

BRIDGES Charter School

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Monday, November 28, 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 second response was; CHILD CENTERED PRIORITY.
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.

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.

- 1 **Cyndy Rogers (Board Packet Item 1)**
- 2 **Susie & Rick Cervantes (Board Packet Item 2)**
- 3 **Bonnie & Jim Sterling (Board Packet Item 3)**

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 CHILD CENTERED PRIORITY mean to this community and how do we best institute it in terms of both education and discipline?

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 (Board Packet Item 4)
7. PAC (Board Packet Item 5)
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 6)
2. Approval of Grievance and Complaint Policy (Board Packet Item 7)
3. Approval of Policy on Assessments (Board Packet Item 8)
4. Approval of County required paperwork for; (Board Packet Item 9)
Stephanie Qualls, Home School Teacher
Emily Pariseau - School Psychologist
Tracy Takahashi - Resource Specialist & Compensatory Hours
Norma Delgado - Compensatory Hours

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 and presentation of BRIDGES Personnel Policy & Handbook---changes in yellow (Board Packet Item 10) (Hilda Salas)
2. Discussion and presentation of BRIDGES Board Communication Policy (Board Packet Item 11) (Hilda Salas, Jim McGlynn & Randy Witt)

3. Discussion of the role of and policy for the Director Evaluation Committee (Jon Baker, Kathi Vanderluit, Jim McGlynn)

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. Approval of adding job descriptions as approved by Job Description Committee, VCOE and previous Board to all future contracts with Director and Educational Coordinator. (Board Packet Item 12) (Jon Baker)
3. Approval of adding Language that appears in the current Director contract to all future contracts with all staff. (Board Packet Item 13) (Jon Baker)
4. Approval of subcontract agreement with Daniela Frias, Homeschool Teacher (Board Packet Item 14)
5. Approval of subcontract with Katie White, Homeschool Science Specialist (Board Packet Item 15)
6. Approval of subcontract agreement with Rosemary Schlingensiepen, Homeschool Teacher (Board Packet Item 16)

I. CLOSED SESSION

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

J. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

The proposed topics for the next BRIDGES Board meeting (December 12th) 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.

1. Discussion of concerns about lack of staff and lack of 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. 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 Convey)

4. Consideration to approve a teacher survey created and initiated by the board. The Director to report back teacher responses to the board. (Kim Convey)
5. Consideration to approve a Middle school parent and student survey created and initiated by the board. (Kim Convey)
6. Consideration to approve a Request to Review Class sizes and caps. (Kim Convey)
7. Consideration to approve Rotating Board Presidents to all members of the board. (Kim Convey)

L. ADJOURNMENT