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Steering Committee Meeting



August 12, 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	
Ian Johnson	Member--- Teacher - 3rd Grade / Note Taker (SCTA)	X	
Erica Matter	Member--- Teacher - 1st Grade (SCTA)	X	
Lavida Edmondson	Member--- Teacher - 5th & 6th grade (SCTA)	X	
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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
Ben Driscoll	Member (2025-2026) --- Teacher - NJB Science (SCTA)	X	
Linda Franco	Member (2025-2026)--- Teacher - TK (SCTA)	X	
Staci Disantis	Staff	X	
Courtney Coffin	Staff	X	

Full Quorum: Yes

2) Approval of Agenda (1 minute)

Begin: 3:05 PM
- Adding Ag in the Classroom discussion to Standing Business

Motion to approve agenda with the above addition.
- Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0
- 3 Absent

End: 3:09PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley **Seconded: Ian Johnson** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

3) Pledge of Allegiance (1 minute)

Begin: 3:09 PM

End: 3:10 PM

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

Begin: 3:10 PM

Motion to approve minutes.

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

End: 3:11 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley **Seconded: Ian Johnson** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

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

Begin: 3:12 PM

- **ELAC/SSC:** Upcoming meetings! Stay tuned!
- **Facilities**: Construction continues. The Kinder playground may be complete by Monday, 8/18/2025. The main playground is under construction. The field and irrigation is complete. No timeline on the front fence.
- **Farm Committee:** Potential project for Miyawaki mini forest in the corner of the campus near the native plant garden. Students can be involved in planting. Sac Mini Forest will be involved. A grant will come through from SMUD for the project. To be approved by SC. We are also working with Sac tree foundation to plant 15 fruit trees (covered by the foundation). They will also do a big mulching event for the school. There is a final map for the project, and is about to be submitted for final approval.
- **PTA:** Back to school night membership drive. Kinder Popsicle Sales are now, and we are selling what we have left for uniforms. Next month we are planning for the Harvest Festival. Our first Executive Meeting is on 8/13/2025.
- **Social Committee:** 10 Year anniversary for NJB - Moved to coincide with the Harvest Festival, so that everything is complete by the time we are ready.

End: 3:29 PM

6) Constituent Feedback on Steering Committee Items - 8 minutes

Begin: 3:29 PM

- **Suggestion Box**: None at this time.
- No comments at this time.

End: 3:34 PM

Total Minutes: 31

STANDING BUSINESS

7) NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF STEERING COMMITTEE POSITIONS: 10 minutes

Begin: 3:34 PM

- Lavida Edmondson nominated as Vice President.
- Jennifer Ikemoto nominated as President.

Motion to elect Vice President and President.

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

Welcome, Lavida and Jennifer!

End: 3:40 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley **Seconded: Alicia Mendoza** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

8) STATUS OF STAFFING: - 2 minutes

Begin: 3:40 PM

- Mr. Watson has resigned from his 2/3 split position.
- We currently have a mentor teacher, Barbara Lawlor, covering the position.
- We may look for a surplus teacher for the position.
- We hired an additional yard duty.
- We are still getting our instructional aides balanced. It will likely be another week before things are settled.
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End: 3:43 PM

9) ENROLLMENT PROJECTS AND ADA: 2 minutes

Begin: 3:43 PM

- Current student numbers are right around 300.
- 3 spots left in 1, 2, and 3.
- 10 spots left in 4th grade.
- 5th and 6th are full.
- The next goal is to keep the ADA (average daily attendance) up at 95% or better.

End: 3:44 PM

10) START TO SCHOOL REVIEW - 5 minutes

Begin: 3:44 PM

- Both reading intervention teachers and science coordinator staff are on board! Welcome, awesome folks!
- We are up and running! We are working through small problems, especially with new dismissal procedures.

- The parking situation is going reasonably well, but if teachers are late, it backs up the dismissal line.

End: 3:56 PM

11) NJB 10-YEARS "AND BEYOND" CELEBRATION STATUS- 5 minutes

Begin: 3:56 PM

- Linda Franco: As of right now, we are planning to tie it in with the harvest Festival. We need to check in with the budget to see the scope of the celebration. We were also hoping to get alumni to come back to the celebration.
- April Navarro was here for a listening section. She offered to help with donations, prizes, and so on.

End: 3:58 PM

12) PROP 98 FUNDING (AMS) PLAN- 5 minutes

Begin: 3:58 PM

- We need to spend our prop 98 funds completely this year (for arts and music in the school).
- 80% will have to go to a certificated position if we are over 300 students.
- The first thought is to use that for a music, art, or other extracurricular activity.
- One consideration is to fully fund our PE teacher, and have him use the last day for an art or music class.
- More to come!

End: 4:01 PM

13) ELOP FUNDING- 5 minutes

Begin: 4:01 PM

- We will get somewhere between 6,000 - 60,000 in ELOP funding.
- Our afterschool program is packed. More than 50% of our scholars are in the after school program.
- All children must be afforded the opportunity to participate in activities for extended learning. For example, if we decide to tutor, or do a play, every student has to be given the chance to participate.
- How we spend the money is under the responsibility of the SC.

End: 4:06 PM

14) PUBLIC COMMENT - on Standing Business - 3 minutes

Begin: 4:07 PM

- Jennifer: I had a parent come during our listening session, and they noted that their kids couldn't play in the morning with their friends, and it felt like a prison-yard movement. I responded that if we have more volunteers for morning supervision, it is possible we can try other possibilities.
- Lavida: I see a big difference from last year. There used to be fights, problems, injuries, but coming in each day, everyone is calmer.
- Erica: Ag in the Classroom - we can reserve 3 people for $1,155.
- Dianne: If we have people interested *who will actually use it,* we can discuss it, but I will have to actually look at our budget for this. The challenge I'm facing currently is that we have to fund a nurse, when we didn't before. We are looking at a .2 FTE nurse schedule, but even that will be around $25,000.
- Erica: What if we send just Ben?

Motion to send just Ben to Ag in the Classroom.
- Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0
- 3 Absent

End: 4:18 PM

Motioned: Erica Matter **Seconded: Jennifer Ikemoto** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

Total Minutes: 44

NEW BUSINESS

15) DISTRICT FUNDING AND MOU/NURSE: 5 minutes

Begin: 4:18 PM
- We have to fund a nurse, when we didn't before. We are looking at a .2 FTE nurse schedule, but even that will be around $25,000.
- The district is asking us, as a charter school, to pay for everything on our own.

End: 4:19 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley **Seconded: Heather O'Brien** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

16) PUBLIC COMMENT - on New Business - 3 minutes

Begin: 4:19 PM
- Dianne: We have some really cool stuff happening here, and serve this larger community. If we have 325 students, we will be pretty strong, size-wise. The surrounding schools are impacted. If, for some reason, NJB can't pay our bills, NJB students can't go anywhere else in this area. One thought for future consideration is to revert back to a district school so we can continue to pay our bills. I am not saying I want this, but the higher financial burden we are facing and all the consequences need to be addressed.

End: 4:24 PM

17) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 minutes)

Begin: 4:24 PM
- Sac Mini Forest Proposal.
- Orchard Map presentation by Ben Driscoll.
- How to get more parents involved.
- Updated bylaws.
- More listening sessions for parents.

End: 4:27 PM

18) SC MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS (14 minutes)

Begin: 4:27 PM
- Ian: Welcome back, everyone!
- Ben: September 20th, there is a field trip on a Saturday where 30 total students will be picked up here from NJB to visit the Oak Park Farmer's market, meet farmers, try food, etc., all for food literacy.
- Dianne: Continuing to push enrollment. Pushing hard for volunteers. Really excited for Ben, Courtney, and

Staci, and the amazing changes they are bringing to NJB!

- Jennifer: Thank you for being patient with me! Thank you, Ms. E, for helping in the VP role!
- Linda: I am really happy for how this year is going! The start of the year is going well!
- Erica: I love 4th grade, it's nice to be home.
- Lavida: Ruby Bridges grant has come in again! I'm working on getting someone from the NAACP to come out as guest speakers. Last year, Mr. Disantis took great photos, and we hope that every class can get in on the video in time for November 14th. We might work in a lunch on the lawn or community day with Ruby Bridges day as well. Also, the Rivercats came and donated vouchers for a baseball game through the month of September for every student in the school.
- Gloria: I am really excited to see our school improving every day! We are all happy now! Thank you, Mrs. Wiley!

- Staci: Thank you for having me today! It was very informative. I am excited to be here!
- Courtney: Things are great! This was informative and enlightening!

End: 4:40 PM

19) Next **regular** meeting date and time: Tuesday, September 9, 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)

Total Minutes: 29

Total Meeting Time: 104 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 2024-25:

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

August 12, 2025
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October 14, 2025
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