



BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 17, 2010

Doug Baxter called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Board Members Not In Attendance: Morgan Ilgen

Community Members In Attendance: Carl Cotner, Kosta Dussias, Donna Fischer, Pat Hunt, Katherine Watt, Amy Riggs Weaver, Amanda Dietrick

Minutes

- ❖ Brian Rowan moved that the amended 1/20/10 meeting minutes be approved. Leslie Aderhold seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- ❖ Mr. Rowan said that he, Kosta Dussias, and Mark Toci have submitted letters for the public record.
- ❖ Marie-Jeanne Cotner made the following comments for the public record:

I still do not feel – and I will continue to work for this -- that CLC is a safe place for students, parents, or staff members who have some kind of issue or complaint or harassment complaint with the administration. And if I were a parent or staff member or child in that position, I would not feel comfortable coming to our Board because I don't think we're on the side of defending those people. If you are a student, parent or staff member and you feel that you've been harassed by an administrator, and they're the top of the line except for the Board, I think there should be a place other than the State that you can go to voice your complaint, and that should be us, the Board. And although we began to address that by putting a provision into the harassment policy, it is interesting that although parent concerns are supposed to be paramount in the school, there are three (3) staff letters to counter a parental concern. I find that unusual – and rather contradictory.

7:04pm

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New Business

- ❖ The following people have indicated that they will or would like to be nominees for Board elections by the 2/18/10 deadline:
 - Community Representative: Doug Baxter, Tonya Daher, Jackie Dillon-Fast, Lori McTavish
 - Family Representative: Carl Cotner, Lisa Maras, Sue Trainor, Katherine Watt
 - Teacher Representative: Andrea Kennedy, Brian Rowan
 - Student Representative: Amanda Dietrick
- ❖ Leslie Aderhold moved that the Board accept the list of nominees' names. Lisa Maras seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Mindy McDonough abstained.

7:22pm

Board Members in Attendance: Brian Rowan, Andrea Kennedy, Lori McTavish, Doug Baxter, Leslie Aderhold, Tonya Daher, Mindy McDonough, Lisa Maras (for Marie-Jeanne Cotner)

New Business (continued)

- ❖ Mindy McDonough moved to accept the biographical questions proposed by the nominating committee to collect candidates' biographical information. Lisa Maras seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ECO Report (Pat Hunt)

- ❖ Representatives from Leadership Centre County will be visiting March 3, 2010.
- ❖ One student has moved out of the area and another student has joined the CLC community.
- ❖ Mid-year reviews are currently being held. Teachers' peers and CLC parents have reviewed the teachers. CLC students have been invited to complete surveys evaluating teachers' performance.
- ❖ Amy/Amanda team (5th/6th) is researching medical specialties for the students' medical project.
- ❖ Donna/Kelly team (5th/6th) is planning a health fair to be held in the Big Room on March 5th.
- ❖ Mark/Morgan team (7th/8th) is working on methodology for neuroscience mini-dissertations. Next week they will be working on experimentation for the project.
- ❖ Team Awesome (Brian/Siobhan's 7th/8th) has completed their energy summit and completed a model of the future of energy resources within the United States.
- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair has been taking place this week (w/o 2/15/10).

Business Report (Kosta Dussias)

- ❖ End-of-year projections are looking favorable: there should be a surplus.
- ❖ Reimbursement Issues: (1) CLC may have to go through the state to get reimbursed by the Huntingdon school district; and (2) CLC has written to the Penns Valley school district's business manager about the lateness of Penns Valley's reimbursements.

Friends of CLC (Lisa Maras)

- ❖ Friends of CLC has provided several parent volunteers to staff the Scholastic Book Fair.

Student Council (Morgan Ilgen)

- ❖ Student Council members have been helping out with the book fair by making announcements and helping set it up.

Old Business

- ❖ Shed Variance – Since Ferguson Township has agreed with Kosta Dussias' interpretation that a shared parking lot agreement no longer exists, Golden Orchards does not have claim to 30 parking spaces. Mr. Dussias will resubmit for a permit.

Brian Rowan moved to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Centre Learning Community Charter School auditorium.