

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706**

**April 28, 2016**

**5:30pm**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO  
THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (“EBCA”) welcomes your participation at the EBCA Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the EBCA in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our EBCA. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.” “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
3. You may also complete a “Request to Speak” form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify that agenda item on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706.

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the Edison-Bethune Charter Academy may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Executive Director’s office in person or by calling (559) 457-2530. Please contact EBCA at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a regular meeting or as early as possible prior to a special meeting to allow EBCA sufficient time to arrange for the provision of such auxiliary aids and services.*

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:35 PM

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Jamie Gearon	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Tony Smith	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Sonny Uwaoma	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gloria Smith	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Agenda...Jamie makes the motion to approve Adoption of Agenda...Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent SU-Yes GS-Yes- Motion Carried

**E. STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Certificates and photo taken of students recognized for academic and attendance presented by Mr. Sprattling.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken due to California’s public meeting laws. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

The Board may not have complete information available to answer questions and may refer specific concerns to the Executive Director for attention. The Board requests that any person wishing to make complaints against EBCA or EBCA employees file the appropriate complaint form prior to this meeting. We appreciate your input and EBCA will respond to your complaint in accordance with our complaint policies and procedures. NONE

**B. For Information:**

This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting. No action will be taken as the report is purely for informational purposes.

Report from Executive Director/Principal – Mr. Garcia

The Executive Director will update the Board on current events on campus, including but not limited to the Stakeholder Input Surveys for LCAP, Mother-Son Dance, Father-Daughter Dance, and Parent Forum meetings.

Mr. Garcia shared that we have given our stakeholders an opportunity to provide input on the LCAP through parent forums and online survey. Staff, students and parents have been given the opportunity to reply to survey. It is found on our school website. At a parent meeting in April we set up the chromebooks in the cafeteria and allowed parents and had an AM and PM meeting in the library to allow parents an opportunity to provide input. In May we will be having a Mother –Son Dance and in June we will be having a Father-Daughter Dance. We will charge \$10.00 for entry, refreshment and a 5x7 keepsake photo.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

The Curriculum and Instruction Director will update the Board regarding student assessments and curriculum. Mr. Sprattling explained the process we used with the staff to narrow our recommendation to the selected ELA curriculum Houghton Mifflin – Journeys.

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

The Truancy Mediation Liaison will update the Board regarding student attendance and discipline. Mr. Sprattling presented attendance on Mr. Solis behalf. Gretchen asked for some attendance data for next meeting.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

- A. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting of March 31, 2016.
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for March.
- C. Approval of New Hire – David Schwartz

Frances asks for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda...Sonny makes the motion to approve the Consent Agenda...Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent SU-Yes GS-Yes- Motion Carried

#### **IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. LEA Application to the SELPA  
a. Fresno County Office of Education  
At an FCOE SELPA Meeting held on 4/28 in the morning EBCA was approved to be an LEA with FCOE SELPA.  
Frances asks for a motion to approve LEA Application to the FCOE SELPA...Jamie makes the motion to approve LEA Application to the FCOE SELPA Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent SU-Yes GS-Yes- Motion Carried
- B. P-2 Report of Attendance for 2015-16  
Susan recommends approval of P-2 Report as presented. There was some discussion of needing a policy to drop students that leave to Mexico so it minimizes the impact on our attendance percentage and allows us to add students on a waiting list. We will bring forward a policy at a future meeting.  
  
Frances asks for a motion to approve the P-2 Report of attendance for 2015-16...Jamie makes a motion to approve the P-2 Report of attendance for 2015-16 Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent SU-Yes GS-Yes- Motion Carried
- C. Approve purchase of ELA Curriculum from Houghton Mifflin – Journeys  
After extensive evaluation of two curriculums the recommendation is to purchase ELA Curriculum from Houghton Mifflin – Journeys.  
  
Frances asks for a motion to approve the purchase of ELA Curriculum from Houghton Mifflin – Journeys ...Gretchen makes the motion to approve the purchase of ELA Curriculum from Houghton Mifflin – Journeys Jaime seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent SU-Yes GS-Yes- Motion Carried

#### **V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. El Dorado County Office of Education – CHELPA  
Susan will contact El Dorado Office of Education and informed them of our withdrawal of EBCA CHELPA application.

On another note Frances would like to see fieldtrips for diversity. Gretchen points that is a good example of where parents can suggest that input on LCAP survey that way it is not coming from the Board as a directive. She cautions us that we must be sensitive to the multi cultures at EBCA.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24.

Frances asks for a motion to Adjourn...Sonny makes the motion to adjourn...

Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent SU-Yes GS-Yes- Motion Carried

**VII. NEXT MEETING: May 26, 2016**