

October 18, 2012

**Centre Learning Community Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting
Meeting opened at 6:59 pm**

Trustees in attendance - Gail Boldt, Brian Rowan, Andrea Kennedy, Kim Bahnsen, Siobhan Donnelly, Ron Boyles, Ali Carr-Chellman (Skype, joined 7:13pm, Offline 8:34pm)

Administration in attendance – Kosta Dussias

Staff in attendance – Mark Toci, Kathy Morrow, Raisa Gray, Amy Weaver, Morgan Ilgen, Amanda Deitrich

Community members in attendance – Dottie Rumbel, Colin Baumgartener

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Call to order, pledge, review of meeting agenda & meeting format, welcoming guests
- Approval of September 2012 board minutes –Ron B. 1st and Brian 2nd (6-0-0)
- Amendments to the Agenda
 - Need to talk about the legislative event.
- Opportunity for Public Comment—No comments made
- Application review and vote on new board members
 - Brian Rowan nominated Dottie Rumbel for Community Representative. Andrea Kennedy made the motion to accept the nomination of Dottie Rumbel for Community Representative. Second Ron Boyles – vote (6-0-1)
 - Dottie Rumbel was sworn in at 7:15pm.

REPORTS

- School Update – Andrea Kennedy presented the report. See attached.
 - Enrollment is currently at 102
- Business Manager/CEO report -- Kosta Dussias
 - Financials were presented
 - Annual Financial Report
 - a. Kosta should have a final audit for us by the November meeting.
 - b. Ali Carr-Chellman motioned to accept the Annual Financial Report. Second Andrea Kennedy – vote (6-0-2) Ali Carr-Chellman and Siobhan Donnelly abstained; they didn't feel they had enough information to cast a vote.
- Friends of CLC report – Kathy Morrow
 - Parent group wants to remind the school to take part in the Giant Rewards program offered to CLC.
 - Hoagie fundraiser is under way. Hoagie delivery will be Nov. 13th.
- Student Council report – Siobhan Donnelly
 - Student Council had a brief meeting to brainstorm ideas for improvement.
 - Student Council will start as a “Specials” next block.
 - Students are especially interested in securing a grant for a tetherball set.
- Policies, Employment and Strategic Planning Committee – Gail Boldt, Kim Bahnsen and Kosta Dussias
 - Ron Boyles made the motion to approve the Right to Know policy Second Kim Bahnsen – vote (8-0-0)
 - CLC Administrator Review Process was reviewed.
 - * Charge to Board Members: See document in Dropbox prior to voting.
 - Discussion took place about strategies for surveys that would provide feedback about the Administrator's duties.

- Financial Committee -- Ron Boyles and Kosta Dussias
 - There was discussion about delinquent payments from districts that are due to CLC.
 - The plan is to send invoices to the state to help move the process along.
 - For next month's meeting, move financials to Financial Committee report.
- Charter Review Committee – Brian Rowan, Susan Motch and Kelly Kennedy. Report was presented, see attached
 - * Charge to Kosta to verify how to change the lottery date.
- Recruitment
 - The Recruitment Committee and the Board Training Committee will start to meet at the same time to support one another.

TRAINING

Cyclical Monitoring and Special Education -- Andrea Kennedy and Siobhan Donnelly

- Andrea presented information on the cyclical monitoring process.

OLD BUSINESS

- Legislation:
 - Pennsylvania charter schools reform bill dies, but will likely be reintroduced in next legislative session.

NEW BUSINESS

- Representative Kerry Benninghoff will be visiting our school on October 26th at 1:00pm
 - CLC would like to distinguish itself from other brick and mortar Charter Schools.
 - * Charge to Kosta to contact the local newspaper.
- CLC Book Fair
 - CLC will participate in a Barnes and Noble fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on October 27th, 2012.
- Adam Swartz Puppets to perform at 1:00 on Wednesday, October 24th during the school day.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- ❖ Charge for committees to review Calendar for Board Action to understand due dates and tasks.

CLOSING COMMENTS, REFLECTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

- Andrea Kennedy made the motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Second Ron Boyles – vote (6-0-0) Gail Boldt and Ali Carr-Chellman were absent for the vote.

Attachments:

Attachment 1

CLC Team Update October 2012

Our enrollment is currently at 102

A-Team is currently working on Project Planet. They have been learning about different parts of Earth's systems, and how the systems work together. They will also be learning about different environmental issues caused by human actions and how they impact the systems. The ultimate goal is to create a video series to convince people to change their behaviors because of the impact on the environment.

SBoogle has been conducting crime scene investigation. This project was the vice used to teach our class about our legal system, science behind solving crimes and writing all in one package. This week our students collected evidence to write "search warrants", "arrest warrants" and next week they will be working on becoming "lawyers" to defend their cases.

SBoogle has a Reader's Café every morning- students are getting ready to share their first blogs about books that they have loved as they act as book critics.

MR Team is doing nothing when they aren't writing marketing reports for the Tri River Foods product they are each creating. They have learned how to create surveys using google docs and have been analyzing the results.

M/K Team – During project time, team M/K learned ballooning terminology, researched the history of ballooning, experimented with balloon physics, and is now developing instructions for constructing a home-made hot air balloon. These balloons will be constructed, and hopefully flown, next week.

The team is enjoying hearing the novel, *The 21 Balloons*, read aloud. During literature, the team has been reading the book *Schooled*, but will begin smaller literature groups next week and begin reading *The City of Ember*. During writer's workshop, students wrote *Whacky Web Tales* to reinforce their understanding of the parts of speech. And, Morgan and Kelly are getting to know their students better by having students write weekly journal reflections.

Friday October 26th is our first All School Meeting at 1:00pm. Rep Kerry Benninghoff is scheduled to attend to see first hand all the great things CLC has to offer.

The Staff is currently looking to update and improve Math curriculum and implementation.

Attachment 2

Charter Review Subcommittee Notes
10/10/2012

Amendment Process:

- The normal process for amending the charter has been during 5-year reviews. The last addendum to the charter was submitted in 2005. Next review is 3 years away.
- Currently, we have support from and positive relationship with SCASD (our current chartering agency) so amending before the 5-year review would only be necessary if significant discrepancies exist between current charter, 2005 addendum, and current bylaws.

Preview Charter:

- Source documents were located by all committee members.
- Homework: Prepare prioritized list of charter areas that might need revision based upon bylaws and current business operations.

Next Meeting:

11/7/12, 4pm: Discuss charter and identify areas for clarification/modification.