

**University Schools
Board of Governors
August 13, 2008
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kristen Anderson, Tony Arguello, Dick Bond, Bryan VanDriel, Ed Wiechern,
Staff Present: Sherry Gerner, Paul Kirkpatrick, Ronni Barker, Jane Weber, Cheryl Butler
Guests Present: Molly Ryan, Hossein Shirazi, Vicki Steiner

Kristen called the meeting to order at 6:36. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Tony (Dick) to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008, meeting. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- Molly Ryan, parent of UHS student presented information on Hilton Johnson Productions' Health Coach Training program as a potential fundraiser. The Board agreed to pass the information on to USPTO.

INSURANCE PRESENTATION

- Hossein Shirazi and Vicki Steiner presented information on the Health plans for the 2008-2009 school year. Several options were presented, including staying with the same plan as we had last year.
- The Executive Staff recommendation (on page 9 of the handout) is a plan very similar to previous years, with a few changes, including increasing the co-pay from \$20 to \$30 and eliminating the limited Chiropractic coverage. Plan participants would incur no premium increase for this plan.
- Board members questioned the amount of Stop Loss coverage currently carried. Hossein stated that although we could purchase additional coverage, the amount we have is appropriate for the number of participating employees.
- A motion was made by Dick (Tony) to accept The Great West Healthcare Option 1 as recommended. Motion passed.

COURSE OFFERING PRESENTATION

- Jane Weber and Cheryl Butler presented information on a proposed new Guided Ex class.
- A recent survey of Health Course offerings showed a significant void at the Middle School level. Specific needs include: Nutrition, Activity, Violence, Sexuality, Drugs and Alcohol and Tobacco Use.
- Cheryl presented a class outline for a proposed new 7th Grade Guided Exploration class to begin to cover some of the identified weaknesses.
- The Drugs, Alcohol and Sexuality curriculum will be brought back to the Board at a later date after they gather input from parents, teachers, and community members.
- The Board indicated strong support for the new curriculum, and agreed that there was no need for an opt-out option for the class.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Report:

- Sherry reported that registration went smoothly.
- Sherry reported the lottery process is continuing
- Sherry reported that sports practices have begun. There will be a parent meeting on August 18.
- Sherry reported that nearly all the new staff has been hired.
- Sherry reported that the August 18th in-service will center on differentiation, and will also include sections on "What it Means to be on a Team" and "What it Means to be a Leader". These topics were chosen based on staff survey last year.
- Teachers will be working in their classrooms on August 19th, and the annual BOG barbeque will be held that day at noon. (Board members should report by 11:30 if possible). Classes start on August 20.
- Sherry reported Lorenzo Trujillo from the CU Law School will be here on September 22 at 3:00 to present an in-service to faculty on Diversity and closing the achievement gap.

High School Principal's Report:

- No Report

Middle School Principal's Report:

- Paul reported that there was no turnover among Middle School faculty this year.
- Paul reported on the "WEB" program (Where Everyone Belongs) that is being started by Jennifer Roth and Jane Weber this year.

CSAP Executive Summary Report:

- Sherry and Paul presented the summary of the CSAP testing as prepared by Alpine Achievement Systems.
- Dick suggested implementing an intervention program that would give only two options to parents of students identified as low achievers in 3rd grade reading: a summer school program or repeating 3rd grade. The Board will discuss this further at the September meeting.

Business Manager Report:

- The year end financial report was distributed. We had \$14,000 in carry over funds. Significant savings were realized in the Utilities area, while building maintenance and vehicle maintenance were significantly over budget.
- The financial report dated July 31, 2008 was also distributed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda:

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

Resignations:

- Kim LeRoy – 3 /4 grade Teacher
- Amanda Briggs – ASL / Language Arts Teacher

Rescind:

- Brittni Jaramillo – Head Cheerleading Coach

New Hires:

- Bethany Christiansen – 3 /4th Grade Teacher
- Ranelle Nortey – .65 French Teacher
- Carlie Hoskins – .55 HS Language Arts Teacher / Advisor
- Jarod Craig – Facilities Manager
- Julie Fraser – .50 Health Clerk
- Tim Galindo – HS Assistant Football Coach
- Seth Henkel – HS Assistant Football Coach

- Shane Mendoza – HS Assistant Football Coach
 - David Smith – HS Assistant Volleyball Coach
 - Ryann Gay – Head Cheer Coach
 - Glenn Andrade – MS Head Cross Country Coach
 - Sharon Eberhard – MS Assistant Cross Country Coach
 - Kendra Marquez – MS Assistant Volleyball Coach
- The Board discussed the possibility of a conflict of interest with Julie Fraser being an employee and a Board Member. Because her Board position is a Community Representative, holding both positions is allowed under our By-Laws.
 - A motion was made by Bryan (Dick) to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

ECU Rent:

- A motion was made by Tony (Dick) to increase the ECU rent by 3%. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

District 6 Contract:

- Sherry reported that there has been no progress to date.

Retreat:

- Bryan will send out a list of potential dates and agenda items for the fall retreat for Board members to respond to.

Booster Club Treasurer's report:

- The Booster Club financial report dated July 31, 2008 was distributed.

USPTO Treasurer's report:

- No Report

BOARD REPORTS

Co Chairs Report:

- Kristen reported that Colorado College has recently installed a solar array on one of its buildings, and that they now generate more electricity than that building uses. She suggested that we look at this option for University Schools.

ECU Report:

- No Report

Foundation Report:

- No Report

Next Meeting:

- The next meeting of the Board will be September 10, 2008 at 6:30pm in the library.
- The Board Barbeque for all employees will be Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 12:00.

Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Bryan (Dick) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.