



MINUTES OF THE CENTRE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Minutes for the
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 24, 2015 7:00pm at the School

Members present: Siobhan Donnelly, Morgan Ilgen, Weston Lazenby, Megan Mahaffey, Jerre Price, Dottie Rumbel, Cathy Swarm, Mark Toci, Amy Weaver

Others in Attendance: Kosta Dussias, Kathy Morrow

OPENING ACTIVITIES:

- Jerre called meeting to order at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- No August Agenda amendments.
- June Minutes amendments: Amend date to June 17th. Weston motioned to accept amended June 2015 minutes, Dottie 2nd, 4 ok/4 abstained (were not at June meeting).
- No public comment.

REPORTS

School Update: Mark updated that school opens in a week, teachers arrived today and are ready to go.

Business Manager/CEO Report

Monthly Financial Statement Update: Kosta went over the expenses for the month of July, Peasers reimbursements and employer insurance costs making it less. School is currently at 98 students with 20 5th graders.

Foundation Search: Cindy Neubauer from Foundation Search called in on speaker phone to discuss the grant possibilities available to Charter Schools. She brought up their website to show the history of grants awarded, using Heinz as an example, citing that since we have never been funded before, we would get a money back guarantee if we sign on with them to help with grant searching. They have a grant development team who can go over our grants to make sure our applications are ok. The time needed for someone on our end to work on grant applications would be approximately 2-3 hours per week. Costs for Foundation Search's services are:

1 year = \$3,995.

3 years = \$6,995.

5 years = \$8995.

Cindy said they are the only source for finding the newest Foundations available who are within their first year, and we should have at least 6 applications out. They have an online learning tool to teach anyone within our facility to be able to apply for grants.

Mark motioned to sign up for the 1 year contract at \$3995. with Cindy Neubauer at Foundation Search, Megan 2nd, passed 9-0.

CLC Parents' Group: Kathy reported that the Parents Group will be at the New Student Greet and Meet on Weds night and Back to School night on Sept. 16th. Sam Strickland is the new President, with Oct 1st being the first meeting, will be starting the No-Fun Fundraiser. They are going to be meeting every other month, with the next meeting being Dec. 3rd.

Finance Committee: No report.

Student Council Report: No report.

Marketing Committee Report: No report.

Policies/Employment/Strategic Planning Report: No report.

Training/Recruitment/Elections Committee: No report.

Building Committee: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Charge to Committees: To have a meeting before the next Board meeting and report back with calendar and member make-up.

2014-2015 Annual Report: Kosta to submit Annual Report, Megan motioned to approve 2014-2015 Annual Report, Dottie 2nd, 9-0.

2015 Comprehensive Strategic Planning: Draft review, to be done by Oct. 1st.

2015-2016 Audit Proposal: "Baker Tilly" to do Audit for under 5K, and about 1K for IRS990 tax return preparation. Dottie motioned to accept proposal from Baker Tilly to do the Audit for 2014-2015.

Kosta noted that existing Board Members were sworn-in at this meeting and all required votes were re-taken.

2015-2016 IDEA 611 Agreement: Kosta went over the agreement and flow-thru funds for distribution from the Federal Government. Siobhan motioned to approve the 2015-2016 IDEA Funds, Dottie 2nd, 8-0 (Morgan out of room).

Alma Database: Kosta explained that the Alma database is a student database. The cost of the database is 2k per year, which will help Kosta and teachers. Dottie motioned to try the Alma Database for 1 year @ \$2k, Mark 2nd, 9-0.

2 New Acts: Kosta went over 2 new Acts: Cyber-Harassment of a Child (Act 26) is an Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the offense of harassment. Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Policy (Act 71) is to (1) Adopt a youth suicide awareness and prevention policy; and (2) Provide ongoing professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention for professional educators in building serving student in grade 6-12. Policies Committee will work on Act 71, because teachers will have to work this into their curriculum.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Charter Renewal: Kosta requested to submit by November for renewal of Charter to SCASD.

Next Board meeting is Monday Sept. 28th.

Siobhan motioned to adjourn, Megan 2nd, 9-0.

Adjourned @ 8:35pm.

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