

University Schools Board of Governors
September 9, 2009
Approved Minutes

Board Members Present Kristen Anderson, Ron Eberhard, Julie Fraser, Charles Olmsted, Richard Wood, Dick Bond, Tony Arguello, Eric Carlson, Ed Weichern, Sire Garcia

Staff Present Sherry Gerner, Ronni Barker, Paul Kirkpatrick

Guests Present Brad Bunting, Nick Kintz, Dave Wertz

Ron called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- A motion was made by Charles (Kristen) to approve the agenda with the change of item 7.3 to 5.1 and 7.2 to 5.3.2 during the Director's report. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion was made by Kristen (Julie) to revisit the July minutes for the purpose of clarifying receipt and review by all board members. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Kristen (Charles) to approve the July minutes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Charles (Richard) to approve the August minutes. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Director's Update:

- Sherry introduced Brad Bunting and Nick Kintz, the Athletic Directors for High School and Middle School respectively. Board members were provided with an overview, including a copy of the MS/HS Athletics/Activities Handbook and their schedules, coaches, and athlete participant numbers, by both ADs. A Fall Sports Social was hosted and was a great success.
- Sherry introduced Dave Wertz, US Director of Technologies, regarding the internet and phone contract with Qwest, which expired last year. Dave states that for the last year US has been on a month-to-month basis with Qwest without a contract. His research comparing Qwest, Front Range Internet and Integra Data Systems has lead him to propose a switch to Integra with a gain in services and a decrease in monthly costs. Reference checks are favorable from those who have contacted Dave so far.
- A motion was made by Charles (Richard) to approve the contract with Integra upon receipt of further favorable reference checks (incoming). Motion passed.
- Sherry provided a handout from Jane Weber, RN, US Nurse, reviewing the H1N1 virus, its management, and the effect it has had on the US family.
- Sherry reported that the Evacuation Drill on August 25th went very well.
- Sherry reported great success with the new teacher orientation, staff in-service, and BOG lunch provided during the opening days for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Sherry reported that the first meeting for the USPTO was August 27. Jane Weber, RN reported on the swine flu, Ron Eberhard and Dr. Dick Bond presented information on the Mill Levy Override, and Evon Schones presented information on nutrition and healthy snacks.
- Sherry reported that she plans to meet with Vicki Hubbard, District 6 SPED Director, for guidance with the spending of stimulus funds received for special education professional development and resources.
- Sherry reported that the K-12th meetings begin September 14.
- Sherry reported that student activities have taken off and that Homecoming is on September 26.

High School Principal's Report

- None

Middle School Principal's Report

- Paul reported that the staff (old and new) has returned to work energized and that some schedule and class choice adjustments have taken place to enhance the MS curriculum.

Business Manager's Report

- The financial report dated through August 31, 2009 was distributed.

- Ronni reports the budget is based on a HS enrollment of 412 (current enrollment is 393) with the Elementary and Middle Schools being full.
- Ronni presented the postage machine proposal. A motion was made by Kristen (Charles) to approve the change to Complete Mailing. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Consent Agenda

- No report

Out of State Field Trip Request

- A letter was submitted to the Board by faculty members Don Hurt and Trish Wojurfin requesting permission for the 5th Grade Outdoor Club to go on an overnight trip to Carol Riggs cabin outside Cheyenne, Wyoming on Oct. 3, 2009.
- A motion was made by Chuck (Kristen) to approve the request. Motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

BOG Retreat Agenda

- A list of possible agenda items was discussed and board members were encouraged to report any other ideas before the work session agenda is finalized.
- Items for work session agreed upon were ECU futures report (Melissa Lelm/Charles Olmsted), student futures/ongoing report (Sire), grant writing search update and improvement in obtaining grants (ex: summer school program funding), ECU Kindergarten option (Melissa Lelm/Eric Carlson), and Booster Club, USPTO, Joint Use, and Foundation on-going/futures and goals report.
- The Board members present agree to a one-day (instead of one and one half) work session on Saturday October 3, 2009 at 8:00am in the Roche Construction offices. Breakfast munchies and lunch will be provided.

Booster Club Report

- Dick and Ron attended a recent meeting.
- The Booster Club is discussing placing a school name sign on the corner of 65th Avenue and 18th Street from the class of 2007. A suggestion was made by Sherry to consider a sign that would be able to advertise events and activities. A little more funding is needed to complete the task.

USPTO Report

- Ed reports, in addition to items previously mentioned, the USPTO discussed gathering information on item(s) needed by faculty.

BOARD REPORTS

Co-Chair Report

- No report

Communication from the Board

Eric reported the initial research into the ECU Kindergarten option, which looks favorable and within legal guidelines, has many factors to consider before a final decision can be made. There are 16 CPP slots

- approved. Ron remarked on his concern that this move would be a benefit to ECU only and serve to further the misperception that having money gives you additional benefits. Charles remarked on the increased readiness level of kids coming from ECU as a benefit to US.

ECU Report

- Charles reports ECU is recovering well post-summer low enrollment.
- Charles reports that the ECU lease agreement is stalled and that Eric and Dan Jones continue to work on it.

Foundation Report

- No report

Joint Use Report

- Next meeting is October 6, 2009.

FUTURE BUSINESS

- Charles reports hearing a recent NPR health and sexuality report discussing the increase in schools providing testing, counseling, etc. Discussion included what District 6 policy is and whether Jane Weber, US Nurse, has any input. Julie will speak with Jane and report back to the Board.

- Sire reports that initial activities for the school year have gone well and of his plan to continue efforts at making UHS a cohesive community at all levels.

NEXT MEETING – October 3, 2009 Retreat at Roche Constructors Offices at 8:00am
October 14, 2009 University Schools Library at 6:30pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by Charles (Julie) to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student matter. Motion passed. Executive Session was entered into at 8:20pm.
- A motion was made by Charles (Kristen) to move out of Executive Session. Motion passed. Executive Session ended at 8:44pm.
- A motion was made by Richard (Kristen) to approve recommended action by Sherry. Motion passed (one – opposed).

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Kristen (Charles) to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.