



MINUTES OF THE CENTRE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 15, 2014 7:00pm at the School

Members present: Kim Bahnsen, Gail Boldt, Ron Boyles, Morgan Ilgen, Meghan Mahaffey, Jerre Price, Brian Rowan, Dottie Rumbel, Cathy Swarm, Mark Toci

Morgan Alternate for Siobhan

Dottie Alternate for Ali

Others in Attendance: Kosta Dussias (via Skype), Kathy Morrow, Raisa Gray

OPENING ACTIVITIES:

- Gail called meeting to order at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Agenda revised.
- Ron moved to approve minutes from April 17th as presented, Dottie seconded. Approved 9-0.
- No public comment.

REPORTS

School Update:

Brian updated on enrollment for next year: (at 94 students)

15 – 5th graders

26 – 6th graders

25 – 7th graders

28 – 8th graders

They are still recruiting, having mini Frisbees made to give out at public events like Spike's night, Bellefonte Children's Day (which they will have a booth), along with brochures to get the word out. They are going to boost a Facebook post putting emphasis on needing 5th graders.

A-Team is wrapping up the "Ocean Expedition" project. Students are creating "tours" of different ocean ecosystems to share with the class. The tours will include descriptions of plant and animal life within the ecosystem, as well as adaptations made by different species to survive in the ecosystem. Next week, they will be starting End of Year Projects.

SBoogle successfully presented their Zoogle zoo exhibits to the rest of the school this past Friday in the Big Room. The impressive exhibits showcased model enclosures of animals from throughout North America. Currently, SBoogle students are working with Mark and Raisa's team to escape from Lame Island. For this cross-team project, groups of students must construct a collapsable boat out of PVC, plywood and tarp that they can carry on a hike, assemble, and then use to cross a pond. SBoogle and Team MR students are also looking forward to end-of-the-year presentations. 8th grade presentations will be held the week of June 2nd.

Team MK had a fantastic time at Outdoor School two weeks ago. We had fun and learned a lot about the interrelationships within the natural world. We have settled back into our "Crucial Mission: Save Our Oceans" Oceanography Project. Over the course of the project, students have explored ocean geography, topography, famous ocean explorers, waves, currents, tides and ocean ecosystems. The culminating task for students is to create Public Service Announcements for various endangered ocean species. In addition, students have begun research on their End of the Year Projects. Project topics range from Dog Training, Richard Nixon, Stress Relief to Pi (not the food), Song Writing and Tang Soo Do.

Business Manager/CEO Report:

Renovation/Repair Update: Kosta reported he had 1 person look at the building for repair, he hasn't sent an estimate yet. Mark reported that the hardware for the doors/security system is done and they are waiting for Kosta to get back to do the software.

Sign Update: Morgan reported that Siobhan met with Angela Rogers (Spencer's mom) about Marketing, she was in favor of the signage. Currently Ferguson Twp does not allow for a flashing sign. Kosta talked to Twp Zoning person who suggested that we request from the Board of Supervisors that the ordinance be amended; this is on hold until Kosta gets back.

Marketing Update: Marketing parent group has been consulted, Kosta is to move forward to put a plan into action.

Financial Report:

Kosta emailed the Preliminary Budget which is based on 96 students for next year, along with the PSERS bill being passed, which would show a 44K deficit. (The retirement subsidy is the only surprise from last year) The Preliminary Budget needs to post for 30 days and then approved at the next Board Meeting. Nothing is going to pass this session; the next session is 6/21. June is a busy month and pressure from grass roots may get it pushed out until next year. A Capital Budget will need to be created for any updates/repairs on the school in lieu of renovating.

Jerre motioned to accept the 2014-15 Preliminary Budget as presented, Brian seconded. Passed 9-0.

The Financial Committee will meet again before the next Board Meeting before the final Budget Approval.

CLC Parent Group:

Kathy reported they had some money left over from the Hoagie Sale fundraiser, they decided to make a grant to Mark & Raisa's class. They also approved some money to ensure that ALL 8th graders have a yearbook. They're getting ready for the 8th grade graduation, email was sent out looking for 5th, 6th & 7th grade parents to help out with the graduation so that the 8th grade parents can enjoy the festivities. Their next meeting is 6/4.

Gail commented that she would like to let the Parents Group know that the Board extends their gratitude to them for all the hard work that they've done this year. They had an election and it was decided to keep all the same officers.

Student Council Report:

Morgan reported that Siobhan is working with the Student Representatives for the next Spirit Day.

Policies/Employment/Strategic Panning Report:

Gail reported that the Committee hasn't met lately, next month the Committees will need to be reformed (Policies Group becomes the Strategic Planning Committee).

Administration Review Committee:

Gail reported they met yesterday (Weds), Brian brought up the Administrator Performance Report on the screen and reviewed them with the Board. Overall Kosta exceeds standards on most items, needing better custodial svcs and supervisory boundaries. Kim moved to accept recommendations of the committee to re-employ Kosta for the 2014-2015 school year. Morgan seconded. Passed 9-0.

Training/Recruitment/Elections Committee:

Morgan reported that she sent out a "No Board Elections" notice this week. She will email the current listing for Board Positions.

Brian noted that on the back of the Agenda he listed some of outlined bylaws for re-elections. He went over each of the underlined. Jerre moved to amend the Bylaws as presented, Ron seconded, passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Security: Kosta received emails, should be installing hardware, then security company will come, expected installation to be done in 10 days. The total will be done maybe mid-May. They will maybe try with certain people soon with the key fob to get input from them. In the fall they will develop a security policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Kim reported that the Penn State Dickinson School of Law has students who are going to need to do some community service, and as that they can serve on a Board. Kim will forward the email to the Board members.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Teacher handbook
Security Policy
Review of Bullying policy

CLOSING COMMENTS, REFLECTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian would like to thank Gail for her help in the past with being the “Rock” to help bring the Board to a strong position right now. The Board will be giving her a rock with an engraving to her as a thank-you.

On behalf of the Board, we would all like to extend a gracious THANK YOU to Gail for all her hard work and help. We truly appreciate it!

Brian moved to adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm, Jerre seconded, passed 9-0.

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