

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY**

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

**January 26, 2017**

**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 5:35pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Jamie Gearon	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Tony Smith	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Jere Runciman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Larry Arce	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Brenda Paxton	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda...Larry makes the motion to adopt the Adoption of Agenda.....Jere seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
 Vote FD-Yes GS-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Absent  
 Motion Carried

**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.

**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 events and important information around campus.

Mr. Garcia:

- Hopes Awards (Honoring Our Prominent Exemplary Students) this month
- Parents were told about our school App during parent/teacher conferences. EBCA App posted names of students with awards.
- 120 students with no Tardies no Absences students will receive trophy at the end of school year
- Gave away 50 scarves to parents promoting (National School Choice Week)
- Have formed an Acts of Kindness Committee where students are involved and also received t-shirts. Students announce an act of kindness for the week at blacktop announcement.
- Looking into 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to be Campus Peer Mediators (meeting during lunch)
- Pastor Criner to be a mentor at EBCA for our Kindness Committee
- Hoping to organize a Fundraiser Walk-A-Thon for Asthma to support Jovante Woods Foundation this spring and Invite his father Ickey Woods Edison High Graduate and ex NFL Football player to our school in Spring.
- Mr. Sprattling and Mr. Garcia attending county meetings in near future for a material revision to our charter petition.
- Open Enrollment Brochure mailed with information on our school within a few miles radius of our site. Accepting student application until February 28<sup>th</sup>. Lottery to be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm in Library. After that they will go on waiting lists.
- Students fill in available slots and are chosen by lottery if more register than needed to fill that grade.
- Jere asked if students had to transfer to be able to attend EBCA. Mr. Garcia responded that we are a school of choice having no boundaries.
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Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

The Curriculum and Instruction Director will update the Board regarding student assessments and curriculum.

Mr. Sprattling shared:

- School Accountability Report Card posted on our website
- School Safety Plan meeting this Monday where emergency situations were discussed. Our Comprehensive Safety plan will also be posted on our website.
- There is training about emergency situations by FEMA that our committee participated.
- Teachers have been trained in First-Aid, CPR and using a Fire Extinguisher
- Preparing ourselves by law to have a Safety Plan. We can never prepare enough. We reviewed a lot of information such as possible scenerios and evacuation procedure.

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

The Truancy Mediation Liaison will update the Board regarding student attendance and discipline.

Mr. Solis shared:

- Attendance winners announced by Edison Football Coach Matt Johnson
- T.J. Wilkins will celebrate with his class
- 128 students No tardies/No Absences
- Frances asked if any home visits have been done. The answer was yes, Mr. Solis and Mr. Garcia visited 5 homes and were able to talk to parents in 2 of those homes. They offer help on how to get their kids to school.
- Fresno Police Officer comes to school every once in a while and hands out stickers to students

**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 December 15, 2016
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for December 2016

Frances asks for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and for the approval of A. and B.....Jamie makes the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda ...Larry seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GS-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Absent  
Motion Carried

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. Approval School Accountability Report Card (SARC)  
Karl Presented our completed SARC report to Board for approval.

Frances asks for a motion to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)....Jamie makes a motion to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC).....Larry seconds the motion ...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GS-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Absent  
Motion Carried

- B. Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Mr. Sprattling explained the process and training the Site leadership went through to write the Comprehensive Safety plan. It was also presented to School Site council for their approval. This is a plan that will be updated as needed. Mr. Sprattling recommends their approval.

Frances asks for a motion for the approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plan....Jere makes the motion for the approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plan...Jamie seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GS-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Absent  
Motion Carried

- C. Approval of Tax Return 2016  
Mr. Garcia presented the 2016 Tax Return for their Review. It has been reviewed by Mrs. Bennett and DMS and they have given their approval for presentation to you.

Frances asks for a motion for the approval of Tax Return 2016...Jamie makes the motion for the approval of the Tax Return 2016.....Larry seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GS-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Absent  
Motion Carried

## V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

### A. Open enrollment month of February 2017

- Previously shared at beginning of meeting
- Met with Dr. Alvarado from Fresno County
- Everything in Petition will be accounted for
- Staff Development to take place and teachers will be able to revise the Petition. Curriculum, Assessments. 50% of teachers need to sign
- Petition to say what we are doing and if not, then we will change on Petition
- This year is year 3 next year to be year 4 of 5 of our renewal

### B. Form 700 E-filing

- Due April 3, 2017 please make sure to file.
- Tony helping Gloria Smith submit hers. Her end date 12/16/16.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Frances asks for a motion to adjourn...Jamie makes the motion to adjourn...Larry seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed  
Vote FD-Yes GS-Absent JG-Yes TS-Absent JR-Yes LA-Yes BP-Absent  
Motion Carried

## VII. NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2017

