



# HSCS Meeting MINUTES

Date December 16, 2021  
6:00 pm  
Howard Street Charter School



<b>Board Present:</b> Jared Whintey Erik Davis Kelby Childers Leslie Savage Jenny Hoelter  <b>QUORUM ACHIEVED –</b>  *phone in	<b>Board Absent:</b>	<b>Guests:</b> Christina Tracy Matt Harris-Gloyer
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Session started at 18:00 called to order by Kelby

**Guest Introduction:** Matt from the church.

**Approval of Minutes from November:** Eric moved to approve minutes seconded by Leslie Minutes approved unanimously

### **Principal's Report:**

Christina spoke to the recent concerts and how well they went. Thank you to various partners in the community who allowed us to perform, including First Christian Church. 8th grade drama Guys and Dolls will be Jan 13,14,15 at the Rose. Play will be in person and inside. Kelby asked about the impact of the summer music program and how that helped for the incoming 6th grade class. Christina said it was incredibly valuable and would like to continue the program into next year. Christina spoke to the academics at the school and said it is going well. Behaviors in the 7th grade continue to be a struggle but it is getting better. Christina advised the board of the problems that are occurring throughout Salem Keizer as far as behaviors are concerned. She acknowledged that HSCS has some struggles but in the overall scheme we are doing ok. Christina spoke to policy within HSCS of limiting access to technology. Students are to have phones in their

lockers. As well as restrictions on youtube videos allowed. Focus on limiting technology and focusing on human to human interaction. Christina spoke to how well are new teachers are doing. She also spoke to the success of our math curriculum. Fence is up in the back and just a few minor things to get fixed. We have had zero covid cases in the last month. We are moving forward on the leasing of the property across the street for the dance/exercise studio. There is some asbestos that has to be abated. Looking to start paying rent in February at which time we can start putting in the dance floor and look to use the space in second semester. \$850 grant to put feminine hygiene product dispensers in all bathrooms. \$5000 dollar grant from Lam Research to purchase a supply of graphing calculators. Learning the expenses and nuances of owning and occupying our own building. January 5th is the start of house into a home project, making art to go into some micro shelters that will be built to help with the homeless problem in Salem.

**Finance:** Financial picture for the rest of the school year is looking good. Eric spoke to the money set aside for the annex and that we have it available; it just isn't broken down yet. Eric did speak to the fact that donations are lagging compared to years past.

**Admissions Committee:** Discussion on changing language involving the sibling clause in the admissions policy. Discussion landed on keeping the wording as is. Discussion on translating the academic package and can use the district translation services to translate the packet into different languages.

Christina spoke about our demographics over the last few years. She showed the data based off the district questionnaire. She also spoke to how we collect data by allowing families to self identify and use that for our data for a presentation to the Salem Keizer School board.

Spoke about upcoming School Board Meeting and our need to recharter and what to expect at the next meeting. Jenny asked for specifics on how HSCS helps with English Language Learners, Christina was able to speak to the things we have in place for students. Christina also spoke to how we can try to convey information to the parents of English Language Learners.

**HR:** No report, no issues.

**Facilities:** Kelby asked about getting materials for the dance floor once it's ordered. Christina said it was 6-8 weeks for some of the materials.

**Old Business:** Recruitment of old board members. Kelby might have a lead for potential members he will pursue. Jenny had an idea of getting someone from the YMCA to join the board as part of the downtown community.

Rechartering, Christina went over the timeline and expectations for how the recharter

will go. Needs to have a couple board members to be a part of the SKSD Board meeting on January 11th.

**New Business:** Discussion on making time to talk about the book. Decided to start a 17:30 meeting to discuss the book prior to our general meeting. Looking to start this at the January meeting. Check in with board members on emotional health and well being and how your relationship with the school is.

Meeting adjourned 19:40

Next Meeting January 20th, 2022 17:30 for book club. 18:00 public meeting