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MEETING MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Main Building Room 1414

Board Members Present: Jeremy Betz (Student Rep), Jake Daggett, Eric Fitzsimons, Ryan Mayeda, Jake Pierce, Greg Pierson, Carol B. Riggs, Thomas M. Roche, Amanda Widel (Faculty Rep), Scott Williams
Staff Present: Jennifer Weaver, Sue Toricelli, David Jones, Kyle Schuyler, Michael Aragon, Jeff Casey

6:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Call to order at 6:00

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO ADOPT - ERIC (JAKE D) PASSED

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 [AUGUST 16, 2023](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH A SMALL DETAIL ADJUSTMENT - JAKE P (JAKE D) PASSED

4.0 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- NONE

5.0 TECHNOLOGY, BOOSTER CLUB & USPTO

- Dave Wertz presents to the board on behalf of tech. He shares about the projects his team accomplished this summer. He hired a part time helper to work on the 1900 chromebooks. There was a big tech upgrade in the Middle School gym and there are a few more new tech pieces coming in soon. There are a few sound upgrades in the auditorium and the video boards. They are currently getting quotes for a video board in the baseball field.
- The Booster club reports their financials to the board. Activity passes have been increased to \$50. They are continuing their partnership with Garretson's for the bulldog gear. Concessions are being added to softball games. Bingo has a current balance of \$15,000 and the gaming license has been fixed. Monthly meetings have been rescheduled and everything else is business as usual.
- USPTO reports their financials as well. They share their current accounts as well as where those funds are being shared. Fall grants are right around the corner as well as the fundraisers for those grants. Trunk or Treat is coming up as well so they are looking for volunteers to participate.

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Superintendent's Update

6.2 Principal's Update - Kyle Schuyler

- Kyle introduces Mike Aragon, the new MS AP & AD and shares his excitement for getting to work with him at the Middle School. Sports are going strong with football, volleyball and cross country. The big league cross country meet is coming up and they're looking for volunteers to help run it. The Middle School just finished their first round of testing and are beginning to collect student data. The two new interventionist positions are up and running and starting to build some momentum. Lots of fun projects are underway in the classroom. STEM department is bringing back a science fair. The counselors just hosted a meet and greet welcoming students new to University. Teacher goal setting is underway and that's a great opportunity for teachers to grow professionally.

6.3 [Business Manager's Update](#)

7.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1 Consent Agenda: Board members will be asked if they wish to discuss any issues listed on the Consent Agenda. If so, these items will be moved from the Consent Agenda and placed under Items for Action. Items remaining on the Consent Agenda will be voted on together.

7.1.1 [Personnel](#)

- Motion to approve the consent agenda - Thomas (Scott) Passed

8.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1 [LOTTERY POLICY](#)

- SUPERINTENDENT WEAVER STARTS THINGS OFF BY SHARING A RECENT CHARTER SCHOOL MEETING. SHE SUGGESTS ADDING A PRIORITY TO THE LOTTERY FOR STUDENTS WHO PUT UNIVERSITY AS THEIR TOP CHOICE.
- CAROL ALSO SUGGESTS MORE COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS TO MAKE DETAILS VERY CLEAR. SHE MENTIONS A FEW POSSIBLE MISCOMMUNICATIONS AND OFFERS A WAY TO FIX THE WORDING.
- AMANDA SHARES THAT AN ADVANTAGE FOR ADDING THAT PRIORITY WILL BE FILLING THOSE OPENINGS EARLY. THEN TEACHERS WON'T HAVE TO ADD STUDENTS LATER IN THE YEAR.
- THE PRIORITY WOULD PROVIDE A STUDENT POOL WITHOUT CREATING A WAITLIST.
- THE BOARD AGREES THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEND THIS SUGGESTION TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE. GREG ASKS JENNIFER TO WRITE A DRAFT OF THE NEW POLICY AND BRING IT TO NEXT MONTH'S MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION.

8.2 [AMENDMENT TO EIGHTH AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL](#)

- RYAN STARTS THINGS OFF BY COMPLETING THE FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT STATES THAT A STANDING BOARD MEMBER WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN BOARD ELECTIONS.

8.3 [SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK UPDATE](#)

- JENNIFER SHARES THE RUNDOWN OF THE DATA WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS. THE GOAL IS TO GET BACK TO PRE-COVID NUMBERS FOR ACHIEVEMENT. CONSIDERING HOW FAR EVERY SCHOOL DIPPED DURING COVID, UNIVERSITY IS MAKING STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
- MEMBERS ASK WHERE THOSE NUMBERS AND DEMOGRAPHICS COME FROM. JEFF CASEY MENTIONS THAT THE GROUP OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ARE

CONSISTENTLY SHOWING GROWTH AND THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF SUPPORTING POSITIONS ADDED TO THE STAFF.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

9.1 BOG Report - Chairman

- Ryan thanks Carol for volunteering for a committee. He also suggests that the board members start to schedule school visits. There is a foundation meeting coming up. He also proposes a work session to discuss board goal setting.

9.2 Communication from the Board

- Greg shares that he wants to invite new members to the foundation meeting to get some new blood. He also mentions that there are a few alumni who will be honored for homecoming.
- Eric asks why senior projects were rescheduled. Jeff says that there will be two rounds of senior projects to help out with presentation schedules. He also shares that skate league is starting up in two weeks.
- Jake P shares that they are looking for more participation for fundraising committees. There are a few ideas in the pipeline as well.
- Amanda gives a shoutout to the team who runs dropoff. It goes really smoothly.
- Carol mentions several food pantries are happening and charter schools are included in some of those grants. She encourages University's participation.
- Thomas gives a shout out to the high school football team for beating eaton for the first time in 10 years

9.3 Joint Use Report

- None

9.4 Capitol Planning Report

- Thomas is setting up some meetings with some contractors to collect more info.

9.5 Fundraising Report

- Ryan encourages members to spread the word.

10.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

10.1 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

11.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2023

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:52 - THOMAS - PASSED