

Academic Policy Committee
Wednesday, June 6, 2012
2:30 p.m.
Birchtree Charter School

APC MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan McCauley, Dan Klauder, Donna Levesque, Lori Berrigan, Cathy Lee, Brooke Loudon, Pete Houston, Kirsten Gerrish

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Busbey, Diana Basner

Convened at 2:50 p.m.

I. Recognition

II. Work Session

A. Analysis of Birchtree data to include: SBA, MAP, AIMSweb, Quick Phonics Screener, School Connectedness Survey, Attendance Data

Process for analysis: What do you notice? What do you wonder?

AYP - Percentage of BCS Population needing to be proficient.

Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) went up from last year.

SBA -

Susan, Cara, Brooke, Dan, Donna

- 5-8 Reading & Writing High
- 6-7 Math weaker with Growth
- from 200 to 298 does not reflect growth because child did not meet 300
- Comparison with previous year would be nice
- How math compared to math compared to last year. Growth of individual children. Cohort comparison. How does testing over time impact kids? What are some of the options for responding to data – ability grouping, curriculum choices.

Lori, Diana, Pete, Cathy Lee, Cathy Busby

- Third grade data – living in the math world and third grade math 12.20 % BP, 9.80% FBP why?
- We have a lot of advanced students, how are we meeting their needs? Higher stakes for the advanced kids.

MAP

- Wondering if we are challenging the students enough. Met Growth/Didn't Meet Target is more concerning because there isn't a testing tool for these children.
- Wondering about the rigor of our curriculum. Is there some confusion around being gentle and being rigorous at the same time?

- Donna would like to ask students about their test taking experience.
- Donna noted that the curriculum is far broader than what these tests show.
- It would be good to look at a more, holistic, broader intelligence-based testing tool.
- Non-traditional report cards being formulated are a more holistic picture of the child.
- Classroom teachers need to be present with more than an hour for the children to complete the test.

AIMSWeb 2-4 Literacy End of School Year Expectation & Quick Phonics Screener

- Dr. McCauley reviewed this data with APC

School Connectedness Survey

Handed out for future discussion.

Attendance Data

0-10 Days Absent	113	41%
11-20 Days Absent	90	33%
21-30 Days Absent	41	15%
31+ Days Absent	30	11%

III. New Business

A. Approval of Minutes from last Meeting

Minutes were not available for approval.

B. Attendance Policy

Some very clear expectations regarding excused absences and unexcused absences are needed. A policy will be put into place upon approval by the APC at its next meeting .

C. Approval of FY12 budget transfers

Motion by member Horvath **Seconded** by member Levesque **(TO APPROVE THE MOVEMENT OF ANY LEFTOVER FUNDS TO BE MOVED INTO A CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR NEXT YEAR)**. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

D. Approval of FY13 budget

\$3,250,890.53 Total FY13 Budget

New Allocations/Budget Revisions for FY13 Budget

- .75 Teacher-Approx. \$80,000 removed amt. previously set aside for a Movement Teacher \$40,000
- Sub Nurse - \$2,120
- Supplies – Increase by \$25,000 (\$75,000)
- Third Grade Aides & Charter School Assistant (.5) - \$54,785
- Miscellaneous Supplies – Planners, maps, etc. \$10,000

- Extended Contract through Summer for Ed - \$5,005
- Contingency - \$83,062 (\$30,000 for possible salary increases)
- Increase Counselor Contract from .5 to .7
- Increase Recess Monitors to .4 contract
- Increase Cleaning Contracts to 1.1 (one at .7 and one to .4)
- School Events - \$14,900 (concerts, pentathlon, plays, buses, babysitting, field trips, graduation)
- Reallocation of Charter School Position to Secretary I Position

Motion by Member Loudon **Seconded** by Member Levesque **(TO APPROVE THE ABOVE FY13 BUDGET)**. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

E. Playground Loan

\$75,000 of the loan will be immediately repaid in October when the bond comes in. In addition to the \$50,000 allocated out of the FY12 budget and \$75,000 from bonds, we want to borrow \$35,000 in addition that will be paid back over the next three years.

Motion by Member Houston **Seconded** by Member Horvath **(TO APPROVE A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 FOR THE PLAYGROUND TO BE PAID BACK OVER THREE YEARS)**. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

F. Approval of day for early release

Release at 2:00 on one day a week.

62 responses – 39 Friday – 10 Wednesday – 6 Monday – 4 Thursday – 3 Tuesday

Motion by Member Loudon **Seconded** by Member Levesque **(TO APPROVE FRIDAY AS THE EARLY RELEASE DAY)**. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

G. Thank you to APC for 8th grade trip

IV. Executive Session to consider appeal to policy regarding “withdrawn students” and preferential placement in lottery.

Motion by Member Houston **Seconded** by Member Klauder **(TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30 P.M. WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND CATHY BUSBEY TO DISCUSS REINSTATEMENT OF SIBLING PREFERENCE REQUEST)**. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

Motion by Member Houston **Seconded** by Member Horvath **(TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. WITH ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND CATHY BUSBEY)**. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

Motion by Member Lee **Seconded** by Member Levesque **(TO ALLOW REINSTATEMENT OF SIBLING PREFERENCE FOR STUDENT AND REESTABLISH ENROLLMENT STATUS AS APPROPRIATE)**. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

July 31, Tuesday next meeting at 2:30. Attendance Policy will be revisited.