

SPRINGWATER ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 798 3039 3438

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**Members Present:** Genevieve Sheesley, Tina Marquez, Chelsea Hamilton, Devon Sommer, Holly Johnston, Tory Blackwell, Cinda Scott (6:25pm)

**Members Absent:** Justin Bearden, Mali Geister

**Staff Present:** Greg Mylet

**Community Present:** None

**Call to Order: 6:08pm (Quorum)**

**Motion to approve July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes: Approved by All**

### **Discussion regarding leaving Springwater and reentry:**

Greg- Several families have inquired about leaving Springwater for a different Home School option. Would like to return to Springwater with Preferences when entering the Lottery.

Board Discussion: That brings up Equity, why would one family get preference over another family. Also, then that would take away from a potential person who wants to get in but can't. Charter states if you choose to leave you need to reenter lottery with same chances of everyone else. If we save a space for those people, we lose federal financing which impacts the schools budget. Preference vs Absent extenuating circumstances may exist but many people will be in the same boat this year.

Chelsea- Could we work something out with that or those families perhaps a 1x a week check in or something to make Springwater's online curriculum work for them? What can we as a Board/School do for you to make it better for you? To keep you enrolled? Greg- I have asked and will continue to ask.

Tory- It would be different if one month into the school year someone wanted to make a change.

Devon- If you make an exception for one family then you have to make it for all. That would be a challenge to maintain long-term.

Tina- I echo what others have said. I want it to be fair and equitable for all students current and those applying. It would be different if they have a medical issue vs making the choice to do something else to best fit their family's needs.

### **Operational Blueprint:**

Holly will send Greg the Policy numbers. OCSD has updated guidance out that line up with ours.

### **Motion to approve the Operational Blueprint for the 2020-2021 school year: Approved by All**

### **Distance Learning Platform:**

Teachers have had a hard time wrapping their minds around this due to it not being the "Springwater way", however, teachers agree we need something. They voted via Fist to 5 method. Greg looked at all the models again some were way to far out of our price range. Some Free however new and not tried also on east coast time.

CALVERT- appears to still be the best model for us to go with. \$600.00 per student. Teachers would have hard copy beforehand to familiarize themselves with. CARES Act \$ will pay for it.

New contracts- Due to different hours Teachers contracts will be different then in the past.

Greg shared some potential options of schedules. Each allowing for Prep time and lunch breaks. There is the potential for teachers to provide 1 evening session per week per teacher. To better reach those students with working parents. Teachers are on board with this some even prefer 2 evenings. However, to begin with they will do one and re evaluate keeping it equitable for all teachers.

Tory- Throws out the idea of 1<sup>st</sup> time you do a lesson and the last time. Making both available to all to better catch things that you have learned as you teach the lesson.

We will need to pay for Zoon this year! It will save to the Cloud and it is much faster now then it was in the Spring.

Work location for teachers? – Flexible for some it may be easier to work from home, some may feel more comfortable in classroom. May need to provide Wi-Fi extensions for some. Clear Creek has offered a Hot Spot.

Tory Suggests- if families have extra devices, they aren't using perhaps donating them to the school would be helpful?

Greg- Kevin did get a donation of Mac Books which are newer than the devices the teachers had previously.

Tory- will make available 2 hr. window of Zoom practice sessions for apx. a month

### **Technology support:**

Several families have offered to help so teachers can be available for other things. We could download some FAQ's to help also. And streamline links and platforms, families with multiple grades of children can have an easier time. Google- log in with Pass Word or cut and paste email access (consistency amongst grades).

**Next Meetings:**

**Regularly scheduled Board Meeting- September 9th**

**Equity Stand-alone meeting (Chelsea will put out a Doodle Poll)- Late September**

**Visioning- Post pone to a later date**

**Adjourn: 7:06pm**