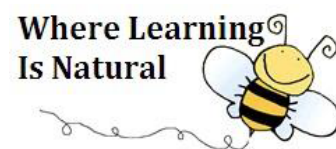


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Steering Committee Meeting



April 8, 2025

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School
 7300 Marin Avenue Sacramento, CA 95820

A G E N D A – Operational & Educational Focus

1) President call to order and roll call (Check box of those members present) (1 minute)

Steering Committee Members:

Name:	Role:	Present:	Not Present:
Dianne Wiley	Member--- NJBCC School Principal	X	
Todd Thibodeau	Member--- Teacher - 6th Grade / President (SCTA)	X	
Ian Johnson	Member--- Teacher - 3rd Grade / Note Taker (SCTA)	X	
Erica Matter	Member--- Teacher - 1st Grade (SCTA)		X
Christina Roulet	Member--- Teacher - 4th grade (SCTA)		X
Lavida Edmondson	Member--- Teacher - 5th & 6th grade (SCTA)	X	
Alicia Mendoza	Member--- SEIU Rep. / Parent (Kinder) / Time Keeper	X	
Jennifer Ikemoto	Member— Parent (Kindergarten) / Vice President	X	
Jesus Muñoz	Member--- Parent (2nd Grade)	X	
Gloria Soriano	Member--- Parent (3rd & 6th grade)	X	
Rhonda Kenney	Member--- Parent (Kindergarten)	X	
Heather O'Brien	Member— SEIU Rep. / Parent (2nd grade)	X	
Mr. O'Brien	Public	X	

Full Quorum: Yes

2) Approval of Agenda (1 minute)

Begin: 3:02 PM

- Two suggestions in the suggestion box will be added to constituent feedback.

Motion to approve agenda.

- Agreements: 8- Reservations: 0 - Stand Asides: 0 - Block: 0
- 4 Absent

End: 3:03PM

Motioned: Heather O'Brien

Seconded: Lavida Edmondson

Approved: X

Not Approved:

3) Pledge of Allegiance (1 minute)

Begin: 3:03 PM

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End: 3:04 PM

4) Approval of minutes from last 3 meetings (2 minutes)

Begin: 3:04 PM

Motion to approve minutes.

- Agreements: 8- Reservations: 0 - Stand Asides: 0 - Block: 0
- 4 Absent

End: 3:05 PM

Motioned: Heather O'Brien

Seconded: Dianne Wiley Approved: X

Not Approved:

5) Standing Committee Reports (PTA, Social Committee, Farm Committee, ELAC/SSC) - 7 minutes

Begin: 3:05 PM

- **ELAC/SSC:** ELAC meeting postponed due to lack of attendance. The next meeting will be in May.
- **Facilities:** Gate around the south side is complete, and the gate around the entirety of the school will be going up shortly, and will finish by August 11th. The first goal is to work on irrigation. The old fences and the playground will go down. We have a special request to put in irrigation on the South-West side planters. Facilities will fix the water near the butterfly garden, and in between the yellow planters. The move-in to the south wing will be complete after Easter break, and students will begin coming in shortly thereafter.
- **Farm Committee:** Community day is on April 26th, teaming up with Mr. Johnson, Ms. Jones, and her sorority to work on planters. Another will be coming up soon to work on the other planters in the school.
- **PTA:** Eat at Panda Express this month, and Chipotle in May! Back to School & Baskets during the after school event! PTA will sell food during the Moana play as well, and the Book Fair is coming from May 19-23rd. PTA elections are going until May 28th.
- **Social Committee:** Potluck on Thursday. Our condolences to Ms. Stadel for her loss, as well.

End: 3:15 PM

6) Constituent Feedback on Steering Committee Items - 8 minutes

Begin: 3:15 PM

- **Suggestion Box:** From Dawson - I want an airport, and an airplane, and a semi-truck.
 - Great suggestions, Dawson!
- No feedback.

End: 3:16 PM

STANDING BUSINESS

7) CURRICULUM - Benchmark, i-Ready, Frax, Reflex, and GoMath - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:16 PM

- Moving forward, using the curriculum to fidelity is a requirement, as per our agreements.
- We will save money on Benchmark, as we still have readers and curriculum available.
- We will save money on i-Ready, as we only use it for the Diagnostics, saving \$7,000.

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- We are renewing Frax and Reflex.
- We had to order GoMath books. GoMath will be used for Tier 1 instruction.
- We budgeted \$70,000 for curriculum, and will not spend all of it. Some of this money will roll over for future curriculum purchase.

End: 3:21 PM

8) MURALS - Presentation and Discussion - 5 minutes

Begin: 3:21 PM

- Will not be finished until Fall. Facilities will have to come out for a special request.
- The artists will have to have \$2,000,000 in insurance. This amount is questionable, as the artists are already on the pre-approved vendor's list.

End: 3:22 PM

9) VOLUNTEERS: Volunteer Form home to all families - 5 minutes

Begin: 3:22 PM

- Rhonda pulled out a volunteer form from the old website, and we will make copies and use it next year.
- The office will update the form as well.

End: 3:24 PM

10) CERTIFICATED POSITIONS - Reading Intervention, Science Coordinator, and First Grade updates - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:24 PM

RI Positions

- RI positions approved! Welcome, and Congratulations!
- It is noteworthy that with our current funds, these positions will eventually become a financial issue for NJB.
- The MET, NewTech, and Carver all asked for money to stay open. We will not, but Dianne noticed that the tone of the school board was amenable.
- Will will have to ask for contributions from the board for our RI positions, and Dianne is looking into strategies for asking the Board. The main strategy is about MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support)
- We will have to bring hundreds of people to plead our case for requesting funds.
- Because of the raises, our overall funds went down. We will not be running in excess like we once were, and will have to ask for contributions.

First Grade Updates

- First grade teacher hired! Welcome!
- Mrs. Thao will be working with her directly.

Science Coordinator

- We have 3 applicants interviewing on Thursday.
- This position will start next year.

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End: 3:32 PM

11) NJB 10-YEARS “AND BEYOND” CELEBRATION STATUS - August 4, 2025 - The first day of next school year - 3 minutes

Begin: 3:32 PM

- First meeting was held, and it was productive!
- They plan on meeting 4-6 more times by the end of the year.
- The full [action plan can be found here](#).

End: 3:35 PM

12) BUDGET - Update - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:35 PM

- We are tightening budgets across the board.
- Teachers will get less overall for their classrooms.
- Currently, we are overstaffed for our school size. However, we are approaching capacity for class sizes for the younger grades, so this won't last. We may have as many as 320 students next year.
- There are 270 students on the waitlist for TK in the district. There may be an opportunity to open another TK class, but whether or not CA will supply supplemental funding for TK aides is questionable. The NJB strategy is to wait on opening another TK class until we can guarantee a waitlist, so that those classes are completely full.

End: 3:39 PM

13) ACADEMIC ITEMS - ELPAC and other testing from Ms. Jones - 3 minutes

Begin: 3:39 PM

- ELPAC testing is complete for our original EL scholars!
- We have 3 newcomers that will not take long to complete the assessment.
- CAASPP testing is coming up in May for 3-6 graders.
- Teachers are being trained in CAASPP procedures.
- Parents have the option to opt out of CAASPP testing, but that does hurt NJB percentages overall, as every student who doesn't take the test automatically gets the lowest score. Note that teachers CAN NOT bring this up to parents or students according to SCTA rules, only Dianne can.

End: 3:55 PM

14) PUBLIC COMMENT - on Standing Business - 3 minutes

Begin: 3:55 PM

- **Question:** Are we using our Title 1 funds as they need to be used?
 - **Follow-up:** Title 1 funds goes towards Ms. Jones' salary and our instructional aides to supplement the curriculum needs of our scholars.

End: 3:57 PM

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NEW BUSINESS

15) NO NEW BUSINESS - 1 minute

Begin: 3:57 PM (Voted to move up between item 4 and 5)

- Elections are coming up during the first week of May.
- Parents currently serving have stated they are happy to serve another year.

Motion to allow Jennifer, Rhonda, Gloria, Heather, and Jesus to stay on for another year.

- Agreements: 10- Reservations: 0 - Stand Asides: 0 - Block: 0
- 2 Absent

End: 4:03 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley

Seconded: Rhonda Kenney Approved: X

Not Approved:

16) PUBLIC COMMENT - on New Business - 3 minutes

Begin: 4:03 PM

- **Mr. O'Brien:** Hiring process for the after school & summer school teams?
 - **Follow-up:** The questions are the same and ready to administer again. We will just need to set up the application process again. For summer school, Dianne sent out information to all parents in the April 6th update stating we are open for all, but we are under construction. Parents may want to go to an adjacent site instead. NJB will focus on Kinder students first.

End: 4:14 PM

17) Future Agenda Items (5 minutes)

Begin: 4:14 PM

- Elections up for Teachers and Classified staff.
- Add ELAC to our next Steering Committee meeting?

End: 4:16 PM

18) SC Members Announcements (14 minutes)

Begin: 4:29 PM

- Todd: We harvested our carrots! It yielded a large bucket of carrots, and the students were laughing and having a great time during the harvest.
- Jennifer: I've been volunteering in Ms. W's Kinder class. She has been wonderful, and the students are responsive.
- Lavida: Ben is working with 4H to see if we can bring them back.
- Jesus: For Earth Day, a company called The Tree Circus puts on a show to teach kids the importance of trees (raw products, jobs, oxygen, etc.). They have a booth at the State Fair as well, and do 3-4 shows a day at the State Fair. I reached out to them last week, and there is an application process to get them here at NJB. They are booked for this year, but we can get an application in for next year.
- Heather: Can we keep the entryway to the garden when we pull down the fences? **Follow-up:** Yes!
- Alicia: We passed our audit! It was nerve-racking, but it went well. Thanks for the help in the office! *There

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will be some adjustments to Kinder bell schedules, and some tightening of bell minutes.

- Gloria: Are there any decorations planned from the 6th grade promotion ceremony on the 11th at 10:00?
Follow-up: We have a barbeque on Monday, June 9th. We invite families to the front for that. Otherwise, everything is welcome! 6th grade will ask for donations for the barbeque, and PTA usually covers decorations for the promotion.
- Dianne: We got 230 chairs from Suy:u, and we bought 85. We have 12 tables, and have enough seating to host parent events.

End: 4:37 PM

19) Next **regular** meeting date and time: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. (1 Minute). Note we will have a special committee meeting when NJB decides on an after school program.

20) Adjournment (1 minute)

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If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions we encourage you to contact the Principal, the President and or any member of the Steering Committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

Upcoming Steering Committee and Charter Renewal Dates for School Year 2024-25:

2nd Tuesday of each month 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Regular Steering Committee Meetings

August 6, 2024
 September 10, 2024
 October 8, 2024
 November 12, 2024
 December 10, 2024
 January 14, 2025
 February 11, 2025 (February 18, 2025)
 March 11, 2025
 April 8, 2025
 May 13, 2025
 June 10, 2025