

Minutes of The Summit Charter School, Inc.

Board of Trustees

January 8, 2018

Report by: Collins Zimmer, Secretary

Voting Members Attending: Edward Cole (Chair); Ann Betty (Vice Chair); Collins Zimmer (Secretary); Tammy Bryson (Treasurer); Scott Westendorf; Travis Boswell; Andrew Angle; Katie Bumgarner, Linda Quick, Bill Howard

Voting Members Absent: Jerry Blackburn, Tim Spilliards

Non-Voting Members Attending: Danny Howell (Director); Marie Starkings (Faculty Board Member); Gretchen Kapity (Faculty Board Member)

Visitors: John Lehotsky

There were no questions or comments made during Open Period/Public Comment.

The January 8, 2018 meeting of The Summit Charter School, Inc. Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. with Edward Cole, Chair, presiding.

All attending recited the Summit Pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Linda Quick moved that the Minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Ann Betty and was approved unanimously.

Director's Report: Danny Howell presented his Director's report, a copy of which was distributed at the meeting. Faculty updates include the following: Parker Swaringen is now the new PE assistant; Marsha LaFontaine has been hired as the long-term substitute for 2nd grade (Summit is currently seeking a full-time replacement); Scott Whitman has been hired part-time for the second semester to teach STEAM classes. Second semester academic initiatives include school-wide schedule adjustments, i-Ready no longer being used for whole group instruction, and the addition of STEAM classes twice a week in Middle School. Coding is also being added as a part of Middle School Tech classes. The Summit robotics teams were acknowledged for their success as they head to State competition. i-Ready test results school-wide continue to show academic growth; members discussed its current role in Summit's curriculum. Board Members credited academic growth to added 90 minutes of both Math and Language Arts daily, the up-to-date Everyday Math curriculum, and now supplemental i-Ready testing. Members discussed MLK day as a service day and/or holiday in next year's calendar. Edward Cole and Danny Howell reflected on the faculty work day January 3rd, the positive reception to new changes, and the opportunity for discussion and suggestions held by faculty members.

K-2 Class Size: Edward Cole and Danny Howell discussed the state-mandated K-3 class size rule, Summit's competitiveness on this plateau, and members discussed adding a potential K-1 class while looking at several financial models. Discussion was tabled and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Potential Partnerships: Linda Quick made a motion to explore opportunities with an art institution and assemble an ad hoc committee that will include Gretchen Kapity. Ann Betty seconded it and the Board approved.

Potential School-Provided Transportation: The Board discussed the recruiting and cost benefit of acquiring another activity bus for off-mountain student transportation.

Principal Hiring Process: Summit has received and is considering several applications for this position.

Committee Reports:

- Facilities: Scott Westendorf had nothing new to report.
- Finance: Tammy Bryson updated the Board.
- Strategic Planning: Bill Howard will be scheduling a meeting soon.
- Trustee: Travis Boswell had nothing new to report.

Other Committee/Sister Organization Reports:

- Foundation/Fundraising: Andrew Angle had nothing new to report.
- Construction: Ann Betty shared that the septic system had been approved, the foundation permit would be approved by next day and discussed plans for High school.
- High School: Danny Howell shared that curriculum planning is underway and they're working toward a presentation of the High School.
- Campus Culture: Ann Betty had nothing new to report.
- SFA: Katie Bumgarner had nothing new to report.

Other Business: There was no other business discussed.

Ann Betty motioned to adjourn the meeting, Scott Westendorf seconded and the meeting was adjourned.