



Spark Charter School Minutes Regular Board Meeting

Spark Charter School, Room 4
739 Morse Avenue, Sunnyvale
Monday, December 5, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

A. OPENING OF MEETING BY BOARD PRESIDENT

Roll Call	Alexandra Zdravkovic	<u> x </u>	Mayuri Vasireddi	<u> x </u>
	Niti Madan	<u> x </u>	Laura Stuchinsky	<u> x </u>

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved Mayuri Seconded Niti Board Action 4-0

C. Comments from the Public

A parent asked if Spark could get a water fountain for the students at the school. Spark will investigate this possibility as part of FUA with the District.

Sharon King noted that she had been let go as a teacher at Spark. She expressed the hope that Spark would hire her as reading specialist (full time staff member) and outlined the benefits that she would bring to the school.

D. Closed Session

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Staff
2. PENDING OR ANTICIPATING LITIGATION
3. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

E. Reconvene to Open Session

No action taken for closed session items session 1.

2. PENDING OR ANTICIPATING LITIGATION
Motion by Alexandra to proceed with litigation in the Prop. 39 process to receive equivalent facilities for the 2017-18 school year. Seconded by Mayuri. Motion approved 4-0 with Alexandra, Laura, Mayuri and Niti voting affirmatively.
3. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
Motion by Alexandra to accept Executive Director Chris' recommendation to dismiss Sharon King. Seconded by Laura. Motion approved 4-0 with Alexandra, Laura, Mayuri and Niti voting affirmatively.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Comments from the public**
No additional public comments
2. **Recognition of the community**
Niti recognized two people, Gayatri Chandramohan and Pam Sturner for their outstanding involvement in assisting Executive Director Chris with Spark's verification of intent to enroll forms.

Chris thanked the Bueno family for bringing in their tradition of a delicious smoked turkey for kindergarteners.
3. **Announcements**
No announcements

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes from 11/07/2016
Motion to approve by Alexandra, seconded by Mayuri. Motion passed 4-0 with Mayuri, Alexandra, Niti and Laura voting in favor.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget update – Martha, Jennifer

Martha gave an update on the budget and the final audit. Martha and Jennifer from CSMC are on track for the submission of the first interim budget and final audit to the Santa Clara County (upcoming due date Dec

15).

Spark's fundraising campaign is off to a great start. Spark is seeking 100% participation from staff and board. There is a funding thermometer in office.

Attendance has been stable and is conservatively included in the budget.

2. Director's update – Chris

- Activities leading up to Thanksgiving went very well.
- Spark's Holiday celebration on 12/22 will have performance by each class.
- Spark students' lunch area was moved to the Columbia lunch area. The move is a positive improvement.
- Two Spark tuffs sheds were installed in the parking lot area.

3. Enrollment update – Chris, Niti

Enrollment is stable. A few final preparation steps necessary to start open enrollment are underway. Tours and orientation sessions are scheduled for January-February. Open enrollment will close on Tuesday, February 28. The lottery will be held on Friday, March 3.

4. Prop 39 update and next steps – Chris, all

In their Dec 1 response, the District gave 7 points why they rejected Spark's request and offered a shockingly low number of 160 spots. As a next step, Chris and Martha will speak with District later this week to understand the reasoning behind the District's offer.

5. Policies discussion, including safety plan update – Martha

Martha updated the Board about some minor changes in the safety plan. The policies discussion was adjourned to a later meeting.

I. NEW BUSINESS

None

J. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm