

# Charter/Choice Programming Committee

Minutes - January 12, 2016

“The charge of this committee is to provide guidance and recommendations to the School Board, relating to its role as authorizer of current and future ECASD Charter/Choice Schools. This will encourage innovation that could increase our ability to provide diverse programming and methodologies. Through this investigation and advisement the committee can support the increase in student readiness for and success in ECASD programming and post-secondary options.”

**Meeting Recorder:** Sandy LaValley

**Committee Norms:** Honest & open dialogue

## **Committee Members Present & Position/Employee Group**

Derick Black, Secondary Teacher

Melissa Greer, Elementary Teacher

Chris Hambuch-Boyle, BOE

Todd Johnson, CVM Principal/Co-Chair

Tim Leibham/District Office Admin

Doug Diermeier, McKinley

Gail Halmstad, Ad Hoc Member

Jeremy Harrison, CV Montessori

Mike Kohls, McKinley

Pete Riley/McKinley Head of Instruction/Co-Chair

Absent: Tracy Bush and Rich Spindler

### **1. Policy Celebration**

The committee members celebrated the passing of School Board Policy 332, Charter/Choice Programming Committee (attached).

### **2. Committee Chair**

The group discussed the makeup of the committee and unanimously recommended Chris Hambuch Boyle as the Committee Chairperson.

### **3. District Communication**

Tim Leibham presented an overview of the Charter/Choice Programming policy at the principal's meeting on January 7, 2016, and also shared a draft of the Performance Agreement. Moved by Melissa Greer, seconded by Mike Kohls and unanimously voted to include this policy in Friday's District Update (Jan. 15 to staff only). Tim will meet with other building staff when requested and compile a list of staff/individuals interested in serving on the committee or sub-committee.

It was suggested to align our policy/performance agreement with the ECASD so the community knows how this fits with the district's Strategic Plan, which will be adopted at a February board meeting. A starting point would show opportunities for students, families, staff, the organization and community.

Tim Leibham will start a resource guide of contacts and schools that are implementing choice schools/innovation zones. Sam Davey has a group that is interested in implementing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

programming. Also, Project SEARCH is being implemented in our district, assisting high school special education students' transition to the work place. It is a unique, business led, one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace.

#### **4. Innovation Zone Proposal Process**

The group talked about the proposal process. Interested parties would use 5 Guiding Questions to frame the conversation before the review panel. Someone on the review panel would provide feedback and coaching (if necessary). If the Guiding conversation content is good, the interested parties would be allowed to complete a Performance Agreement that would be reviewed by the committee as a whole. Three things could happen:

- 1) The committee supports
- 2) The committee is interested, but needs more information
- 3) The proposal does not meet the Innovation Zone standard.

#### **5. Performance Agreement Format/Template**

The committee members reviewed the draft Performance Agreement and talked about 3 core values: Transparency, Equal Access and Trust.

**6. Adjourn:** Motion by Todd Johnson and seconded by Melissa Greer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

**7. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 4pm in Room 123B.