

**Contra Costa County Board of Education
Charter Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 2, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chair, Consuelo Lara called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

1.2 Roll Call

All Committee Members were present
Consuelo Lara, Committee Chair
Sarah Butler, Area 2 Trustee

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

3.1 Public Comment

None

4. BUSINESS/ ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of the Agenda

Agenda approved as presented

4.2 Approval of Minutes- March 1 & April 18, 2022

Minutes approved as presented

4.3 Charter Online Learning Programs and GGCS Curriculum

Committee discussed Charter Online Learning Programs and GGCS Curriculum. The Committee had questions about the 2 learning platforms from their charter school visits. 2 learning platforms.

- Summit Learning

Neil McChesney reported to the Committee on Summit Learning. Online cloud-based platform to house curriculum, student performance, and tools for teaching and learning. Project-based learning. Real-time records of students record throughout the day, year, etc. Facebook engineers designed the platform. Summit and CoCoSPA use this program

- Edgenuity

Independent study or credit recovery tool. Traditionally used as an intervention tool. All online, self-paced. Most of our schools use Edgenuity in some form.

Other learning platforms include Chalkboard, Google Classroom, etc.

Committee thought that it was very helpful for students they saw using these programs during their visit.

Committee asked questions regarding our charter schools' learning platforms, the security of the student data, and requested Neil McChesney speak to GGCS regarding thoughts on these 2 learning platforms.

4.4 Expulsion Process for Charter Schools

The Committee requested information on the charter expulsion process, for better understanding. Our Board Bylaws indicate that charters make the decision on expulsions, the BOE is the body that guardians can appeal to in the event of expulsion. Any approved charter is required to have a process for expelled students. Most charters utilize Ed Code for the expulsion process and most do not have an appellate process and the decision is final within the charter school. Mr. McChesney reported that expulsions in our charter schools is fairly rare.

Committee asked questions regarding what happens to a district student who is expelled, do they attend continuation school? Committee also asked questions regarding the clarity of the expulsion process for guardians, student timeline attendance at continuation schools, if this item should go on to the next full Board meeting and expulsion prevention.

4.5 Charter Board Application Process and Timeline

The Committee discussed the charter application process. Ed Code 47604(.32) details a 5-point process. Ed Code 47613 details the cost of the oversight.

The Committee would like to work on the process and application before bringing it back to the full Board. The Committee discussed the process would be on a case-by-case basis, perhaps the charter committee could start the process or a BOE member could bring the item up to the full Board. Then, the BOE would post for applicants.

Committee discussed draft application #11., Membership requirements, can teachers serve on a board, delete the word requirement or delete #11? Change #11 to something more generic. Delete #17 regarding uploading a resume.

Committee would like to bring the draft application and timeline to the full Board. Committee will discuss this further at the next Charter Committee Meeting.

Mr. McChesney offered to assist in creating a draft process and that his schedule is impacted for the month of May.

The Committee asked if the Board will be receiving information from the charter oversight visits. Mr. McChesney explained that all of the oversight info will go into an annual report.

This item will be brought to the next full Board Meeting.

4.6 Charter School Safety

The Committee mentioned that they had received information on the COE school safety plans. Some Board members received information regarding GGCS, including questions about safety, staff to student ratios, bullying on campus, and inappropriate activities.

The Committee asked that student and teacher safety be a priority when oversight visits are conducted.

4.7 Future Agenda Items

Curriculum (4.3) (Time Sensitive)

Board Appointment Process (Time Sensitive)

MOU extension

Next meeting is Thursday, June 2 at 9:30- 11:00

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 The Chair will adjourn the meeting.

Committee Chair, Consuelo Lara adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am.