

Attendees::

- Present: Kristina Vargo, Ashlee Marshall, Macie Kerbs, Emma Bullock, Barburhan Uzum, and Susie Kamman.
- Non-voting board associates present: Dr. Ronny Knox, SHSU Charter School Superintendent; Alicia Hernandez, M.Ed., SHSU Charter School Principal; Jenny Babcock and Tyler King, acting Interim Charter School Business Manager; Lisa Box, Administrative Associate; Rebecca Carruthers, District PEIMS Coordinator; and Ginger Yount, TSUS Office of General Counsel.
- Appearing via Zoom: Ms. Freeman and Layah Freeman; Ms. Pflughaupt and her class.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

- Dr. Kristina Vargo, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and noted a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the August 16, 2022 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Superintendent's Report

○ Campus Updates

Principal Hernandez provided the following:

- Recognition of Students of the Month goes to Lucas Benitez, Layah Freeman, and Chaniyah Singletary.
- Recognition of Staff of the Month goes to Crystal Pflughaupt, the Lead Teacher at Cypress Trails, and Karla O'Keeffe, the Educational Technology Specialist.
- Hearing and Vision screenings were recently conducted with the assistance of the School of Nursing. The School of Nursing is also helping coordinate Red Ribbon week in October and health awareness.
- The Parent Teacher Organization's fundraising efforts at Cypress Trail have raised funds for use in expanding their playground equipment.
- Benchmark testing will be wrapping up for the first nine weeks this week. Additional work is being done to rollout online Benchmark testing.
- Fall break begins in two weeks.
- Winter programs are being planned for December.
- Teachers are utilizing monthly Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to support their colleagues.
- Kindergarten teachers designed an end of year math test.

Dr. Knox provided the following:

- Texas Education Agency Compliance report certificates are due November 1, 2022. Dr. Knox will send out an email to all regarding updating information in mid-October.
- The October Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Brighton Academy campus located at 10801 Falconwing Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary.
- One of the goals at establishment of the Charter School was to have an overseas sister campus or program. There is a proposed connection with a Costa Rican school. A meeting to discuss the connection will take place September 22, 2022 via Zoom. Some ideas presented are to have a graduation trip for sixth graders to visit the overseas campus, as well as potential mutual lessons and teacher exchanges.

- Financial Reporting

Dr. Knox turned the meeting over to Jenny Babcock to present the Financial Reports.

- Jenny Babcock presented the Financial Reports as of August 31, 2022.

- 2022-2023 Enrollment Update

Dr. Knox provided the following:

- Enrollment has grown to 495. The enrollment goal is to reach 500 by the last Friday in October.

- Staffing

Dr. Knox provided the following:

- The Charter School now has a full-time certified special education teacher.

- COVID-19 Update

Dr. Knox provided the following:

- Dr. Knox acknowledged Rebecca Carruthers' efforts in preparing the reports. Reported COVID-19 cases are trending downward. It was noted that the number of reported COVID-19 cases tend to increase after breaks. This downward trend allows the remote teacher to assist in other areas of need.

4. Executive Session

- Executive session convened at 11:24 a.m. to discuss matters related to school safety pursuant to Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code.
- Closed session ended at 11:55 a.m. and open session reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Board Action

- 2022-2023 Gifted and Talented Plan

Principal Hernandez discussed the Gifted and Talented (GT) Program Manual. All GT participants meet once a month via Zoom. GT participants are currently working on a "Kid President" campaign.

Motion by Emma Bullock, seconded by Susie Kamman, and was unanimously approved.

- 2022-2023 District/Campus Improvement Goals

Principal Hernandez presented the PowerPoint presentation regarding campus improvement initiatives. The plan strategically targets items to be addressed. Goals include scoring in various distinction categories. Increasing attendance will help achieve distinctions. There was discussion regarding possibly incentivizing attendance of staff and students, as well as questions regarding the technology specialist's tasks and access to technology for second graders. Next year there will be approximately 30 Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) students.

Motion by Susie Kamman, seconded by Macie Kerbs, and was unanimously approved.

- Update Report on Board Learning Goals

Principal Hernandez discussed the Board Learning Goals. House Bill 3 requires that school boards adopt plans for setting goals in early childhood learning. The goals set in 2020 have been exceeded. The Board can decide when to adjust the goals after data is assessed and will target updating goals by the December Board meeting.

Motion by Macie Kerbs, seconded by Emma Bullock, and was unanimously approved.

- Charter School Board Policy 700.040 Eligibility Criteria

Principal Hernandez presented the updated policy as taken from the relevant code with no changes.

Motion by Emma Bullock, seconded by Barburhan Uzum, and was unanimously approved.

- Charter School Board Policy 700.060 Dyslexia

Principal Hernandez presented the updated policy with changes pursuant to the relevant code with no changes. The Board agreed that it follows the relevant code.

Motion by Macie Kerbs, seconded by Barburhan Uzum, and was unanimously approved.

- Charter School Board Policy 700.070 Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Principal Hernandez presented the updated policy with changes pursuant to the relevant code with no changes.

Motion by Emma Bullock, seconded by Susie Kamman, and was unanimously approved.

- Charter School Board Policy 700.080 Restraint and Timeout

Principal Hernandez presented the updated policy with changes pursuant to the relevant code with no changes.

Motion by Susie Kamman, seconded by Emma Bullock, and was unanimously approved.

6. Public Comments

- There were no public comments made.

7. Adjourn

- There being no further business, Dr. Kristina Vargo announced the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.


Dr. Kristina Vargo, Chair