

University Schools Board of Governors May 16, 2007 Minutes

Board Members Present: David Sanchez, Tony Arguello, Ron Eberhard, Bryan VanDriel, Kristen Anderson, Christi Malnati, Eric Carlson, Suzanne Forney, Joe O'Farrell,
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample, Paul Kirkpatrick, Tonya VanBeber
Guests Present: Jorge Amaya, Charles Real, Roberto Cordova, Andres Guerrero, Lorie Mora

- Ron called the meeting to order at 6:12pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

- A motion was made by Kristen (Tony) to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

- Holly noted that the amount of the Colorado Trust grant fund should be \$50,000, not \$5,000 as shown. A motion was made by David (Kristen) to approve the amended minutes of the April 18, 2007 meeting.

Community Dialogue:

- Jorge Amaya presented a document regarding perceived problems with the charter, lottery, elections, staff recruitment and Latino achievement.
- Roberto Cordova spoke about the need for inclusion and creating a welcoming environment.
- Christi responded to Mr. Cordova's comments, stating that in her experience, the classrooms are very welcoming and "color blind",
- Andres Guerrero spoke about the need for bi-cultural, (not bilingual) role models in the school.
- Charles Real summarized the need for cooperation and action.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry reported that Graduation plans are well underway. Participating BOG members should report to the ECU hallway at 5:30 on May 25.
- Sherry reported that the check for \$5,000 from the Greeley Grays has been received and will pay for concrete work at the baseball field.
- Sherry reported that she met with the Greeley police chief about the recent bomb scare and the way it was handled. He had positive feedback for the school.
- The Thai students had their last day last Friday.
- Sherry met with Stacy Poncelow (the grant writer), and they established some ground rules for how Stacy will proceed.
- Sherry reported that the 5/6 and 8/9 transition days went well.
- Sherry reported that the end of school activities also went well.
- Sherry presented a letter from Dave Wertz regarding a donation of technology equipment from USDA. He anticipates that this will be an ongoing annual donation.
- Sherry distributed the DHHP Evaluation Team schedule. They began their work today.

- Sherry distributed a proposal from Interior Concepts, Inc. to provide a hoist for the wrestling mats.
- Sherry distributed minutes from the March and April Joint Use Committee meetings.
- Sherry also singled out several students and faculty for special recognition. They include:
 - Sarah Karl, Lauren Rael and Brittni Hernandez for being nominated for the “Kids who Make a Difference” award.
 - Kyle Dinner, Joe O’Farrell, and Michael Shirazi for participating in United Way’s Youth Allocation Committee
 - Wilson Foster and Katalyn Hofer for receiving scholarships from the Community Foundation.
 - Donna Gonzales, Holly sample, Margie Murphy, Julie Claeys, Jolene Adams and Lance DeBar for coordinating the Peace Circles event.

High School Principal’s Report:

- Holly reported that a Diversity Jam will be held on after school Thursday, put on by all the high school clubs.
- A student end of year assembly will be held Wednesday.

Middle School Principal’s Report:

- Paul reported that students are taking the MAP test (Measure of Academic Progress)
- The Middle School district Track Meet was last week at Valley. Final results are not yet available.
- The middle school students will go to FunPlex next Tuesday for activities.
- Paul is meeting with students who are close to retention to make plans for 9th grade success.

Business Manager Report:

- Ronni distributed the financial report through April 30, 2007.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda

Personnel:

- A list of personnel changes was presented. They include:

Resignations:

- Phillip Dixon – MS Language Arts
- Julie Elliott – MS Math
- Cindy Lyons – Third/Fourth grade
- Devin Moses – STUCCO Sponsor

Transfer:

- Amy Edge from 1st/2nd Grade to 5th Grade

New Hire:

- Brad Bunting – Athletic Director

A motion was made Bryan (Kristen) to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Textbook Adoption:

- Tonya VanBeber presented information on the proposed textbooks for Middle School Social Studies (American History and World History). The recommended books are

American Journey and Journey Across Time, both published by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. A motion was made by Kristen (Tony) to approve the textbooks. Motion passed.

Preliminary Budget:

- Ronni distributed the preliminary budget for the 2007-08 year. Sherry and Ronni went over the key changes to the budget from the current budget. Highlights include
 - 988 students (an increase of 24 students)
 - Faculty will receive a 3.5% increase plus their step increase, for an average increase of 5.6% - 5.7%.
 - Insurance premiums are expected to remain flat due to low usage.
- A motion was made by Tony (David) to approve the budget. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Construction Update:

- Ron presented a memo from Tom stating that construction was expected to begin May 23, with completion by August 16. These dates are pending city permit approval.

Request for Information:

- Tabled until June meeting.

Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- The Booster Club treasurer's report dated May 10, 2007 was distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's report:

- No report

Board Retreat / New member orientation:

- Suzanne will send out an email to begin planning the retreat.

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- Ron reported that he and Tom are concerned about the upkeep of the grounds, and that this needs to be a high priority for the new AD.
- Tony mentioned that the contractors at the baseball field have cut an irrigation line, and that the water needs to be shut off before the water undercuts the new concrete.

ECU Report:

- Kristen reported for Chuck that enrollment is currently 72 and that pre-enrollment for both summer and next fall are both higher than previous years.

Foundation Report:

- No report

Next Meeting:

- The next regular meeting of the Board will be June 20, 2007 at 6:00pm in the library.

Adjournment:

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