



**Harvest Ridge Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Open to the Public**

October 7, 2021

**Harvest Ridge Cooperative Charter School
9050 Old State Hwy, Newcastle, CA 95658**

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Mission: Harvest Ridge Cooperative Charter School is committed to collaborating with parents, teachers, and students to provide a high quality student-centered educational experience, which enhances the joy of learning and inspires a commitment to lifelong learning.

Vision: Harvest Ridge Cooperative Charter School is committed to nurturing the whole student by cultivating high academic achievement and strong social development. Students are encouraged to discover and pursue their interests and talents within a compassionate and supportive environment. Our students become self-motivated and confident as they develop 21st Century skills.

Harvest Ridge staff members are enthusiastic, creative, and committed to providing an engaging and relevant education that prepares students to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing world. Our staff sets high standards, fosters individuality, encourages group collaboration, and differentiates for individual student needs.

Parents are an integral part of our school community. They work collaboratively to support classroom instruction, serve on school committees, participate in campus stewardship, and are active partners in their child's education.

Community connections and global awareness are encouraged through outreach programs, field trips, and service projects.

Meeting Facilitator: Ardelle Seely, Board Chairperson

5:30pm OPEN SESSION

- 1. Call to Order 5:32**
- 2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum: Ardelle Seely, Ashley Neufeld, Jason Couch, Nicole Virtue, Elena Gagnie joined in later.**
- 3. FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC - *It is the policy and practice of the Board of Harvest Ridge Schools to encourage public attendance and participation at its meeting. This portion of the meeting is set aside for the purpose of allowing an opportunity for individuals to address the Board regarding matters not on the agenda, but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, and is limited to 3 minutes per individual. The Board is not allowed to take action on any item that is not on the agenda except as authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2.***
- 4. Reports And Communication**
 - 4.1. PTO Report: Kristine Couch reported on upcoming events they are organizing: Field trips, Adult Fundraiser (Crooked Lane rescheduled from 10/22 to early February), Miller's**

Mandarin Fundraiser last week of October. Discussion about the Thanksgiving Feast (Rick said undecided at this time), 5K the will start promoting in January, 2022.

- 4.2. Staff Report: Mrs. Wallgren was out longer than we expected, due to COVID. Rick said that he was so impressed the whole staff rose to occasion and took over in making sure that her classroom, students, and parents were taken care of. Tina will return to ½ day's am for the week of October 11th.

- 4.2.1. Classroom: 1st through 8th grade assessments at the end of October. PD will be held Friday, October 29 with Area 3 project and look at all grade levels and see where we are with assessments.
- 4.2.2. Home Study: Staff meeting on September 29. Agenda included a presentation held by Janet Jabusch, from the District Office to discuss the whole process of creating PO's and reimbursement forms. We reached PO# 165 in September (we hit this number in January last year). Congratulations to Lyndsey Kacalek-Brown, for being the big winner on Wheel of Fortune!

4.3. Director's Report

4.3.1. Enrollment

We had one student transfer from campus-learner to home study. At this time, we have 8 more families on the waitlist for home study.

HRCCS	Home Study	Total
109	156	265

4.4. Discipline

Suspensions	Expulsions
0	0

4.5. Budget Report

- 4.5.1. [Current Financial Statement](#) Teacher budget higher than reported at the beginning of the year, due to the hiring of 4 more home study teachers.

5. CONSIDERATION OF: DISCUSSION/ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1. COVID Closures of Grades 3-6 for Hybrid/In-person Program: What we learned along the way; some parents felt that HRCCS was too relaxed on staff and students wearing masks. Other causes could've been from the field trip (students in cars with not immediate family members), County fair. Ashley Neufled, agreed that the closures of 3rd/4th and 5th/6th was a good call made by Rick Ornelas.
- 5.2. [Revision of 21/22 School Calendar](#): Board members were not completely in agreement with the revision of the calendar. They were all in favor of sending out surveys to the parents and staff for their feedback, before making any changes.
- 5.3. COVID Safety/Staff Testing Update: Rick has informed all staff members that masks need to be worn at all times while indoors (office, classrooms, restrooms). PMH lab from Huntington Beach has assigned a nurse from Brightstar agency, Rocklin to administer COVID testing on Thursdays at HRCCS campus for staff, parents, and students. Rick wanted to send out a special thank you to Megan Goldsby and Robin Silski for helping him set up the large canopy over the lunch tables for the students.

- 5.4. Impacts of AB 165: Live interaction and synchronized learning. Schools must show proof of work (2 samples each subject), Aeries wellness check-in everyday from home study and campus students.
- 5.5. [Future Vaccination Requirements](#): This will not impact home study students.

6. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

All actions listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion followed by a vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board requests that a specific item be removed from Consent Agenda, and discussed. Such items will be considered separately in the order in which they appear on the agenda.

6.1 Board Minutes – request to approve Board minutes for the following:

6.1.1 [September 2, 2021 Board Meeting](#): Jason Couch moved to approve. Ashley Neufled seconded. All approved. Motion carries.

6.2 [Bill Warrants](#): Nicole Virtue moved to approve. Ashley Neufeld seconded. All approved. Motion carries.

- 7. CLOSED SESSION: DISCUSSION: 6:56 pm
 - 7.1 Potential Litigation
- 8. Adjourn to Closed Session
- 9. Open Session: 7:19 pm
- 10. Disclosure of Closed Session Action: No action taken.
- 11. Upcoming Agenda Items
 - 11.1 First Interim Budget
- 12. Meeting Adjourned: 7:22 pm

Future Meeting Dates: 5:30 pm Open Session- November 4, 2021

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