

April 20, 2011

Centre Learning Community Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting

Meeting opened at 6:37 pm

Trustees in attendance – Gail Boldt, Brian Rowan, Dennis DuVall, Amanda Dietrick, Andrea Kennedy, Ruth Hocker, Ron Boyles, Erin Crown (alternate for Tonya Daher), Patty Webb (arrived at 6:43)

Administration in attendance – Kosta Dussias, Pat Hunt

Staff in attendance –Mark Toci

Community members in attendance –Kathy Kalinosky

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Call to order & Review of Meeting Agenda & Meeting Format
- Approval of Minutes
Brian Rowan made the motion to accept the March 16th Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Second Ruth Hocker – vote (8-0-0)

REPORTS

- ECO Report – Pat Hunt reported that enrollment is now at 93. Team D/K is working on their Guide to the Galaxy Project, Team A/A is working on their Ancient Civilizations Project, Team M/M is working on their Transportation Project, and Team Awesome is working on their Space Race Project. The whole school is going to Penns Cave for Earth Day, the 8th grade Auction is Thursday May 5th and Beauty and the Beast Jr. will be presented on Saturday May 14th.
- Business Manager/CEO Report – Kosta Dussias presented the 2011-2012 preliminary budget – it will need to be approved by the June meeting.
 - Attorney usage and fees were discussed.
 - Erin Crown made the motion to authorize Kosta Dussias to pay the bills listed on the Reminders List document dated 4-18-2011 (see attached).
Second Amanda Dietrick – vote (9-0-0)
 - Staffing issues were discussed
 - Andrea Kennedy made the motion to accept Donna Fischer’s resignation. Second Ruth Hocker – vote (9-0-0)
 - Ron Boyles made the motion to move forward with the following staffing proposal
 - Amy Weaver/Amanda Dietrick will continue to be co-teachers 5th – 6th grade
 - Brian Rowan will continue to be the lead teacher and Siobhan Donnelly will be the assistant teacher for 7th – 8th grade
 - Morgan Ilgen/Kelly Kennedy will be co-teachers for 5th – 6th grade
 - Mark Toci will be the lead teacher and Raisa Gray will be the assistant teacher for 7th – 8th grade
Second Patty Webb – vote (9-0-0)
 - Ruth Hocker made the motion to extend Deb Swartz’s leave under the FMLA with instructions to Kosta to pursue possibilities for compensating her during that leave and Kosta has authorization to carry out the most fiscally appropriate means of compensation. Second Erin Crown – vote (6-0-0) Brian Rowan, Amanda Dietrick, and Andrea Kennedy

recused themselves.

- Ron Boyles made a motion to extend the Special Education substitute teacher until the end of the school year. Second Erin Crown – vote (9-0-0)
- Erin Crown made a motion to authorize Kosta Dussias to move forward with the health insurance renewal process. Second Ruth Hocker – vote (6-0-0) Brian Rowan, Amanda Dietrick, and Andrea Kennedy recused themselves.
- Friends of CLC Report – Ruth Hocker made a report that the group amended their by-laws. Nominations are being accepted for elections, which will be held at their next meeting. The Comedy Club fundraiser earned \$255.00. A t-shirt design competition was held and order forms will go out in this weeks Friday folders. Amanda Dietrick thanked the Friends group for the allocation of funds for the purchase of yearbooks for students who have demonstrated financial need.
- Student Council Report – Amanda Dietrick reported that the students suggested that an Experiential Specials Day be held at the end of 3rd block, so students can try different Specials. CLC is trying a Summer Camp this year, it will be held in August and directed by Kathy Morrow.
- Nominating Committee – Andrea Kennedy reported that she researched whether spouses could serve on the same board and found nothing that said it couldn't happen, just advice that it might be difficult. Gail Boldt, Kathy Kalinosky, and Dennis DuVall all indicated that they would prefer to serve one-year terms.
- Policies Committee – Ron Boyles presented proposed policies to be voted on next month.
- By-Laws Committee – Ruth Hocker reported that committee reviewed the previous committees report. The committee established two goals and identifies three articles for review: Article VIII: Officers of the Board of Trustees, Article V: Elections and Article II: Trustees.
- Recruitment and Retention Working Group – Report was presented by Kathy Kalinosky and Patty Webb

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion of Board action to perform due diligence on issues that were raised as general concern at the 3/2/11 special meeting. Gail Boldt, Kosta Dussias, Pat Hunt and Patty Webb will meet to review and address any additional information.
- Discussion of mandatory board/staff training plans for newly seated board – Patty Webb presented information she and Ron Boyles received at a Leadership Centre County training. Starting points for the training were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Members of the Huber H. Humphries program at Penn State visited the school. They presented the school with a tapestry that is hanging in the display case in the foyer.
- Any discussion of new business was tabled until the May Annual Meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS, REFLECTIONS,

Rechartering will be address at the SCASD Board meeting April 25th at 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting - Wednesday, May 25, 2011 – 6:30 pm at CLC – Annual Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Rowan made the motion to adjourn. Second Ruth Hocker – vote (9-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Kennedy

Interim CLC Board Secretary