



Spark Charter School Regular Board Meeting

739 Morse Ave, Rm 2
Sunnyvale CA 94085

Monday, September 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

A. OPENING OF MEETING BY BOARD PRESIDENT

Roll Call	Niti Madan	<u> x </u>	Mayuri Vasireddi	<u> x </u>
	Shannon Heidemann	<u> x </u>	Laura Stuchinsky	<u> x </u>
	Karen Gumaer	<u> x </u>		

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved Laura Seconded Mayuri Board Action 4-0

C. Comments from the Public

This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the audience to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda or those items that are on the agenda.

No action can be taken on an item not on the agenda at this time, but may be referred to the governing board or put on a future agenda. Time limits allocated to public testimony are three (3) minutes per person and twenty (20) minutes per topic.

D. Closed Session

approx. 15 min

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: Staff

Closed session item postponed.

E. Reconvene to Open Session

F. COMMUNICATIONS

10min

1. **Comments from the public - None**

2. **Recognition of the community**

Niti thanked Yichun for her great work with outreach fliers. Chris thanked teachers for wonderful job at K-2 back to school night.

3. **Announcements**

Board members Shannon and Laura attended the K-2 back to school night and thanked teachers for letting them participate and observe.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve 08/21/2017, 09/11/2017 and 09/14/2017 minutes

Laura made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Shannon seconded it. All approved the consent agenda except for Karen who abstained.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2017-18 Budget update - Miles (20 mins) -

Miles summarized the main changes since approved budget in June. According to Miles, SPARK is on track.

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2. Approve Executive Director compensation - Board (10 mins)

Board approved the ED compensation effective August 1, 2017 - Base salary of \$143,000, \$800 monthly stipend, \$10,000 bonus pending charter renewal and stable enrollment in 2017-18 school year.

3. 2016-17 Survey results and discussion - Board (15 mins)

Board presented pie charts from the parent and teacher/staff survey. Overall 95 responses received from parents and 10 from teachers/staff. Board highlighted some of the common themes identified through the anonymous comments. Some of the highlights include - ...

4. 2016-17 CAASPP and internal assessments - Chris (15 mins)

Chris and Melissa presented CAASPP results for last 2 years. They highlighted the trends and mentioned how small class sizes in the middle school can skew the results.

5. Afterschool Ignite program update - Chris (10 mins)

Brandie Wibberley is the interim program director at Ignite. Other staff members include Jason who is back, Coach Stanley and a new hire Colleen. Program enrollment has become steady and program is getting stabilized. Brandie is exploring free resources for afterschool enrichment.

6. Charter renewal update - Laura/Chris (10 mins)

Alex, Laura and Chris discussed the charter renewal petition update. Board will review the policies that are required before the submission. Whitney recommended to improve Spark's website for outreach and charter renewal. Parents recommended that timeline and process be shared with the school community.

7. Director's update - Chris (10 mins)

Chris updated that a lot of time was spent on Ignite and charter renewal work. Spark's enrollment is at roughly 250. Chris thanked parents and teachers for their participation K-2 Back to school night. Grades 3-8 was being held the next day. Info session for 2018-19 enrollment will start from September 21. Middle school platform is getting adjusted based on feedback from teachers, students and parents.

ADJOURN (9:12 PM)

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