

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

September 25, 2014

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.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis (FD)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana (GS)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Enrique Reade (ER)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Jamie Gearon (JG)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Tony Smith (TS)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Sonny Uwaoma (SU)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gloria Smith (GS)	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – MOTION – GS, 2ND – JG, – Yes – FD, Yes - SU
– with the change of the approval of minutes for June 19, 2014 to August 28, 2014 and September 11 , 2014. Motion Approved.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 – MOTION – GS, 2ND – FD – Yes – JG, Yes – SU
– Motion Approved.

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. 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 District employees file the appropriate complaint form prior to this meeting. Speakers are cautioned that under California law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because these comments are made at a public meeting.

B. For Information: Executive Director’s Report
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.

Executive Director's Report

- New Peer Coaches for Reading and Writing.
- Attendance/Enrollment – 549 – CBEDS day is 10/01/14 – our goal is to reach 95% attendance and 550 enrollment for 10/01/14.
- Great Attendance Challenge – Created by Marty Solis our Truancy Mediation Liaison. He has set up sponsors for all classrooms to encourage students to come to school and have good attendance.
- Professional Tennis Player & NBA Visit – Sloan Stevens and Quincy Pondexter are scheduled to come and visit our school to promote their “HITS” Tennis program we have in our after school program on Friday 9/26/14 – media will be there to cover and also Jim Yovino from FCOE.
- Salsa Festival – Parent Involvement Fundraiser September 19, 2014.
- FCOE – ASIST Team has been hired to provide Professional Development to our staff in Reading and Writing, we are currently working on providing walk-throughs and some Wednesday University Planning.
- Mr. Garcia and Mrs. Bennett attended a Single Plan for Student Achievement training to align our SPSA with the LCAP hosted by Madera County Office of Education.

III. CLOSED SESSION – NO CLOSED SESSION

A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF REASONS FOR CLOSED SESSION.

Prior to entering closed session, the Board will publicly announce the items to be covered in closed session.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (1 case)

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at NA – No Closed Session.

PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (includes the vote or abstention of every member present).

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Approval of Grade Level Request for Field trip as present by Grade level Teachers.

- a. Presentation by Kindergarten for trips to the Fair (10/3/14) and Zoo (April 2015). Trips were approved
- b. Presentation by 1st Grade for a trip to Fresno State Farm (10/17/14). Trip was approved.
- c. Presentation by 2nd Grade for a trip to the Fair (10/3/14) and Madera Fossil Museum (April 28th and 30th, 2015) – Fair trip was approved, and the Madera trip was put on hold pending legal forms for chaperones and medication

disbursement approval.

- d. Presentation by 3rd Grade for a trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium (Spring 2015) Trip was put on hold pending legal forms for chaperones and medication disbursement approval. Although the board did authorize to reserve the spot with the Aquarium due to the limited availability.
- e. Presentation by 6th Grade for 6th Grade Camp (February 2015) and Magic Mountain (June 2015). Both Trips were put on hold pending legal forms for chaperones and medication disbursement approval.

Motion – JG to approve in town field trips (as well as authorize securing days and buses pending legal documents) 2nd – GS – Yes – SU, Yes – FD – Motion approved as noted.

- B. Approval of Employee Handbook – Tabled till October Meeting.
- C. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Calendar for 2014-15 – Motion SU, 2nd – JG, Yes – FD, Yes – GS – Motion Approved.

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Filling Vacant Board Member Seat – will be discussed on the October 23, 2014 meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 23, 2014 at 5:30pm