

Charter/Choice Programming Committee

“The charge of this committee is to provide guidance and recommendations to the School Board, relating to its role as authorizer of current and future ECASD Charter/Choice Schools. This will encourage innovation that could increase our ability to provide diverse programming and methodologies. Through this investigation and advisement the committee can support the increase in student readiness for and success in ECASD programming and post-secondary options.”

School: District Office **Date:** 11/10/2015 **Time:** 4:00 pm
Meeting Recorder: Sandy LaValley
Committee Norms: Honest & open dialogue

Committee Members Present & Position/Employee Group

Tracy Bush, Ad Hoc Member	Doug Diermeier, McKinley
Melissa Greer, Elementary Teacher	Gail Halmstad, Ad Hoc Member
Jeremy Harrison, CV Montessori	Todd Johnson, CVM Principal/Co-Chair
Mike Kohls, McKinley	Tim Leibham/District Office Admin
Pete Riley/McKinley Head of Instruction/Co-Chair	Rich Spindler/BOE

Absent: Derick Black Chris Hambuch-Boyle

1. ISN National Conference Attendance

Todd Johnson shared information about the April national conference to be held in Wisconsin Dells WI, April 27 – 29, 2016. The preconference on Wednesday, April 27, will offer information on STEM and Personalized Learning. Overall, topics will include education issues and trends, integration for the classroom, and student-driven educational workshops. There is funding available so please email Tim Leibham which day(s) you would like to attend.

Jeremy Harrison will present at the Minnesota Technology Conference. He will be taking a group of students with him. Jeremy reported that last year they ran a film festival and had 34 teams. Lasker Jewelers partnered with them last year. This year the films will be shown at Micon Theater in Chippewa Falls, WI, on May 31, 2016.

2. Committee Membership

The group discussed the makeup of the committee and whether they should add a member. The Charge would have to be revised by the Board of Education. This could be discussed when the Policy and Governance Committee (P&G) reviews the policy. An update of the committee’s work was recently shared with district coordinators and was well received. They were excited about an opportunity to move learning forward. Eventually, this information will be shared at building staff/listening sessions. There will be an authorizing group that proposals will go through as this is a district effort and not an exclusive program.

3. Review Innovation Zone Draft Policy

The committee reviewed and discussed the Draft Policy 332.

The 4th paragraph was revised to read as follows:

The Charter Choice Programming Committee, chaired by the Executive Director of Administration, is charged with the development of a structure to initiate, monitor, and sustain Innovation Zones.

The 5th paragraph was discussed and revised to read as follows:

While Innovation Zones are independent and separate from the conventional program, they shall be established and sustained in a positive climate of collaboration among all entities of the ECASD. Innovation Zones shall meet state and federal educational requirements, and be fiscally responsible.

4. Innovation Zone Structure Planning

Tim Leibham distributed a draft document of the process. Do we need a review team? Rich Spindler offered to inquire about UWEC's proposal process. Assuming the policy goes forward, we will need to look at possible work group(s). Let Tim know if you are interested. This topic will be discussed in more detail at the meeting on December 8, 2015.

5. Upcoming scheduled meetings:

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 4pm in Room 123B.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.