



Board Meeting  
 Forrest M. Bird Charter High School  
 615 S. Madison,  
 Sandpoint, ID 83864  
**March 13, 2018**

	Board Meeting Minutes
Minutes taken by	Kate McAlister
Board members Present	Jim Zuberbuhler, Kate McAlister, Bill Hertzog, Chris Warren, Ryan Zimmerle, Robin Rupert
Excused Board Members	
Staff present	Mary Jensen, Jennifer Greve-Norton, Greta Weber
Absent Staff	
Guests	Shannon Vaughn (Parent), Jodi and Jason Giddings (parents & presenter regarding School Safety), Amy Phillips (speaker on climate Change)
Minutes	<p><b>December</b> 2017 meeting minutes approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Motioned – Chris W.</li> <li>✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill H.</li> </ul> <p>Approved Unanimously</p>
Call to Order	<b>Meeting called to order</b> , quorum established 5:04p

Executive Session	No executive session
Public Comment	<p><b>Amy Phillips topic: Climate Change</b></p> <p>Citizens Climate Lobby - nonpartisan grass roots group trying to get congress to pass nonpartisan legislation.</p> <p>Intense focus on a solution - Why is it important to a school. Concerned about removing climate change from science and school teachings. Citizens flooded legislators with comments about removing science standards.</p> <p>Important to education - equating climate change to guns in school. Guns get more attention and climate change needs to have as much attention.</p> <p>CCL has proposal 'Carbon Fee and Dividend'. All parties are supportive.</p> <p>Market driven, revenue neutral - Key words for all those who don't like anything that smells like big</p>

	<p>federal bureaucracies. Not a tax. Equal numbers of Rep and Dems supporting this. Environmental groups supporting this as well.</p> <p>Best hope of getting movement on changing thought about climate change.</p> <p>Asking for an endorsement from FBCS to add weight to situation. (Is LPOSD endorsing?) Would like us to endorse the Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal.</p> <p><b>Jodi and Jason Giddings - school safety</b></p> <p>School security. Worry about safety of kids and how someone could walk in with a gun. Support armed security for schools.</p> <p>Idaho allows school boards to make the decision about armed security. Asking school to consider armed security.</p> <p>Armed security everywhere we go, so why not schools. School in Florida is deputizing staff who volunteer as well as school in Texas. Staff must be extensively trained including mental health in partnership with the sheriff.</p> <p>School shootings need to stop - school staff are first responders. Signs out front saying "armed staff", bullet proofed glass, special door locks, metal detectors, mace, etc.</p> <p>ALICE - Alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate.</p> <p>Jodi is a national blogger and knows a lot about the top. Jason is working on inventing bullet proof walls that can retrofit to existing walls.</p> <p><b>Mary Jensen</b> responded security concerns with what FBCS is and will be doing.</p> <p>Updating phone systems - New phone has PA system and direct connection to dispatch with video feed. Other security systems can be added on to this system. Has an alarm to let kids know it is a lockdown, put in every single room and common areas.</p> <p>Admin and staff will know the code. Ryan is ordering and will install as soon as it gets here.</p> <p>Buzzer system to allow people to enter school. Will have a PA as well as a video so everyone will be seen before they enter. Now everyone is able to enter without notice</p> <p>Side doors in middle school. Alarm system on the middle school doors - since doors often don't close. Alarm will go off until the doors are completely shut. All doors are checked regularly and there is really only one door in the front for entrance and exit. All handles on outside and surrounding doors have been taken off.</p> <p>We expect to continue this conversation.</p>
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<p>Open Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff evaluation policy revision acceptance - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. does not have to be on here anymore. No need to revise.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continuous Plan of Improvement revisions - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needed to add percentages on the front page, reporting 'go on 'rate</li> <li>Our go on rate in Idaho is 53%.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Accreditation outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>finished up two weeks ago. Did really well with accreditation team. They were impressed with how everyone got along. Need to work on Math scores and we are.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>They saw progress and were pleased with that and just emphasized need to keep going on Math.</p> <p>Board needs to memorize mission statement. Mission statement needs to be revised down to two sentences rather than a paragraph.</p> <p>Need updated policy manual and update board on new policy manual. Will be put on jump drives.</p> <p>Don't have formal accreditation report yet but will send it out when it is done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation venue change <p>Church became more expensive than we can afford so we will be going to the Panida for graduation. Graduation will be June 9.</p> </li> <li>• Calendar adoption <p>Need to adopt calendar for the school. Planning committee worked on calendars. - presented a 4-day calendar, semester vs trimester, decided to stay with the trimester. If the waiver goes away then we would revisit the trimester vs semester because school year would go from August 1 to June 30</p> </li> </ul> <p>Mary called state and we have a waiver for the next two years. Calendar has tried to mirror spring breaks with LPSOD/NIC as well as end of school. Graduation June 9.</p> <p><b>Motion to approve Calendar - Trimester</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Motioned – Kate Mc.</li> <li>✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> – Robin.</li> </ul> <p>Approved Unanimously</p>
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Policies	Edgar Policy forthcoming. 39 pages. Staff not done with it yet - all financial policies in regards to Federal funds and how we manage. Will not have it done for several weeks. Will send it out to board to read will publish with the next agenda for public to read.
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Community Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee discussed student population sweet spot is 340 - 350. No higher than 350 for facility use, teachers, class size, etc.</li> <li>• Great committee - board members, teachers, parents, administrators - great participation. Healthy discussion</li> <li>• Looking to the future and not panic - how do we sustain going forward and how to be proactive in getting students at the Bird.</li> <li>• Marketing - how are we going to get these filled up? Word of mouth, radio, advertising, SEO of Facebook and Google ads, education of public - realtors, businesses, etc.</li> <li>• "Charter School Makes Everything Better" - new tag line?</li> <li>• Committee wants to keep it going and get stronger.</li> </ul>
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Financials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greta - Any questions - Paid out in Feb at 24.87 we are now at 24.69. Not too much of a slide. Budgeted at 24 units. We are just above.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to the reserve - appx \$300k. Currently have \$427,000</li> <li>• With this year's money added we will reach our goal to have one year operating cost.</li> </ul>
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Operations/ School Reports	<p><b>High School – Mary Jensen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application numbers update 6th grade 29 applications - looking for 9 more 7th grade applications - looking for 11 more 8th grade have 2 - looking for 6 9th grade have 7 - one over 10th grade have 2 apps - looking for 6 more 11th grade - one over 12th grade - one over</li> <li>• With the overs we are full in the High School. We could possibly take 3 more to get to 200 but we are good with what we have. As of 3/13 am. Lottery is being held March 29 and phone calls will be made on the 30th if necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Middle School – Jennifer Greve</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a lot of events. Ski days were brought back. Janine saved money and have about \$4,000 left over. Will look at percentages each class gave and will give back the amounts to each grade for end of year trip.</li> <li>• 'Go on' rate is good. Accreditation was biggest event this year.</li> <li>• Took teachers to post falls to the Charlotte Danielson observation day- state observation standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Todd C. Said he got some things out of it and said at the end he was in the middle. Our teachers asked for a second day of training and the presenters will come here to FBCS.</li> <li>○ Will be videoing one of our teachers - Sara Evans when they are here.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Misc. School Business	N/A
Adjournment	<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 6:23p – Jim Z.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Motion to adjourn – Chris W.</li> <li>✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kate Mc.</li> </ul> <p>Approved Unanimously</p>
Next Board Meeting	<b>Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 5p</b>

Respectfully Submitted: Kate McAlister