



MINUTES

Date Feb 16, 2023

6:00 pm

Howard Street Charter School



Board Present: Jenny Hoelter Jill Whitney Robin Saunders Wilson Leslie Thomspens Savage Kelby Childers Eric Davis QUORUM ACHIEVED –	Board Absent:	Guests: Christina Tracy Matt Lynse
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Meeting Convened: 7:01 pm

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Introductions:

- Guest Introduction-Christina Tracy
- Guest Introduction: Matthew Lynse
- **Public Testimony** – Mr. Lynse discussed his view that HSCS's current lottery process is in conflict with the admissions rules. The idea for having an annual lottery process allows for new (non 6th grade students) an opportunity to participate in the lottery process rather than just placing students at the end of the waitlist.
- Eric Davis--confirmed we appreciate the feedback from Mr. Lynse and the board will take the complaint and considerations seriously as we are in a continual process of growth.

Open Forum:

- Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes--Minutes approved 6:10 pm

Business:

- **Principal's Report:** We are halfway through the school year and we have had some class changes but it appears that things have settled down now. Attendance has been

good for the month of January. HSCS was featured in Carnegie Learning for our adoption of the math curriculum. Carnegie Learning asked if they could examine our data and following that review they . In the first year of the curriculum, our 6th graders had a 70% passing rate vs. 33% on a state level. The Mathia program is an online support program included with the curriculum that is being used to supplement; students can work at their own rate. Carnegie Learning is now being considered for all of Oregon on the next cycle of math. We made the decision switched from Singapore math to improve the rigor among other things.

Consideration for SIA funding: Using sense of belonging as a (based on the panorama data) our current percentage is 42% (fall 2022) up from 33% during Covid would like to get HSCS to 80%. One way to improve this sense of belonging is to bolster after school programs, especially by bringing in community members to facilitate programs for students. After school programs have been very successful this year and the idea is to expand those programs as we move forward.

2nd goal: 5th-6th grade transition and 8th-9th transition actions --summer music lessons, being able to provide them with lessons because of Covid money and the start up week

Last Wednesday Early College HS came in and talked with 8th graders about their program. Next week area high school counselors will come and visit with students and discuss actions they need to take for their entry into HS. HSCS will give students handouts about IB and AP at perspective high schools.

3rd goal to considered some of our online curriculum supports--and continued funding. Adobe is the product HSCS has chosen, Newsela, and Securely (online filtering system). In that component of wrap around support also continuing our counseling support using Stronger Oregon. Teletherapy--a 12 week baseline in-take program is

Jenny--reaching out to the community or involving the community YMCA connection?

Questions--is there any data from the survey that stands out? 8th grade boys stand out and this group missed their 6th grade entry process and lack of sports opportunities. We

have more male teachers in the past--so that could change engagement and belonging with boys.

Addressing Mr. Lynse: expressing appreciation for his letter to address concerns over the admissions process, because we are constantly reviewing our practice.

Admissions process--Mrs. Tracy recommends we have a lottery for any incoming 7th and 8th grade lottery in the application window.

JGEMS uses the same lottery process as HSCS. Valley Inquiry drops their waitlist every year. OLE (at Forest Ridge) is dropping their waitlist as well.

Students are choosing to opt-in to our program and they are opted in until they choose to unenroll

Example: High tech high lotteries their waitlist every time they enroll a new student.

In summary--some discussion should be had between Leslie and Jill (admissions) will communicate--waitlist

We add the 7th and 8th grade applicants to the lottery, if they apply during the

Eric made a motion to change the 7-8th grade lottery for new applicants

- **Finance Committee:** We've gone from 85%-95% in ADMW--shows that increase in income. We did our audit and it went through without any issues. We have \$607,000-
- We are sitting at an operating income of \$200,000 better off than we had expected.
- Christina noted that seeing the state budget we will likely need that additional money to offset potential loss of funding (ie recession)
- Parking is a negative because state workers are no longer using the spaces (covid)
- **Admissions Committee:** Parent night will be Leslie and Jill and to make phone calls for the lottery (3/7/23) will be Leslie, Robyn, and Jill.
- 5:30 arrival for parent night for Leslie and Jill --6:00 for parent arrival.
- **HR Committee (all):** Christina does all staff performance reviews, we do Christina's
- **Facilities Committee:** PACE our insurance provider did a walk through and risk assessment, we passed with no real issues. 2 potential issues: the front walkway has some mold that may need to be dealt with. We need to get an installed basketball hoop rather than the external (home) version we currently have.
- **Old business:** In an effort to increase engagement Jenny will give an introduction to "what a charter school is" on March 7th and will invite families to an event April 18th. We had talked about having tea and invite families to be in the space and to create

engagement. Parents can come talk to a board member, talk to other parents. Christina will consider if there is a take home message for parents from the school TBD.

- Analyze applications by feeder schools after the lottery.

Make connections to Jim Vu and the Chamber --Robyn will follow up with these.

Potentially a day when students are present and have 8th grade students walk with guests

- **New business: SIA funds conversation --see principals report**
- In March board needs to vote to approve the 3 goal areas for SIA funding and approve the funding by March 31, 2023

Adjourn: 7:17 pm

Next BOG meeting Scheduled: Mar 16, 2023 at 6:00 via zoom