



College Prep in a Small School Environment

PEAK TO PEAK CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7:45 AM in the Auditoria

The Peak to Peak community will inspire students to fulfill their academic dreams for college, to develop their creative passions and athletic talents, and to become responsible citizens.

Call to order – Thomas Willetto called the meeting to order at 7:57 AM.

In attendance:

Thomas Willetto
Brad Elliott
Lisa Walther
Elizabeth Gable
Hank Dalton
Sandy Ray

Sam Todd, EDO
Kelly Reeser, EDE
Kyle Mathews, HS Principal
Suzanne Ovelman, MS Principal
Melissa Christensen, ES Principal

Board Members absent:

Lisa Sicker

Also present:

Traci Schoeneweis, John Wilcox, Megan Freeman, Jen Dauzvardis, Sarah Miley, Jennifer Douglass

Administrative Business

Minutes of the 4Mar2015 meeting were approved (6-0)

Public Comments

Jen Dauzvardis reported a very successful Teacher Job Fair; 62 Charter Schools attended, including one that just showed up without a reservation and was accommodated; more than 200 teacher candidates attended. P2P HOD members interviewed 31 candidates. Jen praised Mr Puccio's 6th and 7th Period PE Classes and the volunteers who set up the gym on Friday, the National Honor Society students for their help all day on Saturday, and the volunteers for restoring the gym at the end.

Sandy Ray on behalf of the VCT (Volunteer Coordination Team) announced that there will be a volunteer appreciation event held to thank all the P2P Volunteers for their many contributions on Sunday April 26th at the Ray residence, invitations will be emailed soon

Post-Graduate Coordinator Job Description

The Board approved the job description (6-0)

2015-16 School Fees

Sam Todd: Stimulated by parent and Assistant Principal inquiries, this year brings a greater rigor of review showing the detail of how they flow into the budget; typically the fees are supplemented by the operations budget – in most cases the fees don't cover the whole cost of the activity. The schedule of fees will be presented at the next meeting for approval by the Board.

Replacement Policies

Incorporates overarching contract language that will allow us to update policies as changes occur, rather than waiting until the contract renewal period to update. The Board complimented Lisa Sicker for all her work and attention to detail on these policies. The policies will be approved when the contract is approved.

Election Committee Update on BOD Candidates

Traci reported that we have 5 official Board candidates for the 2015 election. One candidate withdrew during the withdrawal period. The candidates are:

Rich Bradfield
Derek Cole
Sean Gallop
Alison Griffin
Gregg Sommer

Their candidate question responses will be published to our community this Friday. Paper ballots will be mailed out on May 4.

Executive Director of Education Report

The new evaluation tool to be reviewed on Thursday, feedback will be incorporated, and then it will be tested with some volunteers next year. It incorporates PD and evaluation.

AdvancED sent their final report: One Improvement Priority: a formal process or implementation plan to effectively monitor and use data to enhance student learning. The most valuable part for the school was the self-evaluation that we did ahead of the visit.

Peak Option portfolios coming in for review by ELT in April; Sam Todd opined that this is one of the best initiatives in long time, and is highlighting inspiring, and in some cases, heretofore unrecognized effort and accomplishment by our staff. Board Members will be invited to the interviews.

Plan for KPI Meeting April 9th

The following KPIs will be reviewed this time: Student Grades, Graduation Rate, P2P Presence Locally and Nationally, Financial Reserves, Replacement Reserves, Participation in External CPD Initiatives, Campus Development;

Executive Director of Operations Report

Campus Build Out: design-develop docs nearing completion; BVSD could issue pre-qual list of contractors next week, which will allow us to proceed with selection of contractor; see the video on the Build Out page of the web site;

Budget: Anticipate PPR for next year to be announced in May;

Reserves being ramped in short term (4yrs) to accommodate the payout of the Peak Option

Fundraising Update – Auction and Endowment

Best attended auction ever: 450 attended; high points were the venue and the food; net of more than \$125,000; no single large donor this year - several generous donations; but smaller donors pushed it over;

Within \$5k of meeting the \$50k match; Robyn is optimistic about our meeting the match

Media Strategist Position Idea

The possibility of adding a part time position to complement the efforts of the Major Gifts Officer and other communication efforts was discussed. The idea is to give P2P a robust national media presence over an extended period of time in order to attract the attention of potential donors to the endowment fund. Will be considered in the context of the overall communication and fundraising effort when the budget is formulated for 2015-2016.

Holding Board Meetings in the SCR

Points discussed: the ability to converse around the table without the use of mikes; the inability of SCR to accommodate more than just the Board; the number of members of the Community that have routinely been attending the meetings this school year; attending to the meeting space that will be used after the Build Out for Board meetings so that these diverse needs can be met. Community members present agreed that for now, the Auditoria is preferable to the SCR. Sam Todd will work on the seating and table arrangement to help improve sound and comfort and in the Auditoria.

Executive Session (Contract and Personnel)

The Board voted to go into Executive Session at 9:04 AM (6-0)

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 9:51 AM (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 AM. (6-0)

Submitted:

Hank Dalton