



Spark Charter School Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Spark Charter School, Room 4
739 Morse Avenue, Sunnyvale
Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 - 6:30p.m.

A. Opening of Meeting by Board President

Roll Call	Alexandra Zdravkovic	<u> x </u>	Jane Lii	<u> x </u>
	Christine Hernandez	<u> x </u>	Laura Stuchinsky	<u> x </u>
	Alyson Abrego	<u> </u>		

B. Approval of Agenda

Moved Laura Seconded Christine Board Action 4-0 approved

C. Comments from the Public Regarding Closed Session Items

Three parents asked questions about the meaning of closed session agenda items.
Board president explained the meaning of closed session items.

D. Closed Session

1. Public Employment: Business Manager
2. Public Employee Release
3. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case.

E. Reconvene to Open Session (7:45pm)

1. Public Employment: Business Manager. No action
2. Public Employee Release: The Board voted to ratify the Superintendent/Principal's decision to dismiss three at will hourly employees.
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation. No action.

F. Comments from the Public

The following parents addressed the board:

1. David O'Brien would like the Spark community to focus on the present, such as policies and procedures we would like to be changed.
2. Shai Traister asked what specific measures will be taken to ensure that similar things won't happen again and asked for the board's consideration to dismiss after school care staff members in addition to the three aides.
3. Francis Tam said his son loves Spark and is eager for the school to reopen and asked for more clarification about the meaning of significant exposure to litigation.
4. Gayatri Chandramohan said it's an unfortunate situation; believes that after this the school will be the safest school as possible; asked when the school will open again.

5. Spark Parent: Her children are eager to be back in school. The program is built on parents and parents are here to support the school. We need to know the good and the challenging things that Spark is facing so that we can help one another.
6. Jaya - Committed to school. Here to support Spark and would like to help make the school stronger so it's positive for every child.
7. Dhiraj Bojde – Breakdown in the process. Need to learn from this. Trust has been eroded somewhat. Need to rebuild this. Hopes parent participation happens soon.
8. Spark Parent: Tragic event. Principal amazing. Need to stand by her and make sure it won't happen again. Need to know that a responsible, qualified adult is watching our students.

G. Announcements

None

H. Review/Discussion

1. Discuss upcoming Spark evaluations (authoriser paperwork audit; authorizer site visit, Board self-audit, PCSGP required evaluation by an external evaluator, annual financial audit):
 - Purposes & content
 - Timelines for actions
 - Next steps needed for each

Postponed

2. Review status of PCSGP funds:
Spark filed quarter 4 (\$27.7% of first year's budget expended). Quarter 1 (July-Sept) is due in mid-end October. Liane reported that she has started working on this.
3. Review budget:
Postponed
4. Update and discussion re Spark closure:
Spark complied with County Board of Education's direction to close until all fingerprinting was completed and reports obtained. Spark has gotten reports on all of the teachers and staff. Spark also has TB tests on all teachers and staff. County staff will visit Spark on Tuesday Sept. 22 to review Spark's files. Timing for reopening depends on County. Ms Tsai anticipates that Spark will reopen shortly, is fully confident that Spark has everything the County Board of Education is seeking, and will cooperate fully with the County.
5. Review and discuss Prop 39 outreach plan:
Postponed
6. Review and discuss parent participation implementation progress and timeline:
Ms. Tsai reported that many parents have gotten fingerprinted and that approximately 40 parents have gotten cleared. Christine asked if parents would be given ID cards. Ms

Tsai said company that is taking school pictures (Oct 6) will also take ID pictures for kids and teachers. It would be possible for parents to also request ID as well (picture of child would be on parent's ID). Ms Tsai will investigate cost.

7. Review and discuss passport project implementation progress and timeline:
Postponed

8. Review and discuss PSC implementation timeline and milestones:
Postponed

9. Discuss parent's communication and feedback process:
Postponed

I. Review and Action Items

1. Approve 3/22/2015, 5/11/2015, 6/13/2015, 6/29/2015, 7/13/2015, 7/20/2015, and 7/23/2015 minutes:
Laura made motion to approve minutes for 3/22/15, 5/11/15, and 6/13/15. Seconded by Jane. Approved 4:0 by Christine, Jane, Alexandra and Laura.

2. Adopt Board Policies: 1) substitute teacher pay rate 2) lice 3) report cards/progress report:
Postponed

J. Adjourn

Board President adjourned meeting at 8:16pm