



Colorado High School Charter Governing Board Agenda

4:00-5:30 PM, Tuesday Sep 12, 2023

Meeting hosted in person: CHSC Osage Campus 1175 Osage Street Denver CO, 802024

Meeting hosted remotely: [Here](#)

Our Vision: *Schools that empower people*

Mission: *Colorado High School Charter is transforming the alternative education experience by igniting the potential within each of the diverse young people we serve. CHSC ensures students' personal and academic growth by creating tailored curricula, a supportive school environment and community partnerships. We empower our students to succeed in life and positively contribute to their families and communities by offering them the freedom and resources to pursue a post-secondary path aligned with their individual goals.*

In attendance: Nneka McPhee, Clark Callahan, Stella Yu, Greg Mestas, Ryan Marks, Cyndi-Bush Luna, Gabriel Neely, Jennifer Lilly, Carla Erickson - Joining remotely: David Brown, Sarah Marin

Agenda:

4:00-4:05 Call to order:

Nneka called the meeting to order at 4:05

4:06 Reading of the CHSC Vision and Mission- Cyndi Bush-Luna (Greg filled in for Cyndi and read the Vision and Mission)

4:06 Nneka made a motion to approve Agenda - seconded by Ryan

4:34 Review and approve the August minutes - Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes.

Greg seconded the motion.

4:08 GES Story of the month and Board report- David Brown

Employee spotlight: Mario Reyes. Has brought joy to the job.

Enrollment: Goal is 177 - GES is confident they will reach their goal by end of month.

MAP: Testing went well. 105-110 students completed MAP testing. David will lead for make up testing.

Enrichment Opportunities: Some are set for this quarter and there will be additions in the 2nd quarter. Some students are doing work experience.

Concurrent Enrollment: Alena will teach Creative Writing 2nd quarter. This will be a prerequisite for Freshman Composition 3rd quarter.

New Partnerships: Continued partnership with Struggle of Love - will be in once a week on Wednesdays. Groups consist of 12-18 students.

New Partnership on substance use: Keith. Individual and group counseling.

4:18 Osage Story of the month and Board report- Liz Feldhusen

Gabriel Neely filling in for Liz. Shared that Liz is on maternity leave.

Highlighted 4-5 students that are not proficient in English yet. Creatively leveraging technology to communicate with students and access information. Another student is intervening as a translation resource on his own accord.

Enrollment: Goal is 183 and Osage has 196 enrolled. Aiming to enroll 200 students total.

Instructional Updates: Year 3 of DII, weekly New Teacher Clinics (differentiated for experience level and returning teachers are participating, and increased professional development (Math Engagement Specialist and Reading and Literacy Specialist) to observe at Osage twice this year.

MAP Testing: Over 80% of students tested.

Staff Spotlight: Marcus Duran, SPED Para. Has strong relationships with everyone and fills many gaps in the school. Eager to learn and grow in this work.

Enrichment Opportunities: Urban Gardening, Weight Lifting, Flag Football and Literary/Art Magazine

Sports: 7 boys and 18 girls playing soccer

Concurrent Enrollment: 18 students on campus in CCD Creative Writing Class, 5 students on campus at CCD, 2 students at Metro, and 4 students at Emily Griffith

New Partnerships: Make a Chess Move “MACM” Returning partner) is offering an African American History Class in addition to the MACM class.

4:42 Vote on moving one million dollars into reserve account for third campus- Clark Callahan

CHSC is in good shape with its unrestricted fund balance. Clark talked about budgeting rules.

Capital expenses would include: possibly purchasing the space east of GES, adding additional restrooms at Osage, and earmarking money for a third campus.

Ryan motioned for CHSC to un-restrict \$795,000 from COVID and move into a Capital Restricted account \$140,000 from unreserved to the same capital account retroactive to June 30th. Cyndi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4:58 Organizational report- Clark Callahan

Clark noted that Liz did an exceptional job planning her leave to provide others with leadership opportunities.

SPF has been received by the District. Expect that to be shared within the next few days.

Submitted the EARRS grant - thanked the Leadership Team for all their work/contributions.

Zero Dropouts - CEO called Clark. Formally started Colorado Youth for Change. Approached CHSC about starting a virtual campus to meet a niche of highly mobile young people. Timeline could be starting a small pilot in 2024-25 school year working primarily with young people in Denver identified by Zero Dropouts.

Conversation ensued.

5:30 Finance report- Ryan Marks

Enrollment numbers look good across the network.

Budget built conservatively.

Nothing too out of the ordinary regarding expenses and revenue on both campuses.

Recruiting expenses are in line with the budget but have been frontloaded.

Interest rates favorable from Colorado Trust.

Audit appears to be going well. Auditor will attend remotely.

5:37 Adjournment

Greg motioned to adjourn. Ryan seconded. Meeting adjourned.