

I. Call to Order

5:34

II. Past Minutes

Because the secretary had to leave early last meeting, the minutes from the two takers have not been combined yet. We will approve these at the next meeting or via email between meetings.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Financial Update from Red Apple

The UCA with federal funds that have been approved are something we can apply for now. We are right at 50% in many areas, exactly where we should be. For the month, we had more expense than revenue, but that's always up and down so we should break even this year.

Cash reserves are great. Enrollment is also doing well at 173. All of the funding from the state is now known; there will be no further additions or subtractions. The copy that Steve emailed detailed 7 line items that have been finalized. We got a little more funding than we had forecasted for having highly qualified teachers, which is excellent. We are now at +\$6200 for the year.

One row was adjusted up for IT services and development of a new webpage.

V. Discuss Investment of Cash Reserves

We talked about investing some of our cash reserves in the PTIF pool. We will probably move \$200,000 into the PTIF pool, leaving a month's worth of budget remaining in cash reserves.

M. Kidman believes that BRCS really can't do much better than the PTIF pool, and moves to invest \$200,000 of the BRCS cash reserves into the pool. No discussion; none opposed. Steve will take care of getting the funds moved.

The SCA Account is also now set up and operational, so thank you to Red Apple for getting that set up.

VI. Student Placement Protocol Discussion

There was a handout related to how to place students; this is as to grade acceleration as well as ability groupings. The Board discussed different options and decided on a less formal approach that still improves the process and clarity of process from the status quo. The Board added a criterion to be considered in placement regarding mastery of all needed skills to be successful, and two other criteria were combined. The final placement protocol will be finalized by J. Adams and institutionalized.

VII. UCARE Application

Scott Hunsaker at USU contacted BRCS about this opportunity. UCARE is running a study regarding high-achieving students. J. Adams asked the board whether we were interested in having Bear River Charter School apply; some Board members had some concerns about shifting focus away from low-achieving students. J. Adams is going to approach some teachers to gauge the level of interest.

VIII. Charter Revision Discussion and Action

Many pages have been removed from the Charter – we want it to be the essence of what Bear River Charter School *is*.

This revision removes the guarantee of Spanish language instruction. This doesn't mean that we would not teach Spanish, but leaves room for future decisions regarding keeping Spanish.

Other revisions included clarification and minimization of other areas where information was redundant or unnecessary. The Board discussed goals and measurement of some of those goals.

B. Bingham moves to approve the revised charter; P. Willis seconds. All in favor, none opposed.

IX. SCA Update

No updates

X. Closed Session

N. Vouvalis moves to enter into a closed session; V. Jenkins seconds. All in favor, none opposed.

XI. Other Business

We did not finalize the request for leave from the last meeting. We are going to draft a policy for approval at the next meeting, and evaluate the leave request under that policy.

XII. Adjournment

8:07