

University Schools Board of Governors March 3, 2004 Minutes

Present: David Sanchez, Suzanne Forney, Greg Pierson, Linda Widel, Bryan VanDriel, Gayle Adams, Emily Dollard, Ron Eberhard, Cyndy Giauque, Mike Taber, Steve Ramsey, Christin Anderson, Tom Roche, Jane Weber

- Suzanne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
- A motion was made by David (Mike) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Public Hearing:

- Christin Anderson presented information about an all school "Fancy Dance" being put on by the After School Arts program on March 26 in the small gym.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ron (Mike) to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2004 meeting. Motion passed.

Co-Chairs report:

- Cyndy reported that she still doesn't have the wording from the approved District 6 contract back from Stow.

Communications from the Board:

- Mike reported that he was able to read Dr Seuss to the TLC class as part of the Dr Seuss 100th birthday celebration. Greg, Steve, and Nurse Jane also took part in the celebration.
- Bryan reported that he was able to attend the Senior retreat at Silver Creek, along with faculty sponsors Wally Jones, Louisa Warfield, and Deb Schaueremann. Kerry Breen was responsible for making the trip happen, but was unable to attend at the last minute. The 27 seniors who attended were all very well behaved and were a credit to UH.

Health Grant:

- Jane Weber reported that she was asked by the state to apply for a Health Grant and is working on it with Kristi Helzer. It is for \$85,000 for four years, and we should know if the application was successful by March 19. It will fund four items:
 1. The continuation and enhancement of the Peer Educator program.
 2. Hiring a Health Coordinator.
 3. David Schweers' salary
 4. A comprehensive health education program to include nutrition and food service, safe and healthy environment, etc.

Booster Club Report:

- Linda Fry reported that the Booster Club has presented two special recognition awards. One was to Dr Pazik for his continuing work as team physician. The second was the creation of the Pam Hughes Volunteer Award, with the first honoree being Pam Hughes.
- Due to scheduling difficulties, the Parents Prom has been moved to fall, and is now the Parents Homecoming.

ECU Board Report:

- Mike reported that the ECU is discussing with After School Arts the possibility of holding a fund raising spaghetti dinner before the Fancy Dance.

- The ECU also requested the Board take formal action to approve the amended ECU lease agreement with lower rent.

Financial Report:

- Linda reported that the Bond refinancing is progressing.
- The Utility expense report was distributed. Tom reported no progress has yet been made on the water bill issue with the City. Tom Donkle no longer works for the city, so he will set up a meeting with Doris Biehl.
- The budget committee met and adjusted the preliminary budget for next year to reflect the lower anticipated PPOR, which is a 2.1% increase over this years PPOR (the previous budget projected a 3½% increase.) The lower PPOR means \$130,000 in reductions from the previous preliminary budget. If the increase is less than 2.1%, we will have to look at program cuts.
- Tom suggested we add a line on next year's registration form for donations to a school improvement fund, similar to what we used to pay in tuition prior to becoming a charter school. Linda will bring some suggested wording to the next meeting.

Tabled Items:

- Landscaping Bids - A total of five bids were received for Landscaping services for this summer. Bryan reported that a conversation with Kenny Anderson indicated that the baseball coaches want to be responsible for the field, especially during the season. They will be offered the opportunity to prep the field for summer and fall games as needed, with the appropriate funds going to them instead of the landscaping company. A motion was made by Mike (Bryan) to accept the low bid from Rainway Sprinkler and Landscape with the changes and clarifications regarding the baseball field.
- Thai Memo of Understanding – Suzanne expressed concern about the possibility of getting a sub-par teacher if we do an exchange for a full year. Cyndy pointed out that the memo states both schools must agree on the terms and length of any teacher exchange. A motion was made by Cyndy (David) to approve the Memo of Understanding. Motion passed.
- Staffing for 2004-05 – Greg reported that at this time he knows of three faculty we will need to replace for next year: HS math (Mark Anderson), MS/Elem Reading (Deb Anderson), and HS English (Amy Samuelson). A motion was made by Ron (Mike) to approve posting these positions. Motion passed.
- IT Services bid – The bid for IT services from ITX came in at \$116,000, or a projected savings of \$6,000. Tom suggested that we can get more value by hiring competent, qualified IT support staff instead of an outside company to do the work. The Board directed staff to continue looking for a solution.

Dean's Report:

- Steve reported that they have begun looking at the schedule for next year. The biggest difficulty so far appears to be getting middle schoolers in and out of lunch as well as difficulty scheduling advising time because there are not enough classrooms for all advisee groups to meet at the same time. He will finalize two proposals to be presented to MS faculty for input.

Director's Report:

- Greg presented a report from the Social Studies Vertical Team recommending a new textbook (World History: Connections to Today) for adoption for World History class. A motion was made by Ron (David) to accept the recommendation. Motion passed.
- Greg presented two policy examples for consideration and comparison regarding Teaching Controversial Issues and Use of Motion Pictures in the Classroom. These policies were tabled until the next meeting.
- Greg presented a bid for painting and re-stripping the parking lot. A motion was made by Tom (Cyndy) to accept the bid from Fine Lines Pavement Marking, LLC. The motion passed.

- Greg reported that the Foundation would host an Open House for alumni on March 27 from 10-2 during the Baseball doubleheader.

Parking Lot / Athletic Fields:

- Ron presented a preliminary plan for athletic field parking. The plan was tabled to give the Board time to consider the possibilities.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by David (Ron) to adjourn. Motion passed.