

*CORE Butte*

**Agenda Item G1**

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Dr. David E. Guthrie, ESC  
DATE: March 6, 2009  
ITEM: **2008/09 Second Interim Report Approval**

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**Background:**

Charter schools must submit periodic financial reports to their sponsors so they can determine the financial health and viability of their charter schools. This Interim Report fulfills the financial reporting and accountability provisions contained in AB 1137. The financial reporting and analysis is presented 4 times during the fiscal year: Budget Adoption (by June 30), First Interim (by December 15), Second Interim (by March 15), and Unaudited Actuals (by September 15). The financial information contained in these reports are assembled to evaluate the financial health of the School. Moreover, the Second Interim Report provides an update about the School's financial status as of January 31, 2009 with revisions since the cutoff date.

**Current Consideration:**

The enclosed 2008/09 Second Interim Report shows a strong financial profile. From our analysis, the School continues on its course as an ongoing and viable concern that has sufficient reserves and excess funds from operations allowing the School to respond effectively to initiatives such as facilities investment. The Report demonstrates the School is financially sound and will be able to declare a "positive certification" for this reporting period based on the School's financial information from the financial system. Forecasting shows the School will remain financially stable notwithstanding the impact of the State's budget reacting to the economic downturn.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

None

**Recommendation:**

The Board of Directors approve the 2008/09 Second Interim Report.

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**Agenda Item G2**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jan Jablecki, Executive Director  
Dr. David E. Guthrie, ESC

DATE: March 6, 2009

ITEM: **2009/10 Budget Development Workshop**

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**Background:**

The budget development workshop provides an opportunity for Board members and the community to acquaint themselves with the budget development process, projections, the State's economy and demographics, and charter school funding that directly affects the CORE Butte's budget for the upcoming and succeeding fiscal years. The workshop serves as a forum to discuss the current state of the budget and impact on future budgets from such issues as the Governor's initiatives to eliminate the structural deficit through program cuts and raising taxes. The workshop also allows participants to provide input for the budget's direction consistent with the Program's vision, mission, goals, and objectives.

**Current Consideration:**

The workshop sets the tone and direction for next year's budget development and presents information about budget projections for 2009/10 fiscal year and SB 740 Determination analysis (enclosed). This forum allows deliberation and generation of ideas to develop a budget aligned with Program values tempered by the realities and constraints of public school finance. It is certain the Program's current, fiscally sound budget establishes a solid foundation and platform for next year's budget despite the State's fiscal crisis.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

None

**Recommendation:**

The Board of Directors conducts a Budget Workshop.

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**Agenda Item G3**

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Jonelle Pena, School Director  
DATE: March 6, 2009  
ITEM: **CORE Butte Charter Renewal (discussion)**

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**Background:**

CORE Butte Charter school was approved by the Butte County Office of Education for a 2 year period in April 2007. Jonelle Pena has been working diligently on the renewal document with the assistance of Charter Liaison, Allison Watson, from BCOE.

**Current Consideration:**

The renewal will be presented to the BCOE board of Education for public hearing on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. The renewal document is attached.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

None

**Recommendation:**

Review and approve the attached document

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**Agenda Item G4**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jonelle Pena, School Director

DATE: March 6, 2009

ITEM: **Single Plan for Student Improvement (discussion/action)**

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**Background:**

Each year the Executive Director and School Director bring the revised Action Plan to the Governing Board for review and approval.

**Current Consideration:**

The Charter Council, ACEs and staff at the various centers have reviewed and approved the plan.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

None

**Recommendation:**

Discuss and approve the attached School Improvement Plan.

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jonelle Pena, School Director

DATE: March 6, 2009

ITEM: **School Accountability Report Card (discussion/action)**

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**Background:**

Each year the Executive Director and School Director bring the School Accountability Report Card to the Governing Board for review and approval.

**Current Consideration:**

This year the School was able to purchase Academic Accelerator in order to enhance and improve the development of the School Accountability Report Card. The Leadership Team and the Charter Council will have reviewed it by the time of the board meeting. Each body will provide recommendations at the board meeting through the School Director.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

None

**Recommendation:**

Discuss and approve the attached School Accountability Report Card with recommendations.

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**Agenda Item G6**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jonelle Pena, School Director

DATE: March 6, 2009

ITEM: **Teacher Credential Approval update (discussion/action)**

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**Background:**

Ed Code #44258.3 allows local school districts to assign teachers who hold teaching credentials to teach departmentalized classes with their consent in grades K-12, irrespective of the designations on their teaching credentials, as long as the teacher's competence is verified according to policies and procedures established by the governing board consistent with the language of the statute. The board approved the CORE Butte teachers in August 2008.

**Current Consideration:**

The attached is an updated list of teachers and their Highly Qualified status. Local administrators according to current recommended procedures by the Department of Education have reviewed each teacher.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

None

**Recommendation:**

The Board of Directors approves the teaching assignment of all the teachers as recommended by their local administrators.

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**Agenda Item G7**

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Jonelle Pena, School Director  
DATE: March 6, 2009  
ITEM: **2009/2010 Calendar (discussion/action)**

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**Background:**

Each year the board of directors must approve the calendar for the next school year.

**Current Consideration:**

The attached Calendar has been reviewed and approved by the site administrators. They have discussed the calendar with teachers at their staff meetings.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

Enables the school to clime Average Daily Attendance for school funding

**Recommendation:**

The Board of Directors approves the proposed calendar

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**Agenda Item G8**

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Jonelle Pena, School Director  
DATE: March 6, 2009  
ITEM: **WASC Revision and Motto (discussion/action)**

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**Background:**

CORE Butte Charter School will be undergoing a visit from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in the fall.

**Current Consideration:**

CORE Butte Charter was able to participate in WASC accreditation and was approved as a WASC Accredited school through the Substantive Change process last spring. The Leadership Team, along with the staff, council and board members have participated in the development of the Focus on Learning Report that is to be submitted in the spring. The Essential School-wide Learning Results have been reviewed, revised and re-titled CORE Foundations. The School motto has been developed.

**Financial/Educational Impact:**

Cost of the visitation

**Recommendation:**

The Board approves the WASC and Motto as presented.