

**Present:** Tim Dutton, Sandy Lefkowitz, Rachel Allison, Kit Kaolian, Dolores Fuller, Vincent Musto, Jose Rodriguez, Michael Bologna, Jackie Marumoto Celeste Markle, Ken Smith and Wendy Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

1. **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public Comment.
2. **Approval of minutes from previous (February) meetings.** A motion to approve the February minutes was granted.
3. **Old Business:** Individual Board members must indicate how many years more they will commit to re-election.
4. **Status report and update on school (NWEA testing program for next year, School enrollment, vacation, discipline):** Bridge Academy was contacted by The North West Education Association (NWEA), with an alternative testing schedule that would allow better detailed reports to put students on a better scale of where they would fall with specific subjects. There was concern about the amount of testing that the students would be required to take on.  
Suspensions are way down and the school enrollments have gone up. There was a minor incident with a student that resulted in a suspension.
5. **Personnel (Fingerprint reports, early retirement plan, new teachers, etc, per diem holiday pay, pregnancy leave, and notices for next year...):** The Board was reminded to schedule their fingerprints to be taken.  
After some discussion the issue of Medical leave, pregnancy leave and other related issues is tabled to the next meeting. The Board has been instructed to review the options that are appropriate based on the Federal Law and community precedence.  
Letters were given to the Faculty, informing the staff that due to recent budget cuts many Teachers 'assisting positions and other part time positions could be eliminated.
6. **Governing Council update (March meeting)** Dr. Selverstone's last session at the last open Governing Council Meeting was reviewed. The next session on May 4 will be open to the surrounding community. It will take place at 6:00Pm.
7. **Emergency Plans and procedures:** An unplanned fire drill had been administered to the school as a result of a day care student setting off the alarm
8. **Financial committee report (15 minutes, Maurumoto, Dutton):**
  - The Board reviewed the February 28 budget document. There will be approximately 3,000 deficit for the year. There will be no per-pupil increase for the Charter School next year.
- The school has not received any information on the request to change audit format from "governmental" to "non-profit".
9. **Building issues (1 minute) (Dutton) – New grant!!!, Building committee report, Bid documents:**
10. **Executive session:** No Executive session.
11. **Other New Business** –Board were reminded members to sign on for one or two year terms.
12. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Kristina Montalvo Recording  
Secretary