

March 15, 2012

Centre Learning Community Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:11 pm

2011-2012 Trustees in attendance –Andrea Kennedy, Gail Boldt, Kelly Kennedy (arrived at 7:28), Dennis DuVall, Ruth Hocker, Ron Boyles, alternate Julie Farris – in for Kathy Kalinosky

Trustees not in attendance – Kathy Kalinosky, Brian Rowan, Jenny Kenyon, Patty Webb

Administration in attendance – Kosta Dussias

Staff in attendance – Mark Toci, Morgan Ilgen, Amanda Dietrick, Raisa Grey, Amy Weaver, Kathy Morrow

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- Call to order, pledge, & review of meeting agenda & meeting format
- Approval of February 16th board minutes – Ruth Hocker made the motion to accept the February 16th regular meeting minutes as presented. Second Ron Boyles – vote (6-0-0).
- Opportunity for Public Comment

REPORTS

- School Update – Andrea Kennedy reported that current enrollment is at 97 students. See attached reports.
- Business Manager/CEO report -- Kosta Dussias
 1. Financials were presented, increase in enrollment and adjustments in reimbursement rates have increased the projected surplus.
A retroactive pay increase for salaried employees was discussed.
Note: Kosta Dussias will explore the options and impact of such an increase.
- CLC Parents' Group – Ruth Hocker presented the report. See attached.
- Student Council report – Kelly Kennedy presented the report. See attached.
- Board Development Committee –
 1. Elections report – Andrea Kennedy reported that the letter notifying the CLC Stakeholders about the election is being sent home in Friday Folders.
 2. Kelly Kennedy made the motion to set the election date as May 10, 2012. Second Ruth Hocker – vote (7-0-0).
- Policies/Employment and Strategic Planning Committee – Gail Boldt
 1. Andrea Kennedy made the motion to accept policies 230, 605, 606. Second Ruth Hocker – vote (7-0-0).
Policy 224 has been tabled until next month
Note: Julie Farris will redraft policy 224 and send it to Kosta Dussias.
 2. Report on policies plans
- By-laws/Charter Review Committee – Ruth Hocker – there was no report
- Facilities/Safety Committee – Dennis Duvall and Kosta Dussias
 1. Creating a separate non-profit that would own the building was discussed.
Note: Kosta Dussias will consult with an attorney regarding this matter.
Note: Dennis DuVall will work with Kosta Dussias on obtaining a market analysis of the property.
- Recruitment and Retention Working Group – Andrea Kennedy presented the report, see attached.

TRAINING

There was no presentation this month.

The Leadership Centre County training being offered on May 3rd was discussed.

The Board/Staff Retreat was discussed.

Note: Andrea Kennedy will inform the candidates when a date has been determined.

OLD BUSINESS

- Facebook hacking update was given by Kelly Kennedy
Note: Kelly Kennedy will contact parents of students who interacted with the imposter to ask them for permission to have the detective contact them.

NEW BUSINESS

- School Calendar – Ron Boyles made the motion to accept the 2012-2013 calendar as presented. Second Ruth Hocker – vote (7-0-0)
- Health Insurance Quote was discussed. Kosta Dussias and Ron Boyles will meet after the meeting for further discussion.

FUTURE BUSINESS**CLOSING COMMENTS, REFLECTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Board meeting is Thursday April 19th at 7:00pm at the school.
Gail will be out of town April 19th

ADJOURNMENT

Kelly Kennedy made the motion to adjourn at 8:57pm. Ruth Hocker – vote (7-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Kennedy
CLC Board Secretary

CLC Team Updates

March 15, 2011

We are currently at 97 students.

The first CLC All School Museum was Fabulous! The whole community put in a lot of effort and hard work. The people who attended were very impressed. We hope this will become an annual event. A photographer from the CDT took pictures during the museum, 2 of them were featured in the local section of the March 3rd paper.

Today was the last day of the Reading and Writing portion of the PSSA. Any make up testing will take place tomorrow and next week. PDE was concerned about test security, so mandated that each district appoint an Assessment Coordinator who would be responsible for maintaining security and then train the staff. Each staff member administering the test then had to sign a Test Security Certificate, which needs to be kept on file for three years. Andrea Kennedy is the CLC's Assessment Coordinator and Melissa is assisting with booklet preparation for testing and return mailing.

Kim Rimmey coordinated 2 1-hour assemblies March 14th. The 7th and 8th grade teams attended the first hour and the 5th/6th grade teams attended the second hour. The topic for each group was the dangers of the Internet and cyber world. Agent Shaheen from the Office of the Attorney Generals was the presenter.

The Scholastic Book Fair sold \$400.61 this year. We earned \$220.00 in Customer Rewards, which we used to purchase books from the fair.

The CLC Barnes & Noble Book Fair is this Saturday March 17th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Several students will be performing along with CLC teachers reading during story time with The Cat in the Hat, there will also be crafts a scavenger hunt, yoga with Kelly Keefe and a puppet show performance by Adam and Kathy. Mention CLC at the cash register when purchasing merchandise and food at the cafe and CLC will receive at least 15% of the total sales. Store purchases from Friday to Sunday and online purchases with Bookfair ID 10695666 can be made until March 21st.

Mark you calendars. Sunday June 24th is CLC night at the Spikes. Tickets will go on sale in April.

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CLC Parents' Group Board Liaison Report

The *CLC Parents' Group* met March 1, 2012.

- The group approved a grant to Melissa for Cake Decorating Supplies for the Cake Decorating Special and a partial grant to Siobhan for a trip to Zooamerica.

- Parent's brought mints to the classrooms for the PSSA's and are working on ways to help with the Barnes and Noble Book Fair, the 8th grade fundraiser, the family fitness event, and the upcoming Drama production.

- The parents group has invited Kosta to attend the April meeting and give a report on renovation plans.

- The Parent's group will hold elections in May. Christine Nebroski has agreed to run for President, and Wendy Schweitzer and Marie Sullivan have agreed to run together as co-vice presidents. The group is seeking people to run for secretary and treasurer for next year.

The next Meeting of The *CLC Parents' Group* is April 5th at 6:30 pm.

Student Council Report

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The spring Specials block of CLC Student Council began on Thursday, March 15. This group is much larger than the previous group with around 14 members. When asked why they chose to join StuCo, many responded that they wanted the opportunity to make CLC an even better place to learn. Several others responded that they had heard good things about the class and were excited to be a part of StuCo.

We began the new StuCo block right where we left off, by viewing short films submitted by student and voting for the CLC Film Festival winners. The group then prepared to host the all-school viewing set for the following day. We are looking forward to sponsoring a second film festival toward the end of the school year.

Over the next week several StuCo members will be busy preparing to host a games room at he 8th grade fundraiser. Members will also be brainstorming ideas for

CLC Recruitment Report for Board Meeting
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Next Recruitment Work Group scheduled for March 20, 2012 at 3:30 at CLC.

All Dates are tentative.

- I. Enrollment UP to 97 students. Only 5th grade openings available.
- II. Take CLC out to the community

A new brochure with FAQ and "Did you know your child can still..." is drafted and under review by Kathy Morrow and three parents. Discovery Museum progress for a regular exhibit is SLOW going, but Kathy Morrow is still plugging away trying to communicate with them. Julie Slivka, who teaches a beading class after school, will have a CLC booth on kids day at Arts Fest with our students. We'll be inviting all students to participate in a bead making "camp" beforehand. It has been suggested that a booth of activity at People's Choice in the summer would be a great way to educate people about CLC. Possibly a few parents and students could staff a very active booth with Rocket building and launching with the water bottles and air compressor. Family Fitness Weekend for March 31 is in development.

- III. Bring community people into CLC

There will be another Rock Band Concert open to the public on April 27. Mark is meeting with staff on Monday to set potential dates and plan for the workshops for the girl scouts in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Messages are being sent to parents to identify media and politicians that are charter school friendly to make personal contacts and invite them to see the great things happening at CLC. So far we have 2 responses, one for Adam Smeltz, Sr. News Reporter at CDT, and a potential contact at Town and Gown. This summer at CLC there will be a puppet camp July 23-27, aimed at kids going into 4th-8th grade, offering before and after camp care, "ESP style." Tentatively we will have Summer Rock Band, which will be open to the public. Info will be going out to parents in Friday folders! We still need to meet with SFEA home school directors to inform them about CLC and invite SFEA families to events.