



BOARD MEETING MINUTES December 16, 2009

Doug Baxter called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Board Members In Attendance: Leslie Aderhold, Doug Baxter, Marie-Jeanne Cotner, Tonya Daher, Morgan Ilgen, Andrea Kennedy, Lori McTavish, Lisa Maras, Brian Rowan, Mark Toci

Board Members Not In Attendance: Mindy McDonough

Community Members In Attendance: Carl Cotner, Kosta Dussias, Donna Fischer

Minutes

- ❖ Brian Rowan moved that the amended 11/18/09 meeting minutes be approved. Lori McTavish seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Business Manager Report (Kosta Dussias)

- ❖ Mr. Dussias highlighted the following points in the end-of-year financial report:
 - State subsidies for social security and retirement have been recorded.
 - We are still projecting a slight surplus for the 2009-2010 school year, although it is hard to project real numbers at this point.
 - There are some unanticipated upgrade expenditures of approximately \$2000.
- ❖ Mr. Dussias highlighted the \$36,378 surplus indicated on page 7 of the completed audit.
- ❖ The ARRA (federal stimulus money) budget was approved just recently. It was budgeted specifically for Special Education. Mr. Dussias has ordered three SmartBoards and a few materials to benefit the special education teachers.

Old Business

- ❖ Shed Variance
 - Kosta Dussias reported that in September 2003 the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors voted that the Golden Orchards Estates, which was building on surrounding land, would **not** be permitted 30 parking lot spillovers into what is now the CLC parking lot. However, the former landowner apparently granted himself an allowance to spill over into the parking lot before CLC purchased the property. The township's Board of Supervisors counted only the 80 spaces in the rear parking lot right now – not the 15 in the front – when they determined that CLC could not put the storage shed at the rear of building, in the parking lot. Mr. Dussias is working to get the count corrected and the storage shed issue reconsidered.

Community Members in Attendance: Carl Cotner, Donna Fischer

ECO Report (Pat Hunt, in absentia)

- ❖ Beginning on January 11, 2010, each of the 5th/6th grade classes will have a student teacher from the Global Education Program, a program jointly run by Penn State, the University of Chichester in England, and Jonkoping University in Sweden.
- ❖ Team Awesome (Brian and Siobhan's 7th/8th grade class) is studying electricity and will be doing visual demonstrations of circuits and other topic-related concepts as part of their study. They

went on field trips to Penn State's steam plant and to Home Depot to learn how electricity goes through homes.

- ❖ Team M/M (Mark and Morgan's 7th/8th grade class) designed vehicles and tested them in "tractor pull" fashion using a container filled with pennies. Morgan is working on a deconstruction project with the students. They will study neuroscience next.
- ❖ CLC's After School Program is working to support the following charities:
 - State College Food Bank and ASPCA (local);
 - Scholastic Publishing (national), to which CLC students donated 45 pairs of pajamas for children in need; and
 - Jambo Jipya School in Kenya, Africa (international) by selling at least 100 bracelets at the cost of \$2/bracelet.

Friends of CLC (Lisa Maras)

- ❖ A few more people attended the November meeting.
- ❖ The election question was raised, and the organization decided to retain the officers in place.
- ❖ The sub sandwich fundraiser raised \$412.50. Subs will be delivered to CLC tomorrow.

Student Council (Morgan Ilgen)

- ❖ Students voted today, and votes are still to be counted. New ballots allowed for two (2) more student representatives per classroom. Students who were on the council last year were allowed to keep their positions if they wished.
- ❖ Student council will begin meeting in January 2010.

Old Business

- ❖ Parking Lot Issue
 - Now that teachers are parking on the side of CLC, parents are no longer parking directly in front of the front door.

New Business

- ❖ Sexual Harassment Policy
 - The CLC Board did not approve the drafted sexual harassment policy that was due for approval on February 21, 2007. Approval of the policy will be delayed until the January 20, 2010 Board meeting. Doug Baxter reminded Board members to read the drafted policy before next month's meeting. (The drafted policy will be included with the December minutes.) Mr. Dussias has provided one Board member with the policy manual in its entirety because most of the policies in the manual have not been approved.
 - Brian Rowan reported that teachers have been clarifying with students the difference between inappropriate school behavior and sexual harassment. There have been no reported cases of sexual harassment so far in the 2009-2010 school year.
- ❖ Elections Cycle
 - The Board will begin the elections process at the January 20, 2010 Board meeting with the selection of a three-person committee. Doug Baxter said that he would like to see a representative from each constituency on that committee. Mr. Baxter also requested that Board members re-read the corporate by-laws before the January 2010 meeting.
 - Doug Baxter suggested that each Board member write a 3-4 sentence bio for the website. Mark Toci will draft a template to attach with nominations for the January 20, 2010 meeting.

Marie-Jeanne Cotner moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya Daher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Centre Learning Community Charter School auditorium.