

University Schools Board of Governors February 21, 2007 Minutes

Board Members Present: David Sanchez, Ron Eberhard, Tom Roche, Bryan VanDriel, Kristen Anderson, Dick Bond, Chuck Olmsted, Suzanne Forney, Christi Malnati, Joe O'Farrell,
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample, Paul Kirkpatrick, Doug Wurst, Julie Claeys

- Ron called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. .

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Chuck (Kristen) to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2007 meeting. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry presented information about the second round of the admission lottery.
- Sherry told the Board about the Leadership Weld County session on February 8. Joe O'Farrell and Matt Shirazi led the tours for the group, and were the subject of many positive comments.
- Sherry reported that the Greeley Grays have requested to use the baseball fields again this summer. The request was forwarded to the Joint Use Committee.
- Sherry reported that she has had some preliminary discussions with District 6 about the DHHP.
- Ed Clark has begun work as the Security Officer, and has been getting great response from parents and students.
- Sherry announced that the El Pomar Foundation will match the \$500 raised by high school students to be given to area charities.
- Sherry announced that Texas Roadhouse has donated 9 pairs of dinners for "Teacher of the Month" through the BARK program.

Middle School Principal's Report:

- Paul reported that University hosted the league Spelling Bee on Feb 9. Brendan Azama will be representing University Schools in the state spelling bee in Denver on March 17th. He is a fifth grader in Ms. Lent's class. Brendan is one of ten finalists from the Northern Plains League.
- University was selected in a national lottery to give the NAPE test – the national equivalent of the CSAP test. Fourth Grade took the test last week; 8th Grade will take it tomorrow.
- He is continuing the grade level meetings each Friday during advisor.

High School Principal's Report:

- Report Cards will go out on Friday.
- Holly reported that the master schedule is completed for next year. AP classes had enough enrollment to make, including AP Biology for the first time.

- Holly reported that vehicle registration went smoothly, although not all vehicles are registered.
- Holly reported that Ed Clark has been a great help on high school discipline.
- Holly reported that 4 staff and 3 students attended a Positive Behavior conference in Denver.
- Spring sports practice has begun. The Patriot League has plans in place for baseball games at alternate sites if all fields are not playable.
- The seniors will go on a 2 day retreat this Sunday and Monday to plan graduation.

Report from Julie Claeys:

- Julie reported that she is beginning a new education program that may lead to her taking a new job after next year. She hopes that the 3 programs that she is responsible for will continue under someone else's leadership. They are:
 1. Bulldog Homework Club, sponsored by New Frontier Bank on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15.
 2. Thai Exchange Program – We will have 16 Thai students here on March 31, and 1 UH student and 2 UH staff will go to Thailand this summer.
 3. Peace Circles – A new program to help HS students learn the life stories of other HS students. Held at Grace Church (donated space) on April 9, it will involve 60 students. Julie hopes that after this year there will be 2 session per year.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Personnel:

- Sherry distributed a letter of resignation from Linda Valentine. Linda requested to teach one more year under the PERA 110 plan. A motion was made by Chuck (Kristen) to approve the request. Motion passed.
- Sherry presented other personnel changes. They include:
 - Hire – Jeff Yarbrough as Assistant HS Track Coach
 - Transfer – Mike D'Amato from MS Asst Track Coach to HS Asst Track Coach
 - Hiring the open HS Girls Asst Tennis Coach will be handled via email
 A motion was made by David (Dick) to approve the changes. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Booster Club Treasurer's Report:

- The Booster Club Balance Sheet and P&L Statement dated February 14, 2007 were distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's Report

- The USPTO financial report dated January 31, 2007 were distributed.

Calendar

- A revised 2007-08 School Calendar was presented for approval. A motion was made by Kristen (Dick) to approve the calendar. Motion passed.

Resolution

- Sherry presented for information only a resolution from District 6 Board.

Facilities:

- Tom and Ron presented 4 possibilities for expansion. They include:

1. Adding 4 classrooms by adding to the SW; moving the weight room to part of the small stage, surrounded by a chain link fence; moving faculty offices to the current weight room, and expanding the counseling room into the master teacher area.
 2. Expanding into the food court area; moving the weight room as above; moving the wrestling room into the new addition; using the current wrestling room as classrooms, and building an expanded commons and conference area.
 3. The same as option 2 but with 3 new classrooms and expanded commons area.
 4. The same as option 3 but with 4 new classrooms instead of the expanded commons area.
- A motion to pursue plans and financing for option 1 (SW Expansion) was made by Kristen (Bryan). Motion passed.
 - A special Meeting of the Board was set for February 28 at 6:00 to further discuss details of the construction

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- Tom discussed the IGA approved by the Greeley City Council last night.

ECU Report:

- Chuck reported ECU is still functional and cooperative with various plans for the space needs. The current enrollment is 67.

Foundation Report:

- No report

Executive Session:

- A motion was made by Bryan (David) to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by David (Kristen) to move out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

Next Meeting:

- A board special meeting will be held on February 28, 2007 at 6:00.
- The next regular meeting of the Board will be March 21, 2007 at 6:00pm in the library.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Chuck (Kristen) to adjourn. Motion passed.