

# Anser Charter School Community Board

## Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

**Date/time:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 7:30 PM  
**Location:** Anser Charter School  
**Purpose/notes:** Regular scheduled meeting  
**Chaired by:** Heather Dennis  
**Minuted rec. by:** Heather Dennis  
**Status:** Minutes drafted

### Attendance

**Present:** Nichoel Baird Spencer, Lora Breen, Leslie Brown, Maggie Chase, Heather Dennis, Michelle Dunstan, Barry Human, Tiffany Keeley, Maridee Lemieux, Caitlyn Scales, Staci Shaw, Jeremiah Shinn, Nancy Tacke, Angie Temple, Jeff Tonkin, Amy York  
**Regrets:** AnnMarie Johnson  
**Absent:** Heidi Bauer

### Meeting documents

- Minutes-2019-01-30.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

**Status:** Completed

---

#### 2.1.1. Hooray for Anser

The 5th-6th grade Boys Basketball team was playing in the season tournament. JH Students raised enough money for Pedal for Packs to purchase 25 bikes! Winter Grit Session is underway. Food Services Coordinator Danielle Kieffer found a way to transfer \$4,000 of Lunch Program Commodity funds to be used for fresh produce for the salad bar instead of on canned goods. 3 staff from EL Educations's regional team will join us for the 20th Anniversary Celebration. A Nationally acclaimed local author Christine Gregory came to speak with 4th-5th students about the history of the Oregon Trail. She

was so impressed with their enthusiasm about writing that she has offered to provide some young writers workshops for our students.

**Status:** Completed

---

#### 2.1.1.1. Review and Approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the Prior Meeting (Action Item)

Review and approve the agenda and the minutes of the January 30th, 2019 meeting

The agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the 1/30/19 meeting were reviewed. Angie Temple made a motion to approve the minutes and the agenda. Jeff Tonkin seconded the motion. Approved.

**Status:** Completed

---

### 3. Financial Resources

---

#### 3.1. Finance Committee Report

Approve the January 2019 Budget Report ( Action Item)

Maridee presented the January 2019 Budget Summary Report. Projections will be included in the next month's report and in the remaining months of the school year going forward. Leslie Brown made a motion to accept the budget report. Angie Temple seconded the motion. Approved.

**Status:** Completed

---

### 4. Vision for Anser

---

#### 4.1. Visioning Committee Update

Teachers from the Visioning Work will present some of the outcomes of the Visioning Committee's work.

Update on sources of support for the visioning work.

Anser Teachers Heather Banuelos and Anne Moore came to share with the Board members about the work of the Visioning Committee. They shared more information about their prototyping, including Anne's Art Lab, shifts to certain courses to be grade level specific and building opportunities for culminating projects at each grade level, including a Capstone project for 8th graders.

Heather Dennis was approved to serve as a Bluum Fellow, beginning April 1st. This fellowship will provide funds to Anser to cover her salary/benefits and to cover travel to schools around the country to learn more about the types of learning opportunities that align with the work of the Visioning team. These funds will also support planning time for a replication of expansion of Anser.

**Status:** Completed

---

### 5. Academics

---

### 6. Integrity of the Organization

---

#### 6.1. Board Committee Updates

Each Committee reports on their progress toward the Continuous Improvement Plan goals.

Governance: The Bylaws have been amended based upon legal counsel and will be reviewed at the next meeting and approved at the April 2019 meeting. Progress is being made on the Communication Protocol for Board and Staff members.

Finance: The committee generated a list of additional revenue sources to pursue for the school, options for facility financing, the role the committee can play in support of the budget process this year and will be looking at a possible Director compensation structure.

Family Council: Has been evaluating the purpose of the council, how to serve the school and its current plans to support the auction. They have been working to see if the school can get a water filling station installed through some sort of fundraising effort.

CIC: The CIC held the Alumni meeting to gain insight about what components of Anser the alumni found very valuable and areas that Anser should focus on in the future. The feedback from that meeting was shared.

Resource Development: The Committee has been working to define its role, especially given plans to expand or replicate. They are looking at the role of all stakeholders in support of fundraising and all of the options available to maximize the use of the property purchased last spring.

**Status:** Completed

---