

Board of Trustees, Ridge and Valley Charter School
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ridge and Valley Charter School was held on October 19, 2017 at 1234 State Route 94, Blirstown, NJ 07825. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Andy Marancik, Facilitator. The Trustees operate on a consensus basis in all matters. We choose to dispense with Robert’s Rules of Order and Conventional Parliamentary Procedure. Our intention is to affirm the mission of the school. Ridge and Valley Charter School offers an integrated, experiential course of study in the context of the universe and its interrelationships. Adequate notice of this meeting had been made in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 in the New Jersey Herald, the County superintendent’s office and with the County Administrator.

	present	absent
Voting Members		
Steve Andrasek	X	
Kerry Barnett	X	
Jenn Gurdak	X	
Andy Marancik	X	
Dave McNulty	X	
Dave Paulson	X	
Jessi Sohl	X	
Pati Uzar	X	
Non-voting members:		
Nanci Dvorsky, Administrative Coordinator	X	
Lisa Masi, Integration Guide	X	
Traci Pannullo, Curriculum Coordinator	X	
Glenn Richardson, SBA		X

Facilitator: Andy Marancik Guardian: Pati Uzar Recorder: Nanci Dvorsky
Public Participants: Brian Goldrich, Cindy Calvano, Jaime Dritt

Trustee Circle Opening: convened 6:10 pm

Public Participation: None

Correspondence: Nanci Dvorsky submitted a letter from Board Attorney William Gold announcing his sabbatical which will begin on 1/1/2018.

Leadership Team Updates:

Integration Guide Report: Lisa Masi reported that the 8th grade group was on their overnight expedition at Genesis Farm, the 6/7th grade groups had a great overnight expedition on the Delaware River, the 4/5th grade groups had a successful overnight onsite at the school, the 2/3rd grade groups are headed to Princeton Blairstown Center in early November for their overnight, and the K/1st grade students are busy planning their family potlucks. Lisa gave a recap of the Charter School Conference in Newark, attended by Lisa, Traci Pannullo, and Nanci Dvorsky. Ridge and Valley Charter School was highlighted as one of the innovation stories of the 20 years of charter schools in New Jersey and our alumni, Dillon Uzar, was one of the graduates invited to speak during the evening celebration on Tuesday night. Lisa and Traci were part of a panel discussion with other charter school leaders on Education for Sustainability.

Curriculum Coordinator Report: Traci Pannullo reported that the Ramapo College practicum student has applied to do her student teaching semester at our school. Traci recapped the Charter School Renewal Site Team visit with many great anecdotal stories of the day. She also mentioned that at the end of the day debrief the team leader, Julie Bunt, commented that they were very impressed with the program they saw and that it truly reflects the innovation that was the intention of the charter school legislation. Traci also reported that we have received a request from the Academy for Environmental Studies which is part of the Morris County Technical High School Program to partner with them as they work to evolve their curriculum design.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Nanci Dvorsky reported: Approval of the September 21, 2017 minutes, with corrections. **Resolution 10.19.17.a** To approve payment of bills in the amount of \$175,952.27 which includes payroll. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 10.19.17.c** To accept the 2016 NJSIG Eric West Safety Grant in the amount of \$1350.00. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 10.19.17.d** To approve contracting with Lillian Burgos for hourly social worker services in the amount of \$80.00 per hour. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 10.19.17.e** To approve the following substitute Guides for the 2017-2018 school year: Barbara Popek, Walter Kruegel, Abbee Hart, Jill Gladd, Laraine Reedy, Karin Hammons, Leslie Fedarick, Amy Ferrara, Dace Gulbis, Ryan Diggie, Evelyn Meisenbacher, Charlie Keppler, Abigail Sheridan, and Michael Christensen. Also Michelle Scharch, Dana Caulkins, and Faith Pedersen as substitute nurses. Approved unanimously. **Resolution 10.19.17.f** To accept the Nursing Service Plan for the 2017-2018 school year. Approved unanimously. Nanci gave an enrollment update noting that the current number of students is 127. Community Service Day was a productive Saturday work day at the school with many families helping to accomplish the many diverse tasks.

Business Administrator Report: **Resolution 10.19.17.b** To approve the Board Secretary and Treasurers Reports for September 2017 and to certify that no major account or fund has been over expended and to confirm that sufficient funds are available to meet the schools financial obligations for the remainder of the year. Approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Parent Jessi Sohl reported that 10 people attended the committee meeting. The committee is working on a spring fundraising event at Camp Mason in April. The committee is also finalizing the staff wish list with Lisa Masi. A proposal for a Parent Committee sponsored t-shirt fundraiser was discussed with more information to follow.

Technology Dave McNulty is collecting items to post on the Closer Connect site for the school.

Facilities No report.

Finance Steve Andrasek reported that the Finance Committee will meet November 4th to review year to date reports and projections.

Communication Dave McNulty will contact the committee about hosting a table at Jingle on Main in Blairstown. Brian Goldrich, a parent at the school, has joined the committee.

Other Business The October 5th evening Information Session for interested families was well attended. Jenn Gurdak reported that she submitted the application for the Governor's Award for Excellence in Education. Kerry Barnett reported that a harvest celebration event is scheduled for Saturday Oct 21st from 5:30pm-8pm at the school.

The Trustees regretfully accepted Pati Uzar's resignation from the Board of Trustees and they expressed their gratitude for the many years of volunteer service, expertise, perspective, and good humor that she brought to the Trustee circle and work of the school.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel 8:10pm
Return to Public Session 10:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm

Nanci Dvorsky, Board Secretary