

**University Schools  
Board of Governors  
April 16, 2008  
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, David Sanchez, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Eric Carlson, Julie Fraser, Christie Malnati, Ryan Mayeda, Chuck Olmsted, Bryan VanDriel, Brittnei Hernandez, Suzanne Forney

Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Paul Kirkpatrick, Ronni Barker, Ed Wiechern, Doug Wurst, Cathy Olmsted, Nicole Peterson, Carol Riggs, Don Hurt, Julia Richard, Robin Duran, Debbie Bangs

Guest Present: JJ Holby, Katherine Herl

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:32. A quorum was present.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- A motion was made by David (Chuck) to approve the amended agenda. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A motion was made by Chuck (David) to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008, March 25, 2008 and March 27 2008 meetings. Motion passed.

**COMMUNITY DIALOGUE**

- Doug Wurst expressed appreciation for his 30 years of service at University Schools. He also expressed support for the decision about DHHP. He indicated that the decision had created some difficulties in his classroom, but that he has no doubts that it is the right decision for University.
- JJ Holby indicated that he was at the meeting just to observe the proceedings for a scout badge.
- Nicole Peterson indicated that she is currently part of the Educational Leadership Program, and will be attending many future meetings to observe.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Director's Report:**

- Sherry distributed a memo from Colorado League of Charter Schools about possible revisions to the School Finance Act. She indicated that the revisions would be extremely harmful to University Schools, and noted that CLCS doesn't believe it will pass, but asked for assistance contacting Legislators.
- Sherry reported that Capital Construction funds from the state are projected by CLCS to double, possibly providing an extra \$115,000. She also reported that Governor Ritter has proposed to increase Kindergarten funding to .58 FTE next year, which would provide an additional \$480 per child, or a total of \$29,760 for US.
- Sherry reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> wave of the lottery was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. An additional 43 students will be invited to enroll.
- Sherry discussed the ramifications of the DHHP move on the TLC classroom. Because of the loss of one of the teachers, the class size will have to be decreased, and other classes will have to be slightly increased. A part time Para-Professional may also be needed.
- Sherry reported that 9 DHHP students in grades 6-8 are moving to Chappelow.
- Sherry reported that they held a successful evacuation drill on April 16.
- Sherry also reported that the first Career Fair was held on April 15 and was very successful.

- Sherry asked Brittni to report on Peace Circles.
  - Brittni reported that approximately 60 students, including all Thai students participated in Peace Circles earlier today.

Middle School Principal's Report:

- Paul reported that he has been talking with staff and parents about student retention. This process actually begins in the first trimester, and the decisions must be made very soon.
- On the other end of the spectrum, he has also been working on ways to reward academically successful students.

Business Manager Report:

- Ronni distributed the financial report dated March 31, 2008. The Maintenance and bus repair lines are still over budget, but overall, we are doing fine.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

- A list of proposed personnel changes was presented. They include:
  - Lynn Waltman: reassigned to .5 Reading effective at the end of the current school year
  - Julia Richard: resignation from grades 3 – 4 effective at the end of the current school year.
- A motion was made by Bryan (Chuck) to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Board of Governors Election Results – Certification:

- The preliminary results of the election were presented for certification. The results were:
 

Parent Representative (one open position):	
Stan Kerns	96
James Smith	36
Kristen Anderson	118
Community Representative (two open positions):	
Charles Olmsted	244
Tom Roche	248
Faculty Representative (one open position):	
Ed Wiechern	53
Student Representative (one open position):	
Kate Ehrman	
- A motion was made by David (Ryan) to certify the election results. Motion passed.

Ratification of Special Meeting Action:

- A motion was made by Julie (Bryan) to ratify all action taken at the Special Meetings held during March. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Student Recycling Project:

- Katherine Herl presented information about a proposed student recycling project.
- The Board expressed support for the project.

Math Curriculum Adoption:

- Julia Richard, Robin Duran, Debbie Bangs, Carol Riggs, Don Hurt and Cathy Olmsted presented a report on the process utilized to review and select a new K-5 Math curriculum and the results of that process. They are recommending the Envision Math Program.

- The Board approved putting the proposed materials on display to parents as required by law, and the results will be brought to the Board at the May meeting.

#### DHHP:

- Sherry reported that she has had very productive meetings with Dr Dreier, and the talks will continue.
- Sherry presented a draft of a joint letter to the DHHP Community for Board approval.
- A motion was made by David (Tony) to approve the letter. Motion passed.
- Sherry informed the Board about a parent group being formed with apparent purpose of maintaining the DHHP at University.
- Sherry has met with one parent (Mitzi Moran) about the process used to reach the decision to give up the DHH program.

#### Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- The Booster Club financial report dated April 1, 2008 was distributed.

#### USPTO Treasurer's report:

- The financial report dated March 27, 2008 was distributed.

#### FTE Request:

- Sherry presented a request for an additional .15 FTE in the Family and Consumer Studies program. This will allow us to add a yearlong catering program. A portion (28%) of the additional costs will be offset by funding from the Colorado Vocational Act. The total dollar impact on our budget is projected at \$3,800.
- A motion was made by Bryan (Ryan) to approve the addition pending budget approval. Motion passed.

#### BOARD REPORTS

##### Co Chairs Report:

- No report

##### ECU Report:

- Chuck reported that the ECU Board meeting was postponed, so he had no report.

##### Foundation Report:

- Dick reported that the Foundation is working on guidelines for Endowment investment and distribution.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by Bryan (Chuck) to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Session to include Sherry. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Bryan (Ryan) to move out of Executive Session. Motion passed.

#### Next Meeting:

- The next regular meeting of the Board will be May 14, 2008 at 6:30pm in the library.
- The Budget Committee will meet April 23, 2008 at 6:30 in the Board Room.

#### Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Ryan (David) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:11pm.