

BRIDGES Charter School

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Monday, December 12, 2011

Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Multipurpose Room, BRIDGES Campus, 1335 Calle Bouganvilla

AGENDA

A. OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Reminder to community to turn in Public Comment cards for Agenda Item B.
3. On July 11th, 2011 a values workshop was held including 6 of 7 BRIDGES Board members together with 35 parents, teachers and staff to respond to the focus question, "What are the shared values of the BRIDGES Charter School Community?" The third response was; Ethics Built on Trust.
4. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Jon Baker

Terri Childs

Kim Convy

Kenny Leopold

Jim McGlynn

Kathi Vanderluit

Randy Witt

5. Approval of the Agenda for the current Public Meeting of BRIDGES Charter School Board of Directors.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens who would like to address the Board on any item on the Agenda may do so when the President requests comments from the Public as the Board is considering the item. This portion of the Board Meeting is set aside for members of the audience to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. These presentations are limited to five (5) minutes per presentation and must be in keeping with the spirit of the charter school vision for positive, respectful and peaceful collaboration. Due to the Brown Act, the board may briefly remark on any given comment but it may not discuss speaker comments with the speaker or amongst the board members.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Citizens who would like to address the Board in a written communication to be made public may do so by sending a communication to the director for Board distribution, or by Emailing ALL members of the Board in a single Email listing EACH Board member in the To: line. If a citizen wishes to correspond with an individual Board Member(s), they may do so by sending individual Emails to each board member.

D. STUDY SESSION:

(Discussion Only – No Action will be taken.) In order to encourage a school community in which all members are active participants, the board may offer time at each meeting for the community and the Board to discuss items of importance or concern on topics directly and specifically within the following category (ies). All speakers will get no more than two opportunities to speak, can speak for no more than 3 minutes each time and must address all comments to the board. This is NOT an area for grievances or dialog among audience members. If you are not specifically on topic, you will not be permitted to proceed.

1. What does Ethics Built on Trust mean to this community and how do we best institute it in terms of both educational and disciplinary goals?

E. REPORTS

1. Director (include student numbers per grade and wait list status)
2. Education Coordinator
3. Home-school Coordinator
4. Special Education Coordinator
5. VCOE Representative
6. BSA
7. PAC (Board Packet Item 1)
8. Individual Board Members

F. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Actions proposed for the Consent Agenda are items consistent with adopted policies and approved practices of BRIDGES and are deemed routine in nature. The Board will be asked to approve all of the Consent Agenda items by a single vote unless any member of the Board or the Public asks that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered and discussed separately.

- 1 Consideration of the approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2011 BRIDGES Board of Directors Meeting (Board Packet Item 2)
- 2 Consideration of the approval of the minutes from the November 28, 2011 BRIDGES Board of Directors Meeting (Board Packet Item 3)
- 3 Approval of Vincent O’Conner as assistant Custodian (Board packet item 4)
- 4 Approval of Jennifer Danielson as Extensions Childcare Employee (Board Packet item 5)

G. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

These items are presented to the Board for information only and are not subject to action at this meeting. These items may be added to a future meeting for action by the Board. The public may make comments on any or all items listed below by submitting a speaker card.

1. Discussion of concerns about lack of staff and lack off parent volunteer/student communication and information at BMX assembly. (Kim Convey)
2. Consideration and discussion for the administrator present (monthly or bimonthly) the schools' main goals for the year to the board. (Kim Convey)
 - A. Are our students meeting the standards/goals?
 - B. How are we tracking mastery of standards during the year?
 - C. Are there specific groups of students who are struggling?

- D. Do we have appropriate supports for our struggling students?
 - E. Have we targeted our support appropriately?
 - F. Monthly Parent/Student Satisfaction Survey of how BCS is meeting goals.
3. Discussion and presentation of BRIDGES Personnel Policy & Handbook additions from Jon Baker. (Board Packet Item 6) (Jon Baker)
 4. Discussion and presentation of BRIDGES Board Communication Policy (Board Packet Item 7) (Jim McGlynn & Randy Witt)
 5. Discussion of the role of, and policy for, the Director Evaluation Committee (Kathi Vanderluit)
 6. Discussion of the accuracy of homeschool accounting practices and financial targets to be achieved by the Home School director. (Randy Witt)
 7. Discussion of the status of the Tech Committee (report on availability of internet to all classrooms, wireless internet to entire campus, library status and expenditures). (Kim Convy)
 8. Discussion of the Budget Committee Meeting (results, status and direction). (Kim Convy)
 9. Discussion of a Town Hall Meeting concept to enhance communication. (Board Packet item 8) (Kenny Leopold)
 10. Discussion of an adjustment to the meeting dates to avoid date conflicts with VCOE and MATES (Tiffany Morse)

H. ACTION ITEMS

These items are subject to being discussed, voted upon and approved by the board. All items are subject to public comment by submitting a speaker card prior to the call for a Board vote.

1. Approval, funding and formation of preplanning WASC subcommittee. (Kim Convy)
2. Consideration to approve a Request to Review the Matter of Music & Art classes being taken out of core curriculum and offered solely as electives. (Kim Convy)
3. Consideration to approve a teacher survey created and initiated by the board. The Director to report back teacher responses to the board. (Kim Convy)
4. Consideration to approve a Middle school parent and student survey created and initiated by the board. (Kim Convy)
5. Consideration to approve a Request to Review Class sizes and caps. (Kim Convy)
6. Consideration to approve Rotating Board Presidents to all members of the board. (Kim Convy)
7. Approval of an exit survey for parents who are departing the school. (Board Packet Item9) (Jon Baker)
8. Approval of first interim report. (Two PDF documents attached) (Benny Martinez)

I. CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment [Government Code Section 54957 (b)]
Title: Director
Title: Board
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation [Government Code Section 54957 (b)]

Title: Director

Title: Education Coordinator

J. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

The proposed topics for the next BRIDGES Board meeting (January 9th) currently include the items listed below. Additional topics for consideration and their corresponding supporting material should be emailed to randy.witt@bridgescharter.org one week prior to the date of the next meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT