

Governing Board Minutes
01/16/2018

Board Attendees: Christina Allee, Karen Antonacio, Jennifer Campbell, Angela Funya, Wrenn Heisler, Catherine Grube, Sandi Imbriale, Adam Malisch, Pam McLeod, Daniel Morris, Merrie Beth Nauman, Colby Nelson, Roberta Sola, Jessie Taylor

Board Members Absent: Karenan Smart,

Committee Attendees: Shannon Norris

Community Attendees:

Agenda Item	Action
Convened at 5:32 PM	None
PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment	DISCUSSION
MOTION: Approve November Meeting Minutes	Approved 10-0 Absent: Karenan Smart
<p>GUEST DISCUSSION #1: ENERGY CONSERVATION (Representative from SEMCO and Energy Select (James Horstkamp)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Came to discuss converting the school to LED • The school is broken in 2 sections based on the meters • There are small business programs from 2015 to assist in the conversion • All exterior lights are one meter that qualifies for the small business program. • The main meter doesn't qualify for the small business program because there is too much usage. • For the small business portion all of the rebates have been approved and we have been locked in, we have 6 months to complete the project. • The other program is the prescriptive program and all of those rebates have also been locked in. • We need to make sure that we are locked in, for the prescriptive program we would need to be complete prior to 1 June, so we would need to work out a work schedule on off hours or over the spring break. • For the small business program we could wait for the school to get out. • The program includes getting rid of all of the old fixtures and waste. • There would be a reduction of not replacing light bulbs all of the time. 	Discussion

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at dimmer options and individual class options to look at other cost saving measures. • Fixtures would have a 5 year warranty. • Small Business Program costs \$12,885.56 • The Main Building costs \$69,340, could look at installment options. 	
<p>GUEST SPEAKER #2 (Joyce Strickland- Land Use Presentation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Strickland came to discuss the options available to the school to create a partnership with the Strickland farm. • Looking for a pilot program at Hamrony Hills • Looking at camp and field trip options with the school. • There are shelters on the property for bad weather • Property is close to the school. • Discussed fundraising and insurance options for Ms. Strickland and some of the research and education that she has done in relation to using the property for education and special need options. 	DISCUSSION
<p>Director's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lottery will happen on January 22nd at 5:00 PM with Judge Demsford • There were 518 applicants • 60 K spaces, 18 incoming siblings • There are also a couple of staff kids coming into the school • 125 K applicants • 11-14% were 1st through 6th grade • Most from Lexington Park, California and Great Mills • Self Reporting Free and Reduce Meals (FARM) – 117 applicants (22% of the applicants) • 65% of the applicants came from a preschool. • Goal to weight by 3% again this year • May need to relook next year because of the families that are FARM had issues related to siblings in other school, transportation related issues or other school schedule conflicts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Don't want to continue to lose the kids that we gain because of these issues. • 1st reading of the calendar occurred with the BOE on 10 January • Public comment opens on 31 January • Once agreed by BOE will need to apply for the waiver again • Mid-year presentation to the BOE on 31 January will be a small presentation and a short video of the school • Mid-year will include discussions on lottery and process, expansion plan of 1.5 FTE and the Collaborative culture of the school. • Starting to look at budgeting for the next few years. • Expansion grant with the MSDE is still unclear, Dr. Hall to talk with them tomorrow and see if we can use it to help with our expansion. 	DISCUSSION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We start the charter renewal discussion in July and can start looking at potentially influencing the PPA at that point. Need to make sure that all of our projections show that the school is financially solvent. 	
<p>MOTION: Adopt a capitalization policy for any amount over \$1000</p>	<p>Approved 10-0 Absent: Karenan Smart</p>
<p>COMMITTEES:</p> <p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Askey and Askey working audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalizing the audit ○ Response was received as required ○ No material finding • Made the motion above for capitalization policy • New committee came out of the appeal to the community • Direct appeal is double what we had last year • Need to think about cash reserves and old line bank donation • Expansion costs still need to be discussed. • Projections – lots of moving parts. • Working a working session for executive committee <p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36,000 to date has been raised • Penny wars starts next week • Chili Bingo is on the 26th • Vintage Affair is on March 2nd. <p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parent outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sent home permission forms and 10 families were interested in receiving more information and being paired up with another family. <p>PR/Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Services in December – met with the director. • Went to Christmas party with all of the Social Workers and gave information on transportation • Social Services would like to get information tracking our students. • Social Services offered to come work with staff on mandatory reporting. <p>Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met tonight • Waiting on specifics on federal grant, hoping to hear more tomorrow. 	<p>DISCUSSION</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking at creating some scenarios, so when the RFP does come out we can get bids ASAP. ● Discuss lighting at the next work session (Need to vote in FEB) <p>Whole Child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking for larger group meeting next month ● Serenity Farms – 8th graders having their first field trip in April ● Health Department grant is done – programming on how to use it. ● Aldi has grants for food <p>Charitable Giving Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Had a kickoff meeting ● Reviewed all individual giving and volunteer hours ● Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mary Slade partner for grants ○ Looking for thing to use for history basis ● Reviewing all of the things that have been doing and working with the fundraising committee ● USDA Grant application is coming open again ● We are eligible to apply again this year, but it does require a match ● Need to think about how we would use the Money 	
<p>Future Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 20th at 5:30 PM 	
<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vote on October minutes 2. Board Games for the Vintage Affair Donation 3. Vote on Budget for LED Light Conversion 	
<p>Adjourn at 7:26 PM</p>	