

Anser Charter School Community Board

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Date/time: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 8:30 PM
Location: Anser Charter School
Purpose/notes: Regular scheduled meeting

Chaired by: Heather Dennis
Minuted rec. by: Heather Dennis
Status: Minutes drafted

Attendance

Present: Heidi Bauer, Lora Breen, Leslie Brown, Christina Bruce-Bennion, Maggie Chase, Brian Coffey, Heather Dennis, Michelle Dunstan, Barry Human, Maridee Lemieux, Brenda Marosvari, Jennica Navarro, Staci Shaw, Stacy Slattery, Angie Temple
Regrets: Tiffany Keeley, Christine Pisani
Late: Nichoel Baird Spencer

Meeting documents

- 2017-2018 Curriculum Report - Google Docs.pdf
- Anser Charter School Board Long Term Planning Process Draft.pdf
- Board Committee Reports 1117.pdf
- EdReportNov2017.pdf
- Minutes-2017-09-26.pdf
- October 2017 Budget Report.pdf
- Org Director Board Report Nov 17.pdf
- Parent Survey Data.pdf

Agenda

1. Anser's Mission

1.1. Anser's Mission and Vision

Anser's mission is to educate the whole child in a collaborative learning community where individuals are inspired to achieve their academic potential, be self-motivated and feel a sense of connection and responsibility to the world.

Anser's vision is to foster learning that imagines a better world and works toward realizing it; set high academic standards; promote creativity, discovery, reflection and balance; embrace diversity; and use developmentally appropriate practices and real-world experiences to educate within a climate of collaboration, community, character, and compassion.

Status: Completed

2. Standing Items

2.1. Introductions

Lora introduced Charlie Silva and Ed Littenecker from the Idaho State Department of Education Special Education Department. They attended to perform a requested training on Special Education as part of the Anser Board Development training series.

Status: Completed

2.1.1. Hooray for Anser

Leslie Brown shared that she appreciated the report from Sarah Wilson regarding her work to support students on the playground and that she felt Sarah's work was making an impact. Lora Breen noted that all committees had submitted reports regarding their work since the prior meeting. Anser students were invited to share their portfolios with students in the Education program at Boise State University. The Elementary Primacy of Self Discovery Recital was a great success. And JH has completed their first round of report cards.

Status: Completed

2.1.1.1. Review and Approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Maggie Chase moved and Leslie Brown seconded a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the September 26th 2017 meeting. Approved.

Status: Completed

3. Integrity of the Organization

3.1. Board Training on Special Education Law

As part of on-going Board Member Development Training an SDE Special Education Trainer will provide training related to Special Education Law for schools.

Dr. Charlie Silva and Ed Littenecker presented a training for Board Members on issues related to Special Education Law. This training, at Anser's request was part of the Anser Board ongoing training series that covers areas of Education and Governance to ensure a strong foundation of support for the school.

Status: Completed

4. Financial Resources

4.1. Finance Committee Report

October Budget Comparison Summary

Review of financial metrics

Maridee presented the October 2017 Budget Summary for review and discussion. Christina Bruce Bennion moved to approve the October 2017 Budget Summary. Nichoel Baird Spencer seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

5. Academics

5.1. Annual Faculty Update

Review of the report provided by teachers at each grade level on their expedition and activities.

Michelle reviewed and answered questions about the Annual Faculty Update which included a summary from all education staff on the activities and plans for the Crew.

Status: Completed

6. Vision for Anser

6.1. Review of Long Term Planning Schedule for 2017-2018

Review of a proposed schedule for long term planning related to possible new programs or growth in Anser's future.

Review of parent response data related to future programs.

Discussion of 20th Anniversary planning

Heather presented a process to guide the Visioning work being done at the Board and Staff level to plan for Anser's future. She also presented the data related to parent input on possible programs that could be offered and parent interest in those programs and discussed how this process might dovetail with the plans to celebrate Anser's 20th Anniversary. Discussion of plans for that celebration were tabled due to the length of the meeting.

Status: Completed
