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Steering Committee Meeting



September 9, 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 - 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)	X	
Rhonda Kenney (resigned)	Member — Parent (Kindergarten)		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

Full Quorum: Yes

- 2) Approval of Agenda (1 minute)

Begin: 3:00 PM

- Skipped ahead to item 7 to honor the time of our Mini Forest guests with the SUGI Project.
- Motion to discuss moving back to the original voting method.

Motion to approve agenda with the above addition.

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

End: 3:36 (see above) PM

Motioned: Heather O'Brien

Seconded: Ian Johnson Approved: X

Not Approved:

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3) Pledge of Allegiance (1 minute)

Begin: 3:36 PM

End: 3:36 PM

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

Begin: 3:37 PM

Motion to approve minutes.

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

End: 3:37 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: 3:37PM

- **ELAC/SSC:** Marcela is sending out forms, and there will be an upcoming presentation from the district on ELPAC.
- **Facilities:** Fall planting includes planting 14 fruit trees plus the existing pomegranate trees, 4 blueberry bushes, 11 shade trees, and includes a fall mulching event (campus-wide). The trees will come in in the northeast corner of the field, near the original location of the farm. Extra door is going to be installed at the front of the school. Sprinkler replaced in the front corner. Extra door installed for the playground structure.
- **Farm Committee:** Planters could come in along the intermediate wing, painted chalkboards on the back of the intermediate bathroom wall, extra jump ropes, and possibly maximize already established shade in that area. Awesome!
- **PTA:** PTA membership drive! Whichever class gets the highest membership by the 30th gets popsicles! Dos Coyotes night is coming up, 20% of what they sell that evening goes back to the school. Harvest festival coming up on October 24th, with the book fair in room 26. PTA is hiring 3 food vendors and 1 dessert vendor to sell food, with a donation to the school.
- **Social Committee:** None at this time.

Motion to extend time.

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

End: 4:02 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley

Seconded: Ian Johnson Approved: X

Not Approved:

6) Constituent Feedback on Steering Committee Items - 8 minutes

Begin: 4:02 PM

- **Suggestion Box:** None at this time.
- **From the Community:** Request from teachers to be very specific about volunteer time. Specify how many

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volunteers they need, at exactly what times. Possibility of a give-get? Perhaps parents have a system to donate rather than volunteer?

- Alternate meeting times, or combine meeting times for PTA, Steering, and ELAC to be all on one day. Also, will there be child care for that time?
- Florin Perkins Landscaping gives away 10 free bags of mulch/soil per year.
- Some teachers wanted i-Ready back, but the price was too much.

End: 4:11 PM

Total Minutes: 31

STANDING BUSINESS

7) SACRAMENTO MINI FOREST: 10 minutes

Begin: 3:05 PM (jumped ahead to this item in the agenda)

- Proposal to plant a [Miyawaki Forest](#) at our school site along the corner of 73rd st. and 21st ave. using donation and grant funds.
- The fruit trees present are a part of the plan.
- There will be a walkway through the forest, with a small space for students to sit and observe in the environment.
- The plants will be a variety of species native to California.
- There will be a large sign on the corner explaining the Miyawaki Forest.
- This year, the team will work on soil preparation, irrigation, and other first-step items.
- Planting day will be next fall, 2026.
- They will have a booth at our harvest festival on October 24th
- See more information on the [SUGI project](#) website.

Motion to approve planting of the Miyawaki Forest at NJB.

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

End: 3:32 PM

Motioned: Ian Johnson

Seconded: Erica Matter

Approved: X

Not Approved:

8) BYLAW DISCUSSION: - 2 minutes

Begin: 4:13 PM

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Motion to return to parliamentary voting, rather than consensus models for our meeting.

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

End: 4:16 PM

Motioned: Heather O'Brien

Seconded: Dianne Wiley

Approved: X

Not Approved:

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9) STATUS OF STAFFING: - 2 minutes

Begin: 4:17 PM

- Cynthia White-Vinson is our new 2/3 split teacher. Welcome!
- Currently, Mr. Watson is currently the teacher of record, and will be until 9/22/2025.
- We are currently spending \$10,000 a month for a guest teacher, Barbara Lawlor.
- Barbara Lawlor is staying for two more weeks while the final paper work is coming through.

End: 4:21 PM

10) ENROLLMENT AND ADA: 2 minutes

Begin: 4:21 PM

- We are at 298. We need to find 2 people in the next few weeks.
- If we stay under 298, we won't have to worry about the prop 8 money.
- ADA is 95.4% attendance. The district is currently at 93%.
- ELOP money allows us to enact attendance recovery. For every 4 hours that a student spends in the afterschool program during breaks, it covers 10 days of absences.

End: 4:24 PM

11) NJB 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND HARVEST FESTIVAL - 5 minutes

Begin: 4:24 PM

- Harvest festival is October 24, on a Friday, from 4:30 - 6:30. We will also have the anniversary at this time.
- Note that per SCTA rules, up to one Friday per year can be required for after school special events. This will be the one!

End: 4:30 PM

12) FRIDAY MORNING MOVEMENT AND PARENT LISTENING SESSIONS- 5 minutes

Begin: 4:30 PM

- 1st Friday is the formal parent listening sessions, to coincide with awards.
- As needed, we may have an extra session on the third Friday of each month.

End: 4:32 PM

13) SCTA POSITION REQUIREMENTS (RI, SW, NURSE)- 10 minutes

Begin: 4:34 PM

- We are facing a financial crunch.
- SCTA contracts required all schools to have a nurse, social worker, and reading intervention teacher. In addition, all teachers got a 2% raise.
- Just for NJB alone, \$250,000 - \$300,000 for our reading intervention teachers, \$64,000 for a school nurse 2 full days a week, and \$64-75k for a social worker.
- We have to decide what is the value of NJB as a charter school, versus getting absorbed back into SCUSD to avoid these costs.

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- The Steering Committee is to approve \$25,000 for Ben to partner with SCUSD for our campus. This partnership may ensure we will stay open.
- Dianne is working with Amanda Goldman to create MOU's for everything we do.
- SCTA bargaining will need to look closely at advocating for dependent Charter Schools.

Motion to approve \$25,000 of seed money so Ben can partner with SCUSD.

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

End: 4:51 PM

Motioned: Dianne Wiley

Seconded: Erica Matter

Approved: X

Not Approved:

14) GRANT FUNDING- 10 minutes

Begin: 4:51 PM

- This ties into the previous item. We have art/music grant money that we **must** spend this year. The goal is to spend this in conjunction with what Ben is doing and with the Miyawaki Forest to create the artistic aspect of the "living school yard" we envision at NJB.
- Look at a longer meeting next month where we are looking closely at the LCAP to see where we can budget the grant money.
- This money will not be used for murals at this time until we know whether the school will be fully updated by the district.

End: 4:54 PM

15) PUBLIC COMMENT - on Standing Business - 10 minutes

Begin: 4:55 PM

- Is CCS moving out soon? Follow-up: Possibly by the end of the year, but we still don't own those back classrooms.
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End: 4:55 PM

Total Minutes: 44

NEW BUSINESS

16) PUBLIC COMMENT - on New Business - 3 minutes

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- None at this time.

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17) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (5 minutes)

Begin: 4:55 PM

- Accept Rhonda's resignation, and have the vote for the next elected parent members next month.
- LCAP
- Funding & Budget.

End: 4:56 PM

18) SC MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS (14 minutes)

Begin: 4:56 PM

- Laida: It's California's birthday!

End: 4:56 PM

19) Next **regular** meeting date and time: Tuesday, October 14, 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
 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