follow. Also throughout the discussion, it was agreed the we want students in school and distance learning was generally not working. Steve then spoke to **SB 580**, explaining this bill, if passed, would allow class size to be a bargaining item in union negotiations. **c. The vision of the Oregon Math Project – equity focus:** Steve explained the Oregon Math Project will change the math graduation requirements from three years to two and create, maybe require, other math electives. The math project is encouraging other types of math classes like computer programming, statistics, and moving away from traditional math like Algebra II and geometry. Steve then spoke to the math equity issue and shared an Oregon Math Project Practice Brief: Promoting Equity, a document from the ODE. A long wide ranging discussion followed covering math teaching styles, equity, questions of where this focus came from and where is it going.

12. Announcements: Steve briefly went over the announcements. He especially encouraged all to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on March 10 for the DC FIT outdoor fitness equipment site. Also there was a shout out to Brian Agee for the help and work he and his class did.

13. Adjourn: Valerie motioned to adjourn. Matt seconded the motion. No discussion, passed unanimously at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Docherty
Charter Board Secretary