



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 21, 2010

**Mindy McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Brian Rowan, Andrea Kennedy, Leslie Aderhold, Tonya Daher, Marie-Jeanne Cotner, Mindy McDonough, Lisa Maras (for Doug Baxter)

**Board Members Not In Attendance:** Doug Baxter, Morgan Ilgen, Lori McTavish

**Community Members In Attendance:** Pat Hunt, Deb Swartz, Kosta Dussias, Amy Riggs-Weaver, Amanda Dietrick, Carl Cotner, Kelly Kennedy

### Minutes

- ❖ Brian Rowan moved to approve the March 17, 2010 meeting minutes. Leslie Aderhold seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### ECO Report (Pat Hunt)

- ❖ All the classes in the school took PSSA exams last week. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are taking PSSA writing tests this week (w/o April 19). 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take the PSSA science exam next week (w/o April 26).
- ❖ The Mark/Morgan team has built trebuchets and tested them for accuracy.
- ❖ Team Awesome has built VEX robots that can play Capture the Flag.
- ❖ Donna/Kelly team students are working on coral reef projects.
- ❖ Amy/Amanda team students are working on transforming their classroom into an underwater adventure.
- ❖ Friday, April 23 is the student teachers' last day in both 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.
- ❖ There will be no school on Monday, April 26 (Act 80 Day).
- ❖ The recent theft of a student iPod has been dealt with appropriately. Ms. Hunt emphasized that CLC staff will not help students retrieve lost or stolen iPods since school rules forbid students from having them at school.

### Business Report (Kosta Dussias)

- ❖ Kosta Dussias predicted a healthy surplus at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

### Friends of CLC (Lisa Maras)

- ❖ The Marianna's sub and pizza fundraiser has an April 27 deadline and May 5 delivery date.
- ❖ Friends of CLC will take charge of the CLC graduation this year.
- ❖ The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will take place in May.

### Student Council (Morgan Ilgen, in absentia)

- ❖ Student Council is planning a CLC Café for next Friday, April 30. They are planning a Garage Band competition on original creations.
- ❖ Student Council has placed suggestion boxes in every classroom and in the foyer so that students may submit suggestions anonymously if they wish.
- ❖ Student Council is currently discussing in-school community service activities.

### Old Business

- ❖ Harassment Policy
  - Marie-Jeanne Cotner said that she thinks that we should let the next Board resolve the issue discussed at the March 17 Board meeting and agreed to include a synopsis of the issue in these minutes (below, in italics):

*As "many members of the CLC staff have formed strong bonds of friendship through years of working in concert together to create the best educational environment possible*

*for CLC's students" (February, public record 1), the reporting procedures in the current harassment policies are inherently problematic.*

- Brian Rowan said that the new CLC Board should discuss and approve grievance procedures and a Grievance Policy as an outlet for community members who are dissatisfied with the school's handling of their issues.
- Amanda Dietrick requested that the record show her comment that all CLC employees are professionals held to a code of conduct that they take very seriously.
- ❖ Election Update
  - The election committee mailed ballots last Friday, April 16 to the twenty-eight (28) registered voters. Unregistered voters received a notice informing them of the ballot mailing and explaining that they still have the opportunity to register and receive a ballot.
  - On April 15 the Board email-approved Gail Boldt and Lori Turrisi as election tellers. Brian Rowan publicly thanked Kathy Black, Gail Boldt, and Lori Turrisi for their work on the ballot and ballot notification mailing. Marie-Jeanne Cotner publicly thanked Katherine Watt for contributing to the editing process.
  - Since Carl Cotner and Katherine Watt both decided to run as Community Representatives and there remained only as many Family Representative candidates as open positions, there will be no election for Family Representatives. The 2010-11 Family Representatives will be Lisa Maras (2-year term) and Sue Trainor (1-year term); the Student Representative will be Amanda Dietrick; and the Teacher Representatives will be Brian Rowan (2-year term) and Andrea Kennedy (1-year term). The following six candidates are running for the four open Community Representative positions: Doug Baxter, Carl Cotner, Tonya Daher, Jackie Dillon-Fast, Katherine Watt, and Patricia Webb. The election tellers will count votes at 5:00 p.m. on May 14. The top two vote-getters will serve a 2-year term, the next two will serve a 1-year term, and the remaining two candidates will be eligible to serve as Board alternates.

#### **New Business**

- ❖ Proposed 2010-11 School Calendar
  - August 31, 2010 is the proposed starting date for CLC. The proposed graduation date is June 5, 2011. If there are snow days to make up, those days will follow graduation.
  - Marie-Jeanne Cotner moved to approve the proposed 2010-11 CLC calendar. Lisa Maras seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- ❖ Proposed 2010-11 Budget
  - Kosta Dussias will be refining the proposed 2010-11 budget based on (among other things) new enrollments. Mr. Dussias has not budgeted for full enrollment because he thinks there is a strong possibility that CLC will not reach full enrollment next year. There have not been as many inquiries regarding CLC as in the past; and other than the sign on the fence outside the school, there has been no new marketing. Pat Hunt said that, historically, most visitors have come because of word of mouth. Further marketing decisions will be made based on what happens in May. The proposed budget needs formal approval by June 2010.
- ❖ Mindy McDonough reported that some students on the Amy/Amanda team are upset that their computers have been taken away. Amy Riggs-Weaver said that the teachers have taken the computers away, as they do periodically, to ensure that students are using their computers appropriately.
- ❖ Pat Hunt requested that Board members email her with suggestions regarding training topics for new Board members because she wants to work with the Board on the training. Ms. Hunt said that every public school is set up as a state corporation the majority of whose school board is elected exclusively by the school's families and that the schools' administrators typically prepare Board training materials.
- ❖ Mindy McDonough reported that she and her family are moving to Delaware and that she is very sorry to be leaving CLC.

**Brian Rowan moved to adjourn the meeting. Tonya Daher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.**

**The next Board meeting, the Annual Meeting, will be Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Centre Learning Community Charter School auditorium.**