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



February 17, 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 - 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 (1st Grade) / Vice President	X	
Jesus Muñoz	Member — Parent (3rd Grade)		X
Gloria Soriano	Member — Parent (4th grade) ***Resigned on 2/17/2026***		X
Johnathon Henderson	Member — Leaders of Tomorrow	X	
Heather O'Brien	Member — SEIU Rep. / Parent (3rd grade)	X	
Ben Driscoll	Member (2025-2026) — Teacher - NJB Science (SCTA)	X	
Linda Franco	Member (2025-2026) — Teacher - TK (SCTA)		X
Jennifer Dilly	Alternate Member - Teacher - Teacher - (4th Grade)	X	

Full Quorum: Yes

2) Approval of Agenda (1 minute)

Begin: 3:04 PM

Motion to approve agenda.

- Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0 Absent: 2

End: 3:05 PM

Motioned: Heather O'Brien **Seconded: Ben Driscoll** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

3) Pledge of Allegiance (1 minute)

Begin: 3:05 PM

End: 3:06 PM

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

Begin: 3:06 PM

Motion to approve minutes.

- Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0 Absent: 2

End: 3:08 PM

Motioned: Heather O'Brien **Seconded: Erica Matter** **Approved: X** **Not Approved:**

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

Begin: 3:08 PM

- **ELAC/SSC:** Board members invited to the next meeting!
- **Facilities**: Tiles from ceiling are falling rapidly. Diana has put in multiple orders for repair. Looking at immediate repairs ASAP, and extra repairs this summer.
- **Farm Committee:** Approvals are coming in. Shed is finalized, and a meeting with the landscape architect is scheduled. We are waiting for the district to write the P.O., but everything is approved.
- **PTA:** Next event is the night of the talent show. We will be selling baskets at that time. Wild Sister Books sold about $1,000, and will donate 10% to NJB. As a special one-time donation, they will increase that donation to 30%!
- **ELOP:** None at this time.
- **Social Committee:** None at this time.

End: 3:17 PM

6) Constituent Feedback on Steering Committee Items - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:17 PM

- **Suggestion Box**: None at this time.
- Complaint about inconsistency about allowing or not allowing students to participate in after school activities. Mrs. Wiley stated that she would not pull kids out of special events because of behavior, that would go through constituent services instead. "We are not punitive at NJB."
- Will there be black history month? Mr. Henderson has black history museum exhibits that he and L.O.T. can put up in the library. We also have our banner in place.
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End: 3:20 PM

Total Allotted Minutes: 31

STANDING BUSINESS

7) ENROLLMENT AND ADA: - 2 minutes

Begin: 3:20 PM
- 297 enrollment. The upper grades are very small for 2026-2027. We will be down to 276 next year.
- 94.2% attendance. Encourage attendance!

End: 3:22 PM

8) 2026-2027 Calendar: 2 minutes

Begin: 3:22 PM
- Site Based Decision Meetings still need to decide upon our training days before July 30th. Otherwise, our calendar is complete, with the last day on May 26th.

End: 3:24 PM

9) Leaders of Tomorrow Report: 5 minutes

Begin: 3:24 PM
- STEM pilot activities from Sac State will come for 3 enrichment stations with their own curriculum and hands-on science. This will start officially in March, and will start observations February 18th.
- 3 new team members just started. Welcome!
- YDSS has confirmed additional funds for LOT as an addendum.
- We have black history month boards to go up in the library. Teachers can sign up for participation.
- Please have parents complete the interest forms to get students signed up for the after school program.

End: 3:27 PM

10) Miyawaki Forest: 3 minutes

Begin: 3:27 PM
- Planting in October 2026, with a planting meeting scheduled for this Saturday.
- They are still securing approvals for funding.
- Currently, they are approved, but don't have an irrigation plan yet. This is coming soon.

End: 3:30 PM

11) Student Council: 5 minutes

Begin: 3:31 PM
- Next meeting is currently not scheduled.
- Valentine grams were successful! Thank you so much to Alicia and PTA!
- We are hoping to charge $1 for the talent show. Lavida and Jennifer are looking to get a guest appearance!

End: 3:33 PM

12) PUBLIC COMMENT - on Standing Business - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:33 PM
- None at this time.

End: 3:33 PM

Total Allotted Minutes: 27

NEW BUSINESS

13) ELPAC and CAASPP - 5 minutes

Begin: 3:33 PM

- Update: moving forward, Mrs. DiSantis will not be the CAASPP coordinator.
- ELPAC testing is starting soon!
- CAASPP in May. Practice tests are important!

End: 3:37 PM

14) Board Meeting and Next Steps - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:37 PM

- The board meeting went fabulously. Thank you to those who advocated, came, and otherwise supported NJB!
- The board was impressed with NJB.
- The official agreements were for a Reduction in SPED cost - capped at 15% instead of 18%. Administrative costs were also capped. What the agreements did NOT address was to reimburse Reading Intervention teachers, or to address the MOU to ask SCTA for flexibility in the union contract concerning RIT positions, et. al.
- The board received the information positively. More to come!

End: 3:42 PM

15) Mid Year LCAP - 10 minutes

Begin: 3:42 PM

- **See the full LCAP mid-year report here. See the full LCAP fund tracking for Dependent Charters document here.**
- We have paid a tremendous amount of overtime money for custodial help due to the change in positions. We had to pay the previous custodian for leave time, and extra for substitute support.
- We are below cost for a lot of curriculum. We are also below cost for LOT, but only because we haven't spent all of our funds here.
- On the LCAP, there is currently a typo: item 4.2 states we have an EL teacher, but we do not. Nancy will have to delete this entry.
- Overall, NJB is doing very well in all areas, overall.
- EL's proficiency went down, overall. We have had an influx of newcomers, which adds to this.

End: 3:50 PM

16) Speech Compliance - 6 minutes

Begin: 3:51 PM

- NJB received a letter of noncompliance, and we passed it on directly to Cancy and other high-profile members of the district. Currently, we are out of compliance for speech because the district has not responded fast enough. This does affect our LEA.
- NJB has not performed any speech IEPs, and are out of compliance for minutes for two years running.
- NJB pays admin fees for these services, but the speech and language program at the district has not fully followed through.
- The district has hired an additional speech and language teacher, and Dianne is pushing for a second to catch up. More news to come.

End: 4:00 PM

17) Breathe California - 3 minutes

Begin: 4:00 PM

- They came out today, and will be here for the next two weeks.
- They have money to support projects surrounding food waste, in partnership with Central Kitchen.
- Every day, they will be here to help students sort their food waste, and are looking for volunteers to help support the transition.
- They will come back in the fall for a refresher.
- Teachers, consider: Each day, a different class can take responsibility as helpers.

End: 4:05 PM

18) Play - Madagascar 2 - 3 minutes

Begin: 4:05 PM

- We currently have only 12 students signed up. We need more activity from grades 4-6! Please spread the word!
- We may open up roles for 3rd grade as well.

End: 4:07 PM

19) Accelerated Reader - 5 minutes

Begin: 4:07 PM

- Purchased for $6,000 for 18 months to allow students to keep track of books read for incentives. I

Motion to approve AR.

- Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Abstains: 0 Absent: 2

End: 4:09 PM

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

20) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2 minutes)

Begin: 4:09 PM

- Resignation for Gloria Soriano.
- Member terms for 2026-2027.
- 6th grade science curriculum.
- Data talk next meeting.

End: 4:11 PM

21) SC MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS (14 minutes)

Begin: 4:11 PM

- Dianne: I am really impressed by NJB at our board meeting! Mr. Noriega did an amazing job speaking at the board, and so did Jennifer!
- Johnathon: I hope everyone gets home safe and dry today!
- Ben: I appreciate that Ms. E. always has awesome surprises! We are selected for the Monarch Butterfly watch, and are getting a spread of Milkweed, which should reseed itself each year. This may be a Saturday event for planting.
- Jennifer Dilly: Happy to be here at NJB! It is beautiful to watch everything come together here!
- Ian: It was amazing to see the board meeting, and next time, I look forward to speaking on our behalf.
- Jennifer: Happy to be here!
- Lavida: I am going to Read Across America at SCTA on 2/18/2026. I would like NJB to bring Wild Things to our school, a program that rehabilitates wild animals back to health. The kids would get to see professionals help animals. The basketball tournaments are still in progress.
- Alicia: It was an amazing experience to go to the board meeting, and it was very emotional. It was very interesting.

End: 4:20 PM

22) Next **regular** meeting date and time: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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.

23) Adjournment (1 minute)

Total Minutes: 60

Total Meeting Time: 113 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
September 9, 2025
October 14, 2025
November 11 (moved to 18th), 2025
December 9, 2025
January 13, 2026
February 10 (moved to 17th), 2026
March 10, 2026
April 14, 2026
May 12, 2026
June 9, 2026