



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Minutes for the**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**November 23, 2015 7:00pm at the School**

Members present: Ali Carr-Chelman, Morgan Ilgen, Megan Mahaffey, Monica Meagher, Dottie Rumbel, Cathy Swarm, Mark Toci, Amy Weaver

Others in Attendance: Kosta Dussias, Brian Rowan

**OPENING ACTIVITIES:**

- Ali called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- No November Agenda amendments.
- November Minutes amendments: Typo change. Megan moved to accept amended Nov 2015 minutes, Ali 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved 8-0.
- No public comment.

**REPORTS**

**School Update:** Mark gave the school update as follows:

Amy & Amanda: Finishing up project on nature documentaries on I-movie, starting Civil War project after the break, received 2 new students (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders), Amanda is back full time.

Morgan & Kelly: Finishing weather project posters, moving into Ancient Civilizations.

Brian & Siobhan: Building a New World project, poetry and lit circles.

Mark & Raisa: Finished The Great Gatsby, starting Flowers for Algernon.

Went over and compared results of the PSSA tests in Central PA. Staff will discuss the results.

**Business Manager/CEO Report:** Kosta went over handouts, revenues, some school districts are withholding payment and haven't paid for Sept and Oct. SCASD is withholding 18% of payment.

**Finance Committee:** No report.

**CLC Parents' Group:** No report.

**Student Council Report:** No report.

**Marketing Committee Report:** No report.

**Policies/Employment/Strategic Panning Report:** No report.

**Training/Recruitment/Elections Committee:** Morgan reported they met today, went over by-laws, elections processes and set up a timeline.

**Building Committee:** No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Charter Renewal:** Kosta has not heard from SCASD yet, they received the letter for renewal.

**Grant Committee Assignments/Goals:** The newly forming Grant Committee has not had a first meeting yet.

## NEW BUSINESS

**2016 Health Insurance Renewal:** Kosta reported the Health Insurance renewal amount is 12k a month. (Will not be shopping for new quotes this year)

**Review and approval of research proposal by Alyson Fletcher:** Mark moved to discuss the consent to let Alyson Fletcher observe his class about understanding an English Language Arts teacher's practices using a technology-infused, project-based framework. Dottie moved to accept and approve Alyson's proposal, Ali 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed 7-0 (Mark abstained)

**Bird beta testing:** Ali discussed the Bird Beta testing (manufactured by a newer Israeli company) in classrooms, which was pre-approved by PSU's IRB. Classrooms will get to keep them after the testing is over, to be installed in February. Mark motioned to approve the Bird, Dottie 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved 7-0, (Ali abstained).

**Review of IRS 990:** Kosta went over the IRS 990 form, showed the new liabilities on line 21. Mark motioned to approve submitting the 990, Megan 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved 8-0.

## FUTURE BUSINESS

**Cyber-Harassment of a Child (Act 26) 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) (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 students in grades 6-12:** Kosta will go over with Ali about putting together policies on this.

**Glee Club:** Ali reported the Glee Club performed at the downtown State College tree lighting ceremony and did a wonderful job.

**Staff:** Mark reported that staff is doing a great job by stepping-up and filling-in for Kathy being out.

**Executive Session:** Ali motioned to go into Executive Session, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup>, went into Executive Session.

Dottie motioned to close Executive Session, Megan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8-0. Discussed personnel issue.

Mark motioned to adjourn, Monica 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8-0, adjourned @ 7:43pm.

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