



*American River Charter School
6620 Wentworth Springs Rd. Georgetown. CA
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ARCS Charter Council Regular Meeting Minutes*

September 1, 2020 3:15 pm

School Motto: "Soaring to New Heights Together"

Council Members: Penny Howell - Homeschool Parent Representative
Elizabeth Haines - BOMUSD Liaison
David Gleason - ARCS Director
Abbygail Creiglow - Site Parent Representative
Open Position - Classified Staff Representative
Open Position - Site Staff Teacher Representative
Anne Thomas - Homeschool Teacher Representative
Open Position - Student Representative
Open Position - Community Representative

1.0 Call to Order: 3:20 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call: Penny Howell, David Gleason, Abbygail Creiglow, Anne Thomas - Present
Elizabeth Haines - Absent

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance:

3.0 Action Items:

3.1 Adoption of The Agenda:

Motion - David Gleason

Second - Abbygail Creiglow

Ayes - Penny Howell, David Gleason, Abigail Creiglow. Anne Thomas

Result - Motion Passed

3.2 Adoption of Minutes from August 4th, 2020:

Tabled for October Meeting. Edit minutes to include vote information.

3.3 Installation of Nicole Parr as the Classified Employee Representative
Appointing Nikki to finish out Ray Barrett's term (through August 2021)
Motion - David Gleason
Second - Penny Howell
Ayes - Penny Howell, David Gleason, Abbygail Creiglow, Anne Thomas
Result - Motion Passed

4.0 Communications

Members of the public may address the Charter Council on any items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Charter Council, but are not on the agenda or are on the consent agenda. However, the Charter Council shall not act upon, respond to, or comment on the merits of any item presented during the Oral Communications, although the Charter Council may ask clarifying questions of the presenter or refer the presenter to a District procedure if appropriate. (Government Code Sections 54954.2 and 54954.3) This is also the time to address any items on the consent agenda.

4.1 Oral Communications- (3 minute limit) None

4.2 Written Communications: Shared the newest version of the MOU stating that the Site Teachers goal is to have students return to the classroom, so COVID protocols should be adopted.

5.0 Information and Discussion:

5.1 **Budget report:** Laura Moneypenny: No new updates. Penny shared that she would like regular updates to keep the Council abreast of the budget ongoing throughout the year instead of at the very end of the year. Cassidy may come to the next meeting.

5.2 **Directors Report:** David Gleason

Topics:

Learning Continuity Plan Update: Similar to the LCAP, but less detailed. Only relates to the monies that have come as an extra bonus (\$32,000.00). ARCS will use the same information as BOMUSD to fill out the document. We used our funds for technology devices and Acellus for the site. The district received approximately \$850,000.00. We also used funds for PPE (masks etc.). It is due by Sept. 30th. It will go to the BOMUSD Board and be presented by Cassidy. It will then go to the county.

Covid Reopening: David will meet tomorrow at the district office to learn what it will look like to have students return to campus. The governor gave some guidelines for small group instruction. It has expanded from Special Education to the broader population. Small groups of up to 14 students are considered an acceptable learning cohort. More guidance to come. Dave is proposing a possible scenario of students returning to school in grade level groups attending on different days. The 6-8 week trial period comes to an end in early October and Mr. Meyers will have to address the BOMUSD Board with an update and plan going forward. Dependent on our county's placement on

the COVID Lists, a plan will be developed for PPE, sanitization processes etc. Our plan is to have traditional education in place as soon as possible. A question was raised as to how many district parents will actually return their students to the classroom. Will the survey results be considered? Families who do not wish to return will have the option to stay on distance learning. Will they do a new survey before the 6-8 weeks expires? Due to our small size, we have to follow all protocols carefully to avoid being returned to distance learning if students get sick. There is a meeting planned for the FAST committee to ensure that our district is prepared to return to the classroom as quickly as possible when we receive the OK. All stakeholders must be in agreement with the plan.

Enrollment:

Site: 55

Homeschool: 264 Plus waiting list SDC: 11

Staffing: We hired Tracy Wilson as a new 1.0 Homeschool Teacher. She last worked in Placer County. She has jumped right into her new responsibilities! We have been given the OK to hire another 0.75 Homeschool Teacher. We currently have a waiting list for the Homeschool Program. Amy Hopkins will serve as the Site Representative for ARCS Council, replacing Anne Thomas. We are still seeking a student representative and a community representative. Dave will seek out interest in local community organizations.

6.0 **Call for topics for next meeting: October 6th 3:15 p.m.** (unless an earlier date is needed)

- Installation of new member : Amy Hopkins - Site Teacher Representative
- Installation of new member: Sydney Proctor - Student Representative
- Potential visit from Kassidy with budget update.
- Installation of officers (Vice Chair, Secretary & Parliamentarian).

7.0 **Adjournment:** 4:31pm

Motion - Penny Howell

Second - David Gleason

Ayes - Penny Howell, David Gleason, Abbygail Creiglow. Anne Thomas

Result - Motion Passed

