



MINUTES OF THE CENTRE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Minutes for the
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 28, 2015 7:00pm at the School

Members present: Ali Carr-Chellman, Siobhan Donnelly, Megan Mahaffy, Jerre Price, Dottie Rumbel, Cathy Swarm, Mark Toci, Amy Weaver

Others in Attendance: Kosta Dussias, Kathy Morrow

OPENING ACTIVITIES:

- Ali called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- No Agenda amendments
- Jerre motioned to accept the December minutes as written, Mark 2nd, passed 8-0.
- No public comment.

REPORTS

School Update: Mark reported snow days, everyone is moving ahead with their museum ideas. Three new students, (2) 7th graders and (1) 5th grader. Lost 2 students (1) 7th and (1) 8th, total attendance is 99 students.

Business Manager/CEO Report: Kosta reported on the hand-outs, deficit \$66K, improvement from last month (projected \$91K), went over financials.

No sign update, Kosta is thinking about a more modest sign for the front of the school.
Legislative session just began, nothing new to report right now.

Financial Report: Dottie reported they met 2 weeks ago, nothing to report.

CLC Parent Group: Kathy reported they just did the spirit wear sale, have set aside some money to donate some shirts to students who otherwise would not be able to afford one. The items will be distributed the week before the last CLC spirit day. Waiting for teachers to submit grants, they have around \$2k to spend on grants.

Marketing Report: Siobhan reported about the article done about service week with Kathy. Mark will be meeting with Central Pa Live on Thursday. The marketing firm is working with Smithsonian magazine to try to get an article written about CLC.

Student Council Report: Siobhan reported that they are putting together the spirit weeks and keeping a positive vibe around the school, meeting every week.

Policies/Employment/Strategic Planning Report: Ali reported they met, staff is working on targeting a May deadline, will see more progress in coming-up meetings. (Due in Nov.)

Training/Recruitment/Elections Committee: Amy reported working on Facebook post to try to get people to join in the Board. Charged to staff to put out word to parents that we are looking for members. Morgan is reaching out to Centre

County Leadership to see if they have anyone. Some of the Board positions are opening up, let Siobhan or Morgan know if you are unable to come back.

Building Committee: Jerre reported they met last week, they are not removing the stage steps. Kosta took the Board out to the great room to show other ideas for improvement, along with a wall that might need some attention for repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Room Repairs: Possibly making a storage area outside the wall that may need replaced.

Act 153 Background Checks: Kosta discussed that we are now required to have background checks renewed every 3 years, and is proposing that CLC cover the cost of approximately \$48.pp every 3 years. (Everyone who volunteers, subs, teaches, etc. must have this done) Jerre moved to have CLC cover the cost of background checks for existing staff (new staff will present their own credentials) and faculty, Megan 2nd, passed 5-0, 3 faculty abstained.

Fire Alarm System: Kosta discussed that after the insurance audit, they recommend that we upgrade our fire alarm system. Vigilant did a survey, gave us a quote for upgrades to our existing system, the cost would be pulled out of reserve. (Initial investment of around \$7k and a monthly \$102. monitoring fee.) This will be placed under Old Business.

Apple MacBook Lease: Kosta discussed the MacBooks, which we have been leasing for the last 6 years, with a renewal lease every 3 years. We are due for our renewal, Kosta shared the quote for the same type of computers we currently have, will need to make a decision by May.

2015-2016 Calendar: Kosta went over the 2015-16 calendar and Jerre moved to accept the 2015-16 School Calendar as presented, Siobhan seconded, passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Teacher/Staff Handbook: Kosta put out handbook at the last meeting for everyone to look at, approve at next meeting.

NAEP Testing: the "NAEP" (National Assessment of Educational Progress) is testing the 8th graders on 2/18/15, 8th grade parents were advised, one student opted out. This will be done via ipads, will last approx. 2hrs.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Jerre suggested the possibility of trying to recruit with an open house or with the all-school museum, inviting local representatives.

CLOSING COMMENTS, REFLECTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerre motioned to adjourn meeting @ 8:10, Siobhan seconded. 8-0 passed

Meeting was called to order again @ 8:11 by Ali, motioned to go into Executive Session by Siobhan, Dottie seconded, non-board members exited the room.

Megan motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 8:20, Dottie seconded 8-0.

Non-Board members entered room, were told that the executive session was to discuss a student issue.

Jerre motioned to adjourn meeting @8:23, Megan seconded, 8-0.

Adjourned 8:23pm.

