



**Spark Charter School
Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Spark Charter School, Room 4
739 Morse Avenue, Sunnyvale
Monday, March. 07, 2016 - 6:30p.m.

A. OPENING OF MEETING BY BOARD PRESIDENT

Roll Call	Alexandra Zdravkovic	<u> x </u>	Jane Lii	<u> </u>
	Karen Gumaer	<u> x </u>	Laura Stuchinsky	<u> x </u>
	Niti Madan	<u> x </u>		<u> </u>

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved Niti Seconded Laura Board Action 4-0

C. Comments from the Public

None

D. Closed Session

None

E. Reconvene to Open Session

None

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from the public

None

2. Recognition of the community

Chris recognized contributions made by Spark families over last four years.
Chris recognized Martha Haake for all of her hard work to significantly adjust her educational approach to accommodate Spark's educational program.
Karen recognized Chris for his efforts on behalf of Spark, including but not limited to his challenge fundraising match.

3. Announcements

None

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from February 22, 2016
Motion by Karen to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Alex and approved 4-0 with Laura, Alex, Niti and Karen voting affirmatively.

H. OLD BUSINESS

- Budget, PCSGP funds update– Jennifer, Martha, Chris
Jennifer Afdahl Rice, from CSMC (Spark's back office provider) provided an update on Spark's budget and projected 16-17 budget.
Martha reported that Spark will be making its second interim report to the Santa Clara County Office of Education on March 15 and that PCSGP auditors are scheduled to come on April 5 & 6.
- Director's Report (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress [CAASSP], Walk-A-thon, Reading Specialist Update) – Chris
 - CAASSP (California's common core assessment). Spark's testing window is April 17 to May 13. Test will be taken online. Classroom testing will be staggered. Teachers will expose the students to the format and style of the test.
 - Walk-A-thon: Scheduled for April 2. Goal is to raise \$50,000.
 - Reading Specialist Update: Clarise Lyon (former teacher, owner of Lyon Learning) is training staff in using Spark's new literacy program, "Foundations". Early literacy for younger kids and literacy analysis for older kids. Chris reported on school wide assessments plans.

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3. Enrollment Report – Chris
As of today, new applicants: 275; 135 in district. Spark continues to receive applications every day.
4. Program Site Council (PSC) Update – Niti
Niti attended the last PSC meeting. PSC recommended that the Board contributes an update to Spark's newsletter. Board discussed inviting someone from PSC to attend the board meeting.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Middle School Update – Chris
Middle School presentation was well received with a large number people in attendance. Chris is identifying curriculum, formal SEL curriculum, and experiential learning opportunities. He will involve students and parents to participate in the process.
2. LCAP update -- Martha
LCAP submission deadline is July 1. Martha and Chris will submit a work plan to the Board.

J. ADJOURN (8:35 PM)

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