

University Schools Board of Governors
May 12, 2010
Approved Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present Kristen Anderson (@ 6:50 pm d/t daughters Sr. Project),
Ron Eberhard, Julie Fraser, Ryan Mayeda, Charles
Olmsted, Richard Wood, Tony Arguello, Eric Carlson, Ed
Weichern, Sire Garcia

Staff Present Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample, Ronni Barker, Paul
Kirkpatrick, Doug Horn, Jeanne Lipman, Christie Malnati,
Jenni Bates, Ettie Arnold, Brad Bunting, Kristy Bauer,
Rachel Budzynski, Ed Clark

Guests Present Christian Dick, Frankie Cisneros, Katherine Kellum, Stan
Luger, Lori Hughes, Michael & Dawneen Banks

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- A motion was made by Richard (Charles) to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Ryan (Charles) to approve the April 21, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- Steve Black (President-Elect Booster Club) – Spoke of: being a Bulldog parent, understanding the Board evaluates the needs of the school, seeing a copy of a letter handed out at the last Board meeting and his uncertainty of the author's meaning of "life long learning" and its omission of football and wrestling on the list in the letter, the "chatter" that this letter caused though understanding that it wasn't a "serious proposal" presented, voicing that the omission of any activity at US would be met with "a large block of parents that would be vocally opposed," restating "our issue" of the definition of "life long learning" and it seeming "arbitrary by appearance" and perhaps it is an "individual's agenda" which came "out of left field," and the desire to "never see the end of the wrestling and football programs."
- Ron Eberhard – Commented that the remarks and presentation at the last Board meeting were a preliminary discussion only and that it was "unfortunate how it went around" causing unnecessary concern.
- Christian Dick (US Junior) – Spoke of: playing football since 3rd grade, the pride of playing as a Bulldog, what it has meant to him and what he has gained from it.
- Frankie Cisneros (US Junior) – Spoke of: agreed with Christian about the values wrestling and football has brought him.
- Christie Malnati (faculty) – Spoke of: appreciating the Board looking into all aspects related to the school, her belief that K-12 academics should be the primary focus, the importance of evaluating all issues related to goal of school excellence.

- Steve Noe (current Booster Club President) – Spoke of: Not just supporting athletics but all US programs, the pride the Club has in its support of all. Also (see agenda Items for Discussion/Possible Action), informed the Board of the decision at the last Club meeting that the Class of 2007 financial gift (\$3250.00) and monies donated by Booster Club (\$1750.00) to obtain a marquee will be turned over to the Facilities Committee to finalize purchase.
- Ron Eberhard – Acknowledged the difficulty with the coordination of items to be accomplished and the vision of what US will look like in the years ahead.

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Update – Sherry reported:

- A fourth lottery draw was done on April 15, 2010 with 131 students drawn.
- Community Foundation Awards went to 3 of our seniors: Jessica Kohl, Mike Rusch, and Reade Anderson.
- US awarded a recognition plaque by UNC for 2009-2010 School of Teacher Education Partner School.
- District 6's Jeremy West will be at the next BOG meeting with the new food service contract.
- Receiving a letter from NCMC Blood Donor recognizing the efforts and results of 2 senior projects with a Blood Drive: 33 units of blood at a value of \$249.00 each saving 2 lives per unit were obtained.
- That a letter listing the Director's goals for the 2010-2011 school year is in each agenda packet for your review.
- Several end of year activities are ongoing including music concerts, athletic events, and award nights.
- The city wide "Battle of the Books" resulted in our 4th grade group placing first and 5th grade group placing 3rd.

HS Principal's Update – Holly reported:

- That Advisor's are hosting their Senior Project night.
- The Ice-Cream Social for new advisees is tomorrow night.
- The 8th graders visited their advisor room.
- The Advising Committee is evaluating alignment with state laws to ensure that MS and HS are meeting criteria.
- Students completed the Research Career Exploration packets today.
- AP Tests are ongoing.
- Friday May 21, 2010 is the last day for seniors.

MS Principal's Update – Paul reported:

- National Junior Honor Society had their induction ceremony.
- 8th grade has its Elitch field trip coming up.
- Looking forward to a 330 MS population

Business Manager's Update – Ronni reported:

- Distribution of agenda packet financial report dated through April 30, 2010 for review and remarks.
- Of note is that capital construction monies are lagging.

CONSENT AGENDA

Personnel

- Sherry presented the following recommendations:
 - For Hire:
 - Troy Rivera – MS Reading
 - Resignations:

- Lindsay Cooper – Assistant Spirit Coach
 - Kate Tracy – Assistant Spirit Coach
 - Reassignments:
 - Lori Pierce – Third/Fourth Grade
 - Brooke Danner – MS Social Studies
 - Renae Smith – MS Math
- A motion was made by Julie (Richard) to approve the recommendations. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Knowledge Bowl Out-of-State travel request – Doug Horn

- Presented a proposal to take four varsity players to the National Academic Tournament in Washington, DC Jun 3 - 7, 2010. All monies have been raised and he and his wife will be the sponsors. Accommodations are the dorms at Marymount University in Arlington, VA.
- A motion was made by Charles (Richard) to approve the request. Motion passed.

Eating Survey Results – Katherine Kellum

- Provided a handout and reviewed the results of her Senior Project.

2010-2011 Budget Proposal

- The 2010-2011 Budget Proposal dated May 12, 2010 was distributed for review.
- Committee Members present are Sherry Gerner, Holly Sample Brad Bunting, Paul Kirkpatrick, Ettie Arnold, Kristy Bauer, Rachel Budzynski, Richard Wood, and Ron Eberhard.
- Members gave the following overview on the proposed budget:
 - Increase funding for security, supervision, books, technology (computers, add labs) and furniture.
 - Increase classroom budgets back to original amount.
 - Steps and Columns (based on longevity and educational attainment) is in place for faculty.
 - Student fees increase (from \$49 to \$60) and additional students added to population.
 - Savings with change over to D6 Infinite auditor.
 - Teacher Quality recognition for excellence bonus.
- A motion was made by Richard (Tony) to approve the preliminary budget proposal. Motion passed.

Third Grade CSAP Results – Paul reported:

- 2010 CSAP Executive Summary Report for Greeley 6 School District University Schools was distributed and reviewed in detail.
- Sherry met with faculty at the Elementary Meeting and discussed results. The following items were discussed:
 - Tutoring and summer school offer.
 - Moving to learner levels 30 of the 90-minute literacy block to offer group enrichment focus.
 - A-Z reading handouts
 - Creation of assessments/goals that would include grade levels before and after 3rd grade.
- Ron mentioned past occurrence of lagging D6 kids entering US causing CSAP drop and the response then, determining need now and responding with needed materials/tutors.

- Sherry agreed area of need should be determined first and then obtaining needed resources.
- Ettie remarked the “Response to Intervention” developed bridging the gap.
- Paul states that the audit for errors hasn’t been done yet and noted that there are schools that are teaching CSAP test taking, an obvious ethical question.
- Ron pointed out that we have a lot of D6 kids coming in the 2010-11 school year and whether a drop can be prevented.
- Paul stated that the MS Parent Night includes a discussion on our expectations.
- Tony inquired on the encouragement of home learning. Responses included that faculty does so via summer reading list/bridge activities and providing logs to record efforts and that parent expectations can be a challenge.
- Ryan asked how we are assessing kids coming in? Are they coming in behind?
- Paul states assessments show that kids are on level and then a CSAP comes in with scores indicating we are behind.
- Jenni remarked on a common assessment.
- Paul suggested using the AIMS web testing tools more than we are, but that correlating the different data tools available is difficult due to lack in consistency of testing.
- Charles remarked that teachers are good at identifying which kids need more 1:1 time and whether that time can be provided.
- Holly stated its proof that CSAP is a snapshot.
- Richard pointed out that in the 11-year history of the exam (for 3rd grade reading) we have met or exceeded our goal of at or above state level twice, how the public perceives us by these scores, and can we change this by providing resources. What do you need? Bring it to us for approval.

Booster Club Report

- A financial report dated through April 30, 2010 was distributed and reviewed.
- See comments in Community Dialogue from Steve Noe for further report.

USPTO Report – Ed reported:

- A financial report dated through March 31, 2010 was distributed and reviewed.
- The carnival was a success.
- Summer bridge activities being provided by USPTO.

BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

Co-Chair Report

- None

Facilities Planning Committee – Kristen reported:

- Topics in works include traffic flow issues, problem grass areas, concrete donation, acknowledged marquee transfer.

Potential Realignment of Extracurricular Activities – Brad reported:

- A handout was provided covering an overview of the costs of the MS and HS extracurricular activities. Note: all operate at a loss.
- The value of extracurricular activities has been shown to increase both GPA and attendance.
- As requested by Ron, the AD’s vision includes aligning with the league, possible consideration of a girl’s softball team.
- Richard asked why not start it up? Brad stated simply “costs”: no facility, start up team hard to populate due to kids being in established programs, external vs. internal charter rule (city says we’re external when we’re internal and eligible to use city sites.) Planning a 7th-11th grade survey of interest.

Communication from the Board

- None

ECU Report

- None

Foundation Report

- None

Joint Use Report

- Greeley Grays have signed and have requested to make payments over 3 months.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Review Sherry's Goals for next meeting.
- Richard requested Board Goals from 2009 retreat review, as well.

Next meeting: June 9, 2010 6:30 pm University Schools Library

Reminder - Friday May 28, 2010 5:30 pm Graduation (meet in ECU hallway)

Saturday May 29, 2010 10:00 am Inclement Weather

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Ryan (Charles) to adjourn. Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.