

Meeting Minutes
Challenge to Excellence Charter School

Governing Council- Regular Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2008

Call to Order- 6:06 P.M.

Roll Call- Julia Cooper, Paulette Gleason, Kathleen Harris, JD Nash, John Teska, Lily Williams, Lou Ann Woodward

Julia moves to amend the agenda to add an upcoming event under school business regarding Policy 4.9 and 4.6.4. Paulette 2nd, motion carries.

JD moves to postpone the approval of the minutes until the February 11, 2008 meeting. Julia 2nd, motion carries.

Public comments regarding the dress code grievance were as follows:

Brandon Warren of Parker, CO proposed a program for the students of C2E involving growing their hair to donate to Locks of Love organization that uses human hair to make wigs for children suffering from cancer or alopecia. He is willing to volunteer his time to run the program which will have strict guidelines in order to participate.

The Governing Council responds with the following comments:

Julia suggests a program for the girls of C2E to grow and donate their hair in the student's name.

JD supports the dress code as the charter states.

Lily mentions that we just rechartered and it is difficult to change. As a school of choice we must uphold the charter and focus on education.

John Oldenburg of Parker, CO challenges the school to do something great for the community. He expressed disappointment that only the female students of C2E could participate in Locks of Love.

Scott Lawson of Parker, CO said he understands why we must support the charter but on the same hand would like to see the C2E student reach his goal and have others join him.

Sandyn Skudneski of Parker, CO attended the meeting to support the C2E family mentioning that their effort was sincere. He would like to see a positive outcome.

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Jennifer Warren of Parker, CO submitted email responses to her email that was sent out to C2E families concerning the dress code grievance.

Brandon Warren suggests that the council not tie appearance and education together.

JD says that by having a dress code the children of C2E won't be classified socially or economically therefore focusing on the educational aspect of school.

Paulette thanks the Warrens for challenging the policies of C2E.

Mayor David Casiano of Parker, CO says he knows we as a Board have a big decision to make and hopes we find a solution or alternative to help this C2E student be able to help a child with cancer or alopecia.

Byron Ferguson of Parker, CO attended the meeting to support the charter and what it states in order to have our focus be on education.

At this time the council responds to what is said by the public:

Linda Parker director of C2E advises the council to review the comments of the public to make the best decision.

Paulette stated that she needed time and thought before making a decision.

JD mentioned he was not against taking some time to review the public comments.

Lou Ann stated she needed time for thought and review.

Julia says the council can revisit the public comment in order to make a final decision.

Kathleen would like more time to make the best decision.

John needed time to review the material.

Lily suggests that the council collect data and report back for an educated decision.

JD moves to create a committee to investigate dress code policy and report back to the council in a timely matter. Lily 2nd, motion carries.

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Lou Ann and Kathleen agreed to be on the committee to investigate dress code policy.

JD will create a public privacy policy. He asked to be added to February 11, 2008 agenda. (Article VII section 1)

JD moves to strike C2E student name and all information from the January 14, 2008 minutes. Julia 2nd, motion carries.

Lily presents to the Board her tentative agenda plan for 2008 for review.

Julia moves to approve Treatment of Students/Public (Policy 2.1). Lily 2nd, motion carries.

Julia moves to approve Financial Condition and Activities (Policy 2.3). JD 2nd, motion carries.

Lily moves to approve Emergency Executive succession (Policy 2.7). Julia 2nd, motion carries.

Julia mentions that at the spring fundraiser "A Mammoth Event" that requires a bingo/raffle license that will need to have the names and addresses of C2E Board members on the documents. The Board members granted her permission to use their names and addresses on the documents.

Julia also mentioned she was concerned about the cleanliness of the school.

Paulette asked about grants.

Policy 2.1, 2.3, and 2.7 were reviewed by the Board and no changes were made.

Julia moves to adjourn @ 9:27 P.M. Lily 2nd, motion carries.