

**GOODWIN COLLEGE MAGNET SCHOOLS, INC.**

Meeting of the Board of Directors

5 p.m., February 8, 2017

Goodwin College

6<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

**Members present-** Jackie Jacoby, Todd Andrews, Eddie Meyer, and Merilee Dejohn, Megan Mehr (arrived at 5:08)

**Members absent-** Mark Scheinberg

**Staff Present-** Lynn Guerriero, Gayle Mulligan, Alan Kramer, Ali Welcome

**Guest-** none

**Representing the public-** none

**1. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order by Jackie Jacoby at 5:04 pm.

**2. Public Comment**

- none

**3. Consent Agenda**

- Merilee Dejohn motioned to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 GCMS Board Meeting. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (4-0)

**4. Business Requiring Action**

NONE

**5. Special Reports**

- **Program rollouts of Manufacturing and expansion to grades 4-5**
  - Alan Kramer stated that the approved manufacturing program for CTRA students started in fall of 2016. Freshmen students are offered a one semester course called “foundations of technology” Moving forward three elective courses will be available for students to pursue the manufacturing theme. The Goodwin College Trolley is used to transport students to Pent Road when necessary... Moving forward CTRA is in the process of looking for more manufacturing/tech teachers to further this program. Jackie suggested a student survey to gather information and feedback about the new manufacturing technology class.

For Riverside Magnet school, we are in process of getting the formal approval on our Operations Plan to expand the curriculum to grade 5.

- **Building project updates**

- Todd spoke about the CTRA Manufacturing Annex mentioning the layout of new buildings on Pent Road. The new space will have an open floor plan, very modern and industrial. It will offer CNC, Woodworking, digital lab, plastics, textiles, CAD lab, and presentation space. We are finalizing the work on the space with the Architects and will be selecting a construction firm. By March we should have a final presentation put together on this project to present to the Board.
- Todd mentioned Riverside Magnet School expansion design is complete. Construction to start shortly. We anticipate this project being done sometime in 2018

- **MSAP grant application**

- Lynn mentioned that CTRA/LEARN is applying for the MSAP (Magnet School Assistance Program) grant. Usually the grant period is good for 3 years but this grant would be for 5 years. It will be submitted at the end of March and we should hear back in the fall.

- **Lottery application status**

Application deadline is February 28, 2017. Applications are down this year for all magnet schools compared to last year. In order to meet the desegregated setting criteria define by the state, we will need to bring in more student applications. We are investing more money into our marketing campaign to try to raise that percentage. Our current Marketing plan includes: internet, radio, targeted direct mail, outreach to school's 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Information sessions and attendance at fairs. A suggestion made by Megan was to get parents to voice their positive experiences with the schools to help with recruiting.

- **CTRA Advisory Board**

- Alan spoke about the "Sustainability Advisory" which is a combined group of individuals from the Magnet Schools, Goodwin College and outside businesses. Some individuals included in this board are Todd Andrews, Alan Kramer, Lynn Guerriero, Cliff Thermer, and Bruce Morton. Some businesses mentioned were Pratt & Whitney, CT Science Center, Rapid Global Business Consultants, and CCAT. The idea is to develop curriculum to match the needs of the workforce and for teenagers to go into businesses and start individual connections. Jackie suggested that someone from the Board should attend one of these meetings. Next meeting is Thursday, February 23 at 8am at CTRA.

- **SDE budget cuts**

- Budget cuts for this year (2016-17) have not yet been released from SDE but we were told they would be about 6.5% and have planned accordingly. Next year (2017-18) we have not gotten any direction so we are projecting an 8% cut in

trying to put together budgets for next year. Approval of budgets will be based upon available funding. The 2017-2018 budgets will be ready at the April Meeting for discussion and votes.

**6. Adjournment**

- Merilee Dejohn motioned to adjourn. Todd Andrews seconded the motion. Motion was passed (5-0).
- Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.
- Next Meeting April 19, 2017 5-6pm/ Board Room

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