

Sky Mountain Charter School Governing Board Meeting Minutes
By Zoom Teleconference
Friday, August 23, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER at 11:01 am by Argi Sayari

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME/ROLL CALL

Governing Board Attendees: Desiree Cisneros, Tawanna Cullen, and Shah-ye Mojica

Administration Present: Cynthia Rachel, IEM Director of Communications and Development, Argi Sayari, SM Education Liaison, Megan Kelly, SM Advisor, and Brenda Christensen, SM Governing Board Secretary.

4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public may be heard on any item. A person addressing the Council will be limited to 3 minutes, unless the Site Administrator grants a longer period of time. Comments by members of the public on an item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Council.

No one addressed the board at that time.

5. REPORTS

A. Update from school leadership:

Cyndi Rachel welcomed everyone back to the new school year and asked if anyone had any questions regarding curriculum or programs. No one had any questions at that time. She then provided an overview of negative publicity regarding homeschool charters in California along with possible effects on all charters acting ethically and legally as a result. We currently have a great working relationship with our sponsoring district. The state would like to take away flexibility from charters like ours, get more involved in the renewal process and not leave it up to the districts. At-risk students coming to us take time to show growth. When scores don't show what the state would like, it can pose some challenges for us. We know our model of education works, there is no one way to educate a child. We would like to continue to offer parent choice education, our model of personalizing the learning to children for as long as we possibly can. As a public school, we do have state testing, we don't want to put all of our energy on testing to the point that we lose sight of personalized learning. Testing is just another way to show what they know. For students who know the content but struggle with the testing platform, we offered practice sessions to help alleviate stress and anxiety with testing. Once they understand how to access the different tools on a computer, students can focus more on the questions and they're able to do better on state tests as a result. Desiree asked about CAASPP results. Cyndi explained the results went digital and will be mailed out sometime around the beginning of September. There will be parent portal training coming for the digital view as well as specific vendors for direct shipping.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the June 10, 2019 minutes

Desiree moved to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes.

Tawanna seconded the motion.

Roll call taken; approval of June 10, 2019 minutes passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Education Protection Account

Shah-ye moved to approve the Education Protection Account

Desiree seconded the motion.

Cyndi explained the source and use of funding that goes

Roll call was taken; approval of the Education Protection Account passed unanimously.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting late September early October

Date and time will be determined by majority from Plans to Attend survey.

8. ADJOURN

Argi Sayari adjourned meeting at 11:26 am.