

CLC Board Meeting Minutes
3/1/01

Glenn Johnson, Mark Toci, Ann Bolser, MJ Hogan, Jean Morrow, Liz Kisenwether, Sara Barley, Ann Bolser, Denise Kochersperger, Katy Cleary, Lauri Perman, Giles Driscoll, Kyle Peck, MJ Hogan, Lisa Sharfstein, Lauri Perman, Jalynn Wolesslagle, Michael Hecht., Brian Rowan.

I. Approval of the Minutes

- The January Board minutes were approved???? Lauri Perman was in attendance, though the minutes did not record that.

III. Business

A. Substitute Teachers Policy

The proposed Substitute teacher policy including pay rates was approved. The approved CLC rates are a little higher than SCASD rates but the responsibilities of CLC substitute teachers are greater than those of SCASD substitutes.

B. Facilities

Since the last Board meeting, the seller of the church property on W. College Ave. asked CLC to make an offer which CLC did. Glenn Johnson read a letter received from Dan Klees who was unable to attend the meeting. Briefly, Dan thinks the site is a good one but raised useful questions about the financial implications of owning and maintaining a building which would be a new venture for the CLC.

In discussing proximity to a soccer field, Kyle Peck suggested a vacuum tube to get students from the school to the field. Mark Toci countered by suggesting a fleet of helicopters. Liz Kisenwether suggested that trebuchet might be an alternative. Michael Hecht suggested a teleportation chamber. After this brief interlude, Glenn convened us back to order to focus on money.

The owner's asking price was \$1.2 million. An offer of \$1.1 million was accepted. Proposed settlement terms were distributed and discussed, including a second mortgage to be held by the current property owner.

Currently the CLC pays \$7800 a month. Monthly costs of the agreement are \$9000 but this does not include maintenance and some utilities. Ann Bolser prepared profit/loss statements including maintenance expenses.

The profit/loss statements show 105 students next year. At present, there are 33 seventh graders. One possibility would be to have a large 8th grade class and 3 regular size classes. At present, it is hard to determine the exact configuration of classes for next year without knowing which students will return next year. Staff members are also discussing other ways to organize instruction that might also address teacher burnout and flexibility on instruction.

A move would imply a lot of extra work this summer. Parents will need to help.

The proposed budget reflects a larger proportion of time devoted to a CAO position (3/4 time). This proposed change would reduce stress on the CAO as well as on all the lead teachers. The CAO position also be responsible for grant getting in the future.

The Board approved the P & L statement and approved the CLC seeking a bank loan for the purchase. The Board also approved Glenn writing a letter to all parents explaining the Board actions regarding the new facility.

C. Issue Framing Session. Dave Dillon, a parent of a CLC student, is seeking to gather interested participants for a session to discuss equity in educational funding in the Commonwealth of PA. The Board approved including a statement in the Friday folder to let people know about this activity.

D. Project Blocks. Both pods will have single longer projects to end the year. In addition, the 7th graders in Glenn's class will be invited to participate with Team 1 and Team 2 during the last project block to facilitate their integration with the other 7th graders in preparation for next year.

IV. Personnel Changes

CLC had asked Josephine to respond to CLC by a specific date regarding when she could return to the school as a full-time teacher. She has made the decision not to return to school this year. She spoke to Team I students earlier this week and has written a letter to be sent home in the Friday folder.

The Board approved the substitute plan currently in place to be extended through the remainder of the school year with a recognition that Brian Rowan would not be available to supervise the after-school program during the last 3 weeks of the year.

IV. Financial

- ***Authorization to pay bills*** - The board approved paying the bills.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be on 3/22/01.