



BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2009

Doug Baxter called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Board Members In Attendance: Doug Baxter, Marie-Jeanne Cotner, Tonya Daher, Morgan Ilgen, Andrea Kennedy, Mindy McDonough, Lori McTavish, and Lisa Maras

Community Members In Attendance: Leslie Aderhold, Carl Cotner, Kosta Dussias, Patricia Hunt, Kelly Kennedy, Siobhan Lynam, Jean Morrow, Brian Rowan, Deborah Swartz, Mark Toci, Amy Riggs Weaver

Board Members Not In Attendance: Amanda Dietrick*

Minutes

- ❖ Lisa Maras moved to approve the 8/19/09 Board meeting minutes. Tonya Daher seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, the results as follows:
 - Andrea Kennedy – Nay
 - Morgan Ilgen – Nay
 - Lori McTavish – Yeah
 - Doug Baxter – Yeah
 - Marie-Jeanne Cotner – Yeah
 - Mindy McDonough – Nay
 - Tonya Daher – Yeah
 - Lisa Maras – Yeah

The motion to approve the Minutes was passed.

- ❖ Lori McTavish moved that the Board accept Amanda Dietrick's resignation from the Board and to appoint Brian Rowan as the new teacher representative. Mindy McDonough seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

***New Board Member in Attendance:** Brian Rowan

ECO Report (Pat Hunt)

- ❖ CLC has enrollment of 102.
- ❖ CLC has a waiting list of 8-10 students, and Pat Hunt has received several telephone calls from parents asking whether CLC has openings.
- ❖ Ms. Hunt publicly thanked the CLC staff for their enthusiasm and hard work.
- ❖ Back to School Night is at CLC on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 6:30pm. From 6:30pm-7:00pm the meeting will take place in the Big Room and in classrooms after 7:00pm.

Business Report (Kosta Dussias)

- ❖ Mr. Dussias presented the budget report and clarified the following points:
 - The CLC budget indicates a loss that should soon be offset by the checks that the SCASD says they mailed on September 14, 2009.
 - Part of the cost of new flooring in the classrooms is reflected in the spending amount in the report; that spending straddled both the 2008-09 and 2009-10 budgets.

- The cost of the three-year lease on 115 computers is reflected on the last page. Mr. Dussias said that there will have to be adjustments to the budget.
 - The budget reflects last year's school districts' reimbursement rates because CLC has not yet received the updated (2009-10) reimbursement rates that ought to have been sent on August 31, 2009.
 - The Board will discuss the revised budget at the October Board meeting rather than tonight. At the moment the document shows a surplus of \$7800, when it is in fact approximately \$45,000. CLC has not yet received this year's reimbursement rates from the school districts, which were supposed to have been updated by August 31.
 - The current variance in teacher salaries will disappear after we have gone through a three-month spending period: it currently reflects the fact that a budgeted salary expenditure which is 1/12 of the total expenditure.
- ❖ Several Board members confirmed to Mr. Dussias that although dates for upcoming Board meetings are currently on the CLC website, the Board has never taken a vote to confirm the dates.

Friends of CLC (Lisa Maras)

- ❖ The Friends of CLC meeting originally scheduled for August 28 did not take place, although several members came to CLC. The first meeting is now scheduled to follow the Back to School event. Friends of CLC will set up a table at 6:00pm, before Back to School night, and Robert Altamura, Friends of CLC President, will speak during the Big Room portion of the night.

Student Council (Morgan Ilgen)

- ❖ There is nothing to report.

Old and New Business

- ❖ Brian Rowan moved that the Board (1) link to the CLC website the analysis and recommendations report prepared by Kim Colonna, the lawyer hired by the Board during the August 2009 Board meeting, pending Ms. Colonna's permission; and (2) email Ms. Colonna requesting her permission while confirming that there would be no charge for said email exchange. Lisa Maras seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Doug Baxter confirmed that Marie-Jeanne Cotner would write the email and encouraged Mrs. Cotner to thank Ms. Colonna for working with us.
- ❖ Andrea Kennedy moved to approve the versions of the 2009-2010 Parent/Student Handbook and Student Conduct Code containing the Board's edits. Morgan Ilgen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Pat Hunt said that the school will send only the signature page(s) to parents as soon as possible and that the documents corresponding to the signature page(s) will be on the CLC website.
- ❖ Brian Rowan moved that the Board make audio recordings of each Board meeting and link the recording of each meeting to the CLC website until the following Board meeting, after which the recording on the site will be replaced by the new recording. Marie-Jeanne Cotner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Tonya Daher moved to approve the following Board meeting dates and times:
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 6:30pm
 - Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 6:30pm

Mindy McDonough seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- ❖ Morgan Ilgen moved to appoint Leslie Aderhold as Community Representative to the CLC Board. Tonya Daher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Brian Rowan moved that in the absence of a written request from an absentee Board member, a Board alternate will have the power to vote in the best interest of the absent trustee's constituency and that an alternate may choose not to act as a Board member if (s)he feels uncomfortable doing so. Andrea Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Marie-Jeanne Cotner moved to appoint Mark Toci as a Board alternate. Brian Rowan seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Brian Rowan moved to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Centre Learning Community Charter School auditorium.