



MINUTES

January 16, 2024
6:00 pm
Howard Street Charter School -
Via Zoom



Board Present: Jenny Hoelter Erik Davis Leslie Savage Andreas Wetzel Amy Baden Robyn Saunders Wilson	Board Absent: Kelby Childers	Guests: Christina Tracy Alicea Tresidder
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OPENING REMARKS

Jenny called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Guests in attendance included Christina Tracy and Alicea Tressider - HSCS staff.

- **Curriculum review**

Ms. Tressider provided an overview of 6th grade Humanities curriculum, including:

- Bootcamp for 6th graders - front loading of our culture and expectations. Assessment of reading levels, using Google docs/classroom, etc.
- Ixcel assessment - completed in September. This helps to better understand where the students are so that they can be better grouped with other students.

UNIT PAGES:

- #1 | Elements of Culture: illustration of what students think our school culture is. This opens up the conversation about their expectations and ours.
- #2 | Mesopotamia | Begin simulation using Risk-like structure, a battle for control of territories. Earn points to move army men on board by completing tasks that demonstrate teaching points. Co-op-etition.
- Observations | Students this year seem to run out of steam early. Four weeks pushes the boundaries of their patience. Will shorten to three weeks to better set the kids up for success. Lots of learning within this window of freedom.

- #3 | Egypt | Historical narrative including the 10 elements of culture (we use the National Social Studies standard vs the Oregon standard) to understand the progression of culture over time. Through the lens of history, geography, and poetry, students dive into fact versus opinion and reliable internet research with a final project to be published via the web and shared with parents.
- #4 | Brushstrokes - Applied to their Egypt narrative.
- #5 | Greece | Retelling of the Odyssey to discuss how culture is represented through this character. Students create an argumentative essay by taking a character and creating it into a Magic the Gathering card.
- #6 | State Testing in April, then on to Rome! Discuss provinces of Rome and their development.

Dance - 6th grade fitness

- Goal is to introduce simple movement to music; example: theater dancing, how to use space, using multiple people to create shapes, how to enter/exit stage.
 - >>Amy asked about the possibility of coaching for core strength.
 - >>Andreas asked about meditation.
 - 01/24 - first dance performance of the year at North Salem HS.
- **Approval of previous months minutes** - December minutes reviewed and motion to accept by Erik/Andreas with a second by Leslie. Minutes approved.
 - **Principals Report**
 - No school today, 01/16, due to weather. Two hour delay for Wednesday.
 - December - Staff professional development regarding AI - visual and text. Google Bard and Playground. Christina to demonstrate at a future board meeting so that we can get the scoop, too. We love to gain knowledge, too.
 - Enrichment Academy is back and baking is the hottest of commodities. Jen Haas, an expert baker, is schooling the kids on the ways of flour, water, salt, & yeast.
 - 01/18-01/20/2024 = Elf Jr, which will be performed at North Salem High School. Saturday's show will have a raffle as a fundraiser.
 - 02/02/2024 - end of first semester.
 - 02/03/2024 - Chipotle Fundraiser.
 - **Building updates**
 - Duncan Construction kindly fixed the leak into the Science lab.
 - Chester has been great in keeping everything clean and being generally awesome.
 - No power outages during the storm. All is well!

- **Finance**
 - Erik provided an update:
 - expense perspective - we need to spend dollars that we received (time limit), so these funds have been applied to curriculum and parking lot.
 - YTD - net operating income is up approx 40k due to parking lot revenue (ten new parkers!), fundraising, and Christina's continued prudence.

- **Admissions**
 - Awareness campaign is well underway with fliers being delivered to schools in which we did not receive any applicants last year. Additional schools will receive fliers by mail. Our social media campaign is also underway with increased engagement and shares.
 - Leslie and Robyn to meet up March 5 or 6 to review applications and prepare for lottery.

- **Old business**
 - Blurb for newsletter - monthly (next one February 15) - Leslie to take the next one. Goal is to highlight why we're on the board.
 - Board recruitment - what are our goals? Looking for diversity of backgrounds (e.g. attorney, higher education, community members, downtown business owners). A total of nine.
 - **Action item:** Onboarding packet + articulate board goals – how do we know we've met our goals or made progress? (Cadence: Spring time goals); approval of budget in June.
 - Bio piece for each member - potentially add to website and internal document.
 - Reach out to Coleman (background: sales, management of process and people)
 - Board 101 class for fall. Charter school law - Christina to help plan to help us!
 - May - meet the board event.

- **New business**
 - Chili feed - October 2024 fundraiser - add to agenda (per Leslie)
 - Parent Club - determine Spring events - next mtg – Feb 8
 - Civil Rights Coordinator - RSW to reach out to Suzanne West at the District so that we know who the coordinator is.
 - Chamber MeetUp - Erik to follow up for a June 24 or 28 event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Robyn Saunders Wilson

