

WOODLAND STAR CHARTER SCHOOL MEETING OF THE CHARTER COUNCIL

November 20, 2024 5:30 pm
Woodland Star Conference Room
11700 Dunbar Rd, Glen Ellen, CA 95476

Woodland Star Charter School welcomes your participation at the School's Charter Council (Board of Director) meetings. The purpose of a public meeting is to conduct the affairs of the school in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will attend these meetings often.

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 et

This meeting is being held in a wheelchair-accessible location. To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, please call Caroline Hopewell, The School's Executive Director, at 707-996-3849 at least three business days before the meeting date.

Agendas and informational packets are available to members of the public. These are also posted online at <http://www.woodlandstar.school.org/charter-council-documents>.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS: The public may comment at board meetings. If you wish to speak, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and hand it to the Board President. Your name will be called when it is your turn to speak. Bear in mind that your comments become part of the public record.

1. Items not on the agenda: Each speaker may speak for up to three minutes, with fifteen minutes total allotted for public comment on non-agenda items. Note that the Board cannot discuss items that are not on the agenda and will therefore not respond substantively to comments addressing such items.
2. Items on the agenda: Before the Board begins its consideration of an agenda item, interested public will have the opportunity to comment on that particular item. Each speaker may speak for up to three minutes with thirty minutes total allotted for public comment on each agenda item. Note: once the Board begins its discussion, the item is closed for public comment unless the Board re-opens public comment.

If you cannot attend: Please submit your public comments in written form to any Charter Council member, or to the Charter Council mailbox in the main office, and your comments will be read during public comment by a council member. Please, no anonymous comments.

BOARD MEETING CODE OF CONDUCT

- Maintain open, respectful body language
- Give your full listening attention
- Stand in the other's shoes
- Use a normal tone of voice
- Don't interrupt
- Use respectful language

- Share the floor/air time
- Take the high road
- Monitor your inner thoughts
- Give each other the benefit of the doubt
- Don't talk behind others' backs
- Express gratitude and appreciation
- Own your mistakes

Agendas are available to the public at the meetings, or online: <http://www.woodlandstarschool.org/charter-council-documents>. The agendas are posted online and at school 72 hours before every regular meeting. All meetings are conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Governance

3. Agenda: November 20, 2024

Staff Recommendation: **Approve all consent agenda items**

Action:	Move to approve consent agenda items	Ayes:	8
Motioned by:	Joe Hencmann	Nays:	
Seconded by:	Megan Malkassian	Abstain:	

Notes on vote above:

Communications (5:35 pm)

A. PUBLIC COMMENT (If a member of the public plans to speak during this time, please be sure to read the meeting guidelines on page 1 and fill out a “Request to Speak” form and hand it to the Board President. Your name will be called when it is your turn to speak. Bear in mind that your comments become part of the public record. Note: The Board cannot discuss items that are not on the agenda and will therefore not respond substantively to comments addressing such items.

1. READ OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE (if any):

Information Items - Reports and other items scheduled for information & discussion (5:50 pm)

- **Educational Foundation Report** – (10 min)
Songbird was a lovely event
Jog a thon was a success
Funds will be given to the school on Dec 6, 2025
Steve Chapman from OAEC Site Plan donated funds to the school
- **Business/Operation Report** – Becky (5 min)
Working on first interim report
P1- first attendance report - period ends before winter break.
Calpads 1 to submit soon
Immunization reporting due next month
Staying on track with Truancy letters to assure students are in school
- **Executive Director Report** – Caroline (15 min)
243 students enrolled
Continue to have room for 1st and 4-year-olds
Tours on Thursdays at 9:00
Doing media/outreach for school tours
December 4th is the first parent talk - it will be advertised to the general public
Will be advertising handwork and music
The farmer has resigned and looking for a replacement position being filled by parents and staff
We will be doing a Farmers beginning in April from 10-2
Wellness plan will be put in place. It is being updated and will be made available.
Parent handbook has been updated
Public Waldorf Alliance application/document will be reviewed and submitted by January
Resilient Community Design in the works
The Library will be opening soon.
Universal Screener has been finished for the beginning of the school year
Quick phonics survey being completed for first and second grades
- **Rescheduling of December Regular Board Meeting-** Becky (5 min) VOTE
Meeting rescheduled to Thursday, December 12, 2024
- **Board Participation in WSCS Events-** Sallie (5 min)
- **Pedagogical Deepening, 5th Grade-** Sharolyn, Evelyn (10 min)
A presentation about the 5th-grade curriculum - study ancient civilizations including ancient greece. They will participate in the Pentathlon. Focus on Botany and visited the local Sonoma Ashram. There is a shift to a more academic curriculum in fifth grade as they move out into a larger world to study and learn about other cultures.

- **Pedagogical Insight, Kindergarten** – Amber (10 min)
Focusing on the four lower senses: light, movement, balance and if these senses are not in balance it can impact their academic life. Reviewed how children develop physical and mental capabilities.
- **Faculty Report** – Megan (5 min)
Science of writing presentation by the school director
Enjoyed the Jog a thon
Preparing for the Thanksgiving Assembly
Day of the Dead celebration - visited each class Ofrenda and finished with an assembly in the gym and the students were served a traditional Mexican dish prepared by the school chef and assistant director.
- **Parent Association Report** – Evelyn (5 min)
Parent giving is at 55%
Helping with spiral walk on December 9 and 10
The two parent association chairs are stepping down and the positions are open.
Parents can walk the Spiral walk on Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

Staff Recommendation: Reschedule December Regular Board meeting

Action:	Move to reschedule regular board meeting to December 12, 2024.	Ayes:	9
Motioned by:	Joe Hencmann	Nays:	
Seconded by:	Megan Malkassian	Abstain:	

Notes on vote above:

Recess to closed session

Reconvene and ratify closed session decisions

Items for next meeting agenda:

Items for a future meeting agenda:

Next regular meeting:

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 5:30 PM

Closing Verse:

“A healthy social life is found, when, in each individual, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the community, the virtue of each one is living.”

Adjourn meeting at: 6:30