



# Governance Council Minutes

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**May 17, 2011**

**In Attendance:**

*Christine Adams, President, parent*

*Sue Sewell-Principal*

*Melody Taydch, Parent*

*Peggy First-Teacher*

*Kathy Sanders, Secretary/Community Member*

*Tonya Roberts- Parent*

*Jeanne Coughlin -Teacher*

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**Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM by Christine Seconded by Melody**

**1. Review of the March minutes with corrections (April meeting canceled)  
Minutes approved by Melody seconded by Christine**

2. **Updates-Sue**, There was a good turn out for the open house. Friday 5/20 is the last date for turning in the charter school applications for fall. A discussion on how openings would be filled for the charter took place. Openings at the beginning of the school year will be handled by a lottery. Openings that occur after the first day of the school year will be an administrative decision. Students not currently in the charter need to reapply every year. There will be no waiting list. Students currently enrolled have a space, but must fill out an application to hold their spot by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Siblings and charter council members children will be given preference for the charter program. Motion to accept this policy was made by Peggy and seconded by Tonya.

Governance policies will be discussed at the next meeting. Sue will gather the policies and share with the council next month.

Katie Meister is interested in the district representative place on the council. Christine will invite her to the next meeting.

**3. Website**

Agendas and minutes will be posted to the website and teachers will put a notice in their newsletters. Put a list of volunteer possibilities on the website and ask that they contact the teachers to make arrangements to help. Teachers will brainstorm a list of possibilities. Christine will make arrangements to update the website with new Charter contract and bylaws. The update will add committee names and committee chair e-mails. And a list of committees for parents who might be interested in volunteering. Charter meetings are open meetings.



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## 4. Green Team

\$160.00 was raised from recycling the donated cans. The team will collect old crayons and glue for a recycling project. A load is ready to go for recycling. There is a need to check on the status of recycling. Steve Sobiek put an article on the Arbor Day event and DCS environmental activities in the Columbus Journal. Flowers were planted at the train station on behalf of the school. Kathy talked to Laura Reetz and Bryan about doing a School Talk on the students' participation in the Columbus Community Garden.

## 4. Motion to adjourn by Tonya at 7:45PM Seconded by Melody

<b><i>Next Regular Meeting 6/21/11</i></b>
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- *Invitation for new members*
- *Review Policies*
- *Committee Calendar Review*