



Sheridan Japanese School
シェリダン日本語学校

Building Excellence Through Global Education
Sheridan Japanese School Foundation Board

**Foundation Board -Regular Meeting
SJS School, 430 SW Monroe, Sheridan, OR
Monday, September 21, 2015- 6:45 PM**

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:51 pm

In Attendance: Dick Paay, Ann Meyer, Gay Hall-Pentecost, Charles Broadwell, Andy Scott

Dick requested to amend the agenda to add V.B.e. Report on League of Oregon Charter Schools. Board agreed unanimously.

II. Approve Minutes

Charles moves to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting 8/17/15 as presented. Gay seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Treasurer Report

Jesse will have July, August and September financial statements ready for the October meeting due to low activity during those months. The annual financial audit is underway.

IV. School Business

A. School Report

The new behavior/privilege system was introduced on September 21 2105. Cards will be given out on October 21.

The advisory period has been revamped. The six advisory groups meet for 35 minutes daily.

Andy reviewed the Smarter Balanced test results and the OAKS results.

V. Foundation Business

A. Old Business

a. School Council Bylaws

Andy is working on resolving the Board's comments and the council's comments. An election was held to replace members who had resigned. A new council member spoke at the parent orientation on September 15.

b. Board Member Applications

One application has been received from a potential new board member. The applicant had no logged volunteer hours and no cleaning hours, so was deemed not eligible.

Gay moves that the applicant is not eligible, Charles seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

Gay will draft a letter thanking the individual for the application.

Ann will take an application to an interested community member.

c. Annual Report to ODE

Andy presented the Annual Report to the Oregon Department of Education, which was submitted to the ODE and the Sheridan School District office.

d. Survey Review

The board reviewed the AdvancED survey results from last May/June. The senior students last year were a little negative in their comments. The staff voiced that communication could be clearer.

e. SJS Rubric

The board discussed whether the School Council is on target with what the purpose/vision of SJS is. Ann has given a copy of the SJS Operational Manual to the School Council so they can compare their ideas with the vision/beginning tenet of SJS.

B. New Business

a. Substitute Teachers

The new science teacher is expecting a baby in December, so SJS will be needing a substitute while she is out. The board will bring some possible names to Andy.

b. Four Year Rotation

The four year rotation for science will need to change. Earth Science is on its way out, and SJS needs to look at the Common Core requirements for science. SJS needs to assure that the students are ready for higher levels.

Curriculum maps are being created by the teachers.

Pre and post assessments are being advocated by Andy. He will be checking back in January.

c. Need for Additional Classroom Space

Classroom space at SJS is very limited, and the question has been posed of whether the covered patio can be turned into a classroom. There are already fire sprinklers in the ceiling. If that area were converted, possibly the grassy

area at the front could be covered with a roof but no walls for an outdoor covered area. There is a plan for a covered area to the west side.

Architects would need to be found for this project. The project would have to happen in phases.

Ann moves to proceed in converting the patio into functional classroom/library; review planning, costs, fire and life safety. Charles seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

Dick and Lisa will find the original blueprints.

Fundraising for this will start in November. Will need a visual drawing of the proposed addition.

d. PACE Grant Safety Issue

The installation of security cameras used up the remaining PACE grant funds. SJS has had intruders. There is consideration of gating the back side parking lot to make a basketball court.

e. League of Oregon Charter Schools

There was a lawsuit in Washington against charter schools. Ninety out of the 125 Oregon charter schools belong to the League of Oregon Charter Schools. Money is being put into minorities. It is legal to entice minorities to your school through amendments to the lottery process.

Adjournment to Executive Session at 9:12 pm

Reconvened Regular meeting at 9:20 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Next meeting is Monday, October 19.