



MINUTES OF THE CENTRE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Minutes for the
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
October 17, 2013 7:00pm at the School

The meeting was called to order by Brian at 7:05pm.

Members present: Ron Boyles, Siobhan Donnelly, Morgan Ilgen, Jerre Price, Brian Rowan, Dottie Rumbel, Cathy Swarm

Others in Attendance: Kosta Dussias, Kathy Morrow, Mark Toci

OPENING ACTIVITIES:

- Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05pm.
- Minutes from Sept Board meeting to be amended to show correct date at header, in Business Manager Report, move 1st sentence at Future Business to end of New, change first bullet of CEO report to Dec. from Jan. Siobhan motioned to accept revised minutes, Jerre seconded, passed 7-0.
- No public comment.

REPORTS

School Update:

Morgan reported on the Team Updates:

- SBoogle is wrapping up its first major project of the year by creating simulated archaeological dig sites for each of the other CLC teams to use. Each CLC team will attempt to guess which Native American tribe they have uncovered within their simulated dig at the November all school meeting.
- MR Team is currently building quake-resistant structures and writing children's stories. Our Earthquake competition will take place next Wednesday at 10:30 am.
- Team MK Team M/K continues to explore many aspects of weather. Last week we experience the passage of a strong cold front... while studying fronts. Students then used the Flash Animation program for their first time to demonstrate how different fronts move. Currently we are learning about temperature and contouring. Lessons about pressure systems, clouds and precipitation will follow. These lessons will include fun hands-on labs and building projects.

M/K literature groups are now divided into three groups, in one reading group students choose separate reading books, one group is reading *Hatchet*, and the third is reading *My Side of the Mountain*. During writing time students wrote and edited short stories that they are now designing covers for.

We have two field trips planned over the next month. First, is our annual trip to Penn State's Science Education Department to take part in science lessons designed by future science teachers. On our second

trip we will tour the Penn State weather station and broadcast studio. Both trips are sure to be class favorites!

- The A Team has been focusing on plants and pollinators. The class has had guest speakers from the etymology department at Penn State. They talked about native bees. Students learned about Pennsylvania forests and tree identification at R.B. Winter State Park. At the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden, they learned about host plants and butterfly migration. The class also collected the seeds for a seed stratification workshop that will happen this winter.
- Enrollment – no updates
- Events
 - Staff will have the first ACT 80 day of the year on Friday. There will be no school for students.
 - We will be meeting with our new school psychologist to learn more about his philosophy, share our expectations, and coming up with a Child Study Team schedule. He will also be presenting a plan for a potential parent training.
 - We will also be looking at the ACT 126 training that all staff members are required to do. We will look at the requirements and come up with a plan for the training.
 - The Annual 8th Grade Haunted House is Friday, October 25, from 6:00-8:00. In addition to the haunted house, there will be a dance in the Big Room and a chili cook-off.
- Other
 - The Attorney General Cyber-bullying assembly was postponed due to scheduling confusion on the part of the Attorney General's office. We are in the process of trying to reschedule the event.
 - The Washington, D.C. trip was cancelled due to the government shut-down. In place of the Washington trip, staff would like to split the all school funds between two smaller events.
 - The Yamato Drummers: Drummers of Japan on November 12
 - The Annual Penn Skates trip at the end of the school year

Business Manager/CEO Report:

Kosta went over financials on handouts, deficit is because the BASD and SCASD payments were just received today and not deposited yet. Handouts given for Expenses by Vendor Detail which helps to see what the summary report lists, he will be putting into dropbox. Health plans were compared. Ron motioned to keep existing Capitol Blue Cross plan, Siobhan seconded, motion passed 7-0.

Kosta also reported they received and went over the Financial Audit, which is due at the end of this month. Siobhan motioned to accept 2012-2013 Financial Audit and 2012-13 PDE Financial report, Jerre seconded, passed 7-0.

State Auditor General should be done by the end of October, will be meeting with staff on Tues 10/29 @1:00pm. Kosta would like to have some Board Members present, as we'll have opportunity to respond to their report.

Financial Report:

Dottie reported the Financial Committee met Tues @3:30pm (excluding Kosta) and recommended an increase for CEO/Admin salary retroactive of 4.5% based on the average of the staff raises. They discussed health insurance and the possibility of leasing or purchasing new vehicles, along with Treasurer's job descriptions. Next meeting is in Dec, Kosta will send out notes via email.

CLC Parent's Group:

Kathy reported they met on Oct. 3rd, No Fun fundraiser raised \$1,000. Approved Grant that enabled for the A team to take the bus to the Butterfly Garden, up to \$100. for the Japanese drummers or buses as necessary. Finished school

directory, it will be going out next week. Recycling program is collecting. Voted on logo winner, Delaney (8th grade), order forms for new logo merchandise will be going out next week.

Student Council Report:

Siobhan reported that Pajama Day was last Thursday, today was Picnic Day. The members of the student council volunteered with Clearwater Conservancy to work on repairing a riparian buffer in the local watershed, and did a news release on school TV, discussing how to help the local watershed.

Policies Committee: Did not meet this month.

Training/Recruitment/Elections Committee

Siobhan, Jerre, Morgan and Amanda met on Oct. 15th, brainstormed ideas for how to recruit members for 2014-2015 Board. They are planning to create a "Be a Board Member" brochure to highlight what the Board is for and responsibilities. This will be sent home in Friday folders. They would also like to have a "booth" at school events where Board members can pass brochures out. They plan to check with parents and outside agencies for interest in becoming a Board member, as well as creating connections to people who have expertise in areas of law, finance and building/contracting. They will be meeting again in Nov.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative salary review/compensation:

Brian reported on Administrator's salary increase to 4.5%, retroactive to July 1st. Jerre moved to accept Committee's recommendation to 4.5%, Ron seconded. Motion passed 7-0. They will meet again in Dec.

Lobbyist:

Kosta met with Lobbyist, not ready to make any pro or con recommendation right now.

Building Construction:

Kosta reported the building construction will probably break ground in spring 2014.

Board Job Descriptions:

Will be meeting next month for Board job discussion, a revised version of General Trustee job description will be in the dropbox.

FUTURE BUSINESS

990 Form for next month.

Morgan motioned to adjourn, Siobhan seconded, passed 7-0 @8:20pm

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