

**THE LEARNER-CENTERED SCHOOL, Inc. (TLCS, Inc.)  
ANTIOCH CHARTER ACADEMY (ACA)  
ANTIOCH CHARTER ACADEMY II (ACA II)  
3325 Hacienda Way, Antioch, CA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHARTER COUNCIL  
November 18, 2021  
4:00 PM  
Minutes  
Zoom Video Communications Meeting**

**1. Opening (Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum)**

Meeting called to order at 4:08pm. In attendance were council members: Mrs. Debbie Hobin, Mr. Eric Tam, Mr. Greene, and Ms. Julie Haas-Wajdowicz. Staff members in attendance were: Mr. Kevin Fuller, Mrs. Elisa McCutcheon, and Mrs. Andi Stahler. Also in attendance, Mrs. Kelley Borges and Mrs. Tracey Tim Tim.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

a. Regular Charter Council meeting of October 14, 2021

Motion made by Mr. Tam and seconded by Mr. Greene

Mrs. Hobin Yes

Ms. Haas-Wajdowicz Yes

Mr. Tam Yes

Mr. Greene Yes

**3. Oral Communications: Non-agenda items: None**

**4. Comments from Staff**

Mr. Fuller addressed the Council on behalf of ACA and stated that ACA is approaching the end of the first trimester. This week is a conference week, with half of the day working with the students and the second half conferencing with families.

Mrs. McCutcheon addressed the Council on behalf of ACA II and stated that they are also having conferences this week with the majority of them on Zoom, while a few requests to be in person conferences were accommodated for. ACA II had their second School Families session, with Middle School stepping up and leading the family groups. Family Network has resumed 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup of Coffee meetings for parents. Middle School has been working on Social Political Action Projects with one group focusing on Homeless people, and they were able to make 100 bags of toiletries and clothes for the COC, as well as gather lots of blankets, food, and other items to take to the organization. There is an Anti-Bullying group that raised \$287 to donate to *StopOutBullying.org*. The Environmental group has planned Litter Pick Ups around Antioch. Mrs. McCutcheon also shared that she and Edna Heller have been meeting monthly with Andy Cannon from AUSD, which has provided a positive line of communication for both schools and AUSD.

**5. Discussion Items (for possible Action)**

a. Educator Effectiveness Grant spending plan

Mr. Fuller addressed the Council and shared that this Grant is intended for professional learning for Teachers and Paraprofessionals that work with pupils. Both campuses qualify

for this Grant as long as we are able to develop and adopt a plan prior to the end of December. We have now through the 2025-2026 school year to utilize these funds. ACA and ACA II plans are attached for further review. Mr. Fuller and Mrs. McCutcheon walked through the plans with Council.

**b. AB361 reform – teleconferencing requirements for Charter Council meetings**

Mr. Fuller addressed the Council and shared that the primary effect of this reform is to allow public bodies to dispense with certain normally applicable Brown Act teleconferencing requirements wherever a public body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency. This must be voted on every 30 days by Council.

**c. Policy update and review (attached) - Independent Study Policy**

Mrs. McCutcheon addressed the Council and shared that any time a student has 15 or more days of absences, cumulatively, through the school year, the state has asked for additional requirements to be met for this policy. The revised policy brought to you today, shows the new policy, with the change being on page 5, in section 16, that if the student does not submit the work assigned within the agreed upon timing, the student will not receive full academic credit, instead of *all* academic credit.

**d. Nomination Committee - update regarding open seats on Charter Council**

Mr. Fuller addressed the Council and shared that the nomination committee consists of Mr. Heller, Mr. Tam, and Mr. Fuller. They are currently looking for candidates and have reached out to numerous members within the community and school families. So far there have been 6 interested people and two applications submitted. The committee plans to meet after the November break to schedule the interviews with the two current potential candidates.

**6. Action Items**

- a. AB361 reform language. Approval of the required findings regarding the continuing emergency and vote to continue using the law's exemptions.**

**Motion made by Mrs. Hobin and seconded by Mr. Greene**

**Mrs. Hobin Yes  
Ms. Haas-Wajdowicz Yes  
Mr. Tam Yes  
Mr. Greene Yes**

- b. Approval of the ACA/ACAII Independent Study Policy as recommended by staff.**

**Motion made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mrs. Hobin**

**Mrs. Hobin Yes  
Ms. Haas-Wajdowicz Yes  
Mr. Tam Yes  
Mr. Greene Yes**

**7. Family Network Update – comments from ACA and ACA II Network board members**

Mrs. Tim Tim shared with Council that the Annual Christmas Tree Lot will be taking place on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at The Red Barn at the Fair Grounds with crafts and vendors. They have also continued their 2<sup>nd</sup> Cup meetings, which has been great for families to reconnect.

**Mrs. Stahler addressed the Council on behalf of ACA and stated that the Family Network's fundraiser, Walktober, raised over \$2,000 and the students walked a combined total of 17,095,875 steps. They have completed their Wreath Fundraiser, with deliveries coming through in two weeks. Family Network will also be hosting their Free Flurry of Fun Family Night, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Mr. Tam for sponsoring the event!**

**8. Comments from the Charter Council:**

**9. Scheduling of Next Meeting**

**a. Next Regular Charter Council meeting – Thursday, December 9, 2021**

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mrs. Hobin**

**Mr. Tam– Yes, Mrs. Hobin- Yes, Ms. Haas-Wajdowicz - Yes, Mrs. Greene– Yes. Meeting adjourned at: 4:43 pm.**