Our Mission: *To develop responsible, respectful, and proactive citizens to become caretakers of our community, our state, our country, and our planet. This begins with our concept for the New Joseph Bonnheim (NJB) being centered on agriculture and on the very community it serves.*

OUR DECISIONS ARE TO BE: Mission Driven, Data Driven, and Student Driven.

NJB Steering Committee Meeting Protocols

1. Speak to the topic 2. One speaker at a time 3. Not personal 4. Support the majority 5. Respect the minority

Steering Committee Meeting

Where Learning Is Natural

September 2, 2026
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	
Ian Johnson	Member — Teacher - 3rd Grade / Note Taker (SCTA)	X	
Erica Matter	Member — Teacher - 3rd/4th Grade (SCTA)	X	
Lavida Edmondson	Member — Teacher - 6th grade - VP (SCTA)	X	
Alicia Mendoza	Member — SEIU Rep. / Parent / Time Keeper	X	
Jennifer Ikemoto	Member — Parent / President		X
Johnathon Henderson	Member — Leaders of Tomorrow	X	
Heather O'Brien	Member — SEIU Rep. / Parent		X
Ben Driscoll	Member (2025-2026) — Teacher - NJB Science (SCTA)	X	
Kristen Pidcock	Member — Parent	X	
Elizabeth Rogers	Member — Parent	X	
Courtney Coffin	Member — Reading Intervention Teacher (SCTA)		X

Full Quorum: Yes

2) Approval of Agenda (1 minute)

Begin: 3:03 PM

Motion to approve agenda.

- Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0 Absent: 3

End: 3:03 PM

Motioned: Erica Matter **Seconded: Ben Driscoll** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

3) Pledge of Allegiance (1 minute)

Begin: 3:03 PM

End: 3:04 PM

4) Approval of minutes from last meeting (2 minutes)

Begin: 3:04 PM

Motion to approve minutes.

- Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0 Absent: 3

End: 3:05 PM

Motioned: Erica Matter **Seconded: Kristen Pidcock** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

5) Standing Committee Reports (PTA, Social Committee, Farm Committee, ELAC/SSC) - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:05 PM

- **ELAC/SSC:** 1st meeting tonight! We are trying to do as much outreach as possible, and find ways that we can define involvement. We have around 60 language learners, so outreach is critical! We are up to date on our ELPAC testing for now.
- **Facilities**: Ben wrote one Special Project Request (SPR) near the dead grass near the compost, and one SPR in the hallway for nature play during recess. Ben started planning the TK outdoor nature playground, to be funded by a grant awarded last year. Upcoming - working with classes to start planting in November. Ben is also looking for bulk compost, mulch, farm tools, etc., and will be reaching out. We got a bid for our intended outdoor classroom nature project, but it was over what we could afford ($179,000 from prop 28 funds). However, this is in our favor - facilities will reopen the process, which allows a few preferred vendors to apply. Ben has also been offering alternatives during recess, including what can be made with yarn and sticks, bug collecting, “fairy houses”, etc. Scheduling for science in classes has been challenging as a result. From Diana - Facilities are installing 10 new cameras!
- **Farm Committee:** See above.
- **PTA:** On September 24th is our first annual dance. Our harvest festival is October 29, with an accompanying bingo night and a book fair ending on October 30. We will open up communication for a committee to run the harvest festival and dance, and the student council is slated to sell food during the events. September 25th - PTA hired a mariachi for hispanic heritage month to play during Friday Morning Movement. We will have papel picado in the hallways to celebrate! We are also planning on making corn tortillas with the kiddos!

End: 3:21 PM

6) Constituent Feedback on Steering Committee Items - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:21 PM

- **Suggestion Box**: None at this time.

End: 3:21 PM

Total Allotted Minutes: 26

STANDING BUSINESS

7) ENROLLMENT AND ADA: - 5 minutes

Begin: 3:22 PM

- We are up to 303 students. We are getting a new Kinder this week, and we got several additional friends this week as well!
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- Attendance is at 95.4%! This is great!

End: 3:23 PM

8) LEADERS OF TOMORROW REPORT: 10 minutes

Begin: 3:23 PM

- We are hitting our attendance numbers in our ELOP program!
- We can now enroll the additional TK students, and they are projected to start September 14th.
- Warn students and parents that if they release students early too often, and/or are not following behavioral expectations, students will be removed from the program to allow the waitlist students to enter.
- Mr. Henderson is focusing on smoothing out the team and making sure they have classroom management down.
- Mr. Kari is facilitating the football season. Practice starts Thursday 9/3, and the first game is next week!
- Enrichment/tutoring is pushed back to September 14th.
- Mr. Henderson is starting shadowing procedures on Mondays and Thursdays, allowing the team to shadow teachers to see teacher expectations.
- Intermediate planners - from 2:25-2:40, Cielo and the team are checking students in, and can accept the planner hand-off around this time. A trusted scholar can bring the agendas or assignments as well.

End: 3:32 PM

9) STUDENT COUNCIL: 7 minutes

Begin: 3:32 PM

- We have about 11 scholars who applied for Student Council, and everyone is accepted. Mrs. Wiley will interview them for placement, and they will help run the dance and the Harvest Festival. They will also drive the attendance rewards.

End: 3:33 PM

10) PRINCIPAL REPORTS: 10 minutes

Begin: 3:33 PM

- TK position opened up.
- The district needs cash flow, so they froze ALL expenditures. This makes hiring difficult at this time.
- We are holding off on the TK aide. We have a sub in there, but there is a negotiation with SEIU to bring back TK aides, and we may get people assigned to us.
- Last year, we had one 6 hour position, but chose to cut it in half to avoid insurance costs.
- Mrs. Wiley is applying for a $190k community outreach/liaison grant. This person will partner with social workers, the community, etc.

- The social worker is funded from Title 1 funds ($94,000). The salary takes about $89,000 of that. We will have our social worker for 2 days a week. The goal is to reduce suspensions and chronic absenteeism.
- We have a nurse 2 days a week to take care of Emergency Care Plans, and will train the NJB teachers on ECPs.
- Our yard duty positions are posted! If you know anyone who wants to be a part of our staff for 3.5 hours, let Mrs. Wiley know!

End: 3:42 PM

11) CHARTER RENEWAL: 10 minutes

Begin: 3:42 PM

- Mrs. Wiley sent out the Charter Renewal form to SC members. Please review it and proofread it for errors and anything that isn't aligned in the document.
- Mrs. Wiley talked to April today to get the 3-part process started with the Board. With Dr. Goldman gone, we don't have as much support. At the moment, the only thing that would mean non-renewal is our budget deficit.
- This charter must be completed by February 2027. Mrs. Wiley has completed the rewrite, and we are in a good spot!

End: 3:51 PM

12) PUBLIC COMMENT - on Standing Business - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:51 PM

- From Mrs. Wiley - She has been getting a lot of positive feedback for Friday Morning Movement and the volunteer projects with Mr. Ben.

End: 3:55 PM

Total Allotted Minutes: 48

NEW BUSINESS

13) SC MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS (14 minutes)

Begin: 3:55 PM

- To add for next month - Review DIBELS and IXL data.
- Mrs. Wiley: I am starting randomly awesome days! Look for more information soon! I am also verifying the days for our upcoming play for 1st-3rd grade scholars.
- Ben: We have bats from Northern California coming! I want to start solicit artwork from students to hang up around the classroom. If anyone has extra plexiglass frames, let me know! I am also hosting an art show for Cheddar the Cat! I will put it on for a week, but it could be a poem, writing, drawing, sculptures, etc.

End: 4:04 PM

14) Next **regular** meeting date and time: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. (1 Minute).

15) Adjournment (1 minute)

Total Minutes: 16

Total Meeting Time: 90 minutes

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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 2026-27:

1st Wednesday of each month 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Regular Steering Committee Meetings

August 5, 2026
September 2, 2026
October 7, 2026
November 4, 2026
December 2, 2026
January 13, 2027
February 3, 2027
March 3, 2027
April 7, 2027
May 5, 2027