



College Prep in a Small School Environment

PEAK TO PEAK CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 22, 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 7:45 AM.

In attendance:

Thomas Willetto
Lisa Walther
Elizabeth Gable
Hank Dalton
Sandy Ray
Lisa Sicker

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

Board Members absent:

Brad Elliott, Melissa Christensen, ES Principal

Also present:

Michele Smith, Sarah Miley, Janice Thorpe, Greg Miller, Alex Mowery, Traci Schoeneweis, John Wilcox, Jennifer Hughes, Jennifer Douglass, Kristianna Vedvik, Megan Freeman, Jen Dautzvardis, Scott Hudson, Gregg Sommer

Administrative Business

The Meeting Minutes from 9April were approved (6-0).

Public Comments

Michele Smith expressed concern that the endowment has the potential to distract from the education of the students.

Traci Schoeneweis noted that this is Administrative Professionals Week and encouraged all to recognize the fine work done by those support people at Peak to Peak. Also noted that Teacher Appreciation week is May 4-8.

Kyle Mathews commented very favorably on last night's Spring Choir Concert.

Sandy Ray thanked Treccie Wengryn and Kelley Ward for their tireless work this whole year that culminated in a very successful After Prom Event. And also thanked Jenny Doyle, who, since 2009 has been behind the delicious and greatly appreciated Staff Appreciation Luncheons.

Sarah Miley noted that the changed method of ES car line pickup was very smoothly instituted.

Accountability Committee – Report on Family Survey Results

Janice Thorpe presented the report, noting that there was lower participation this year compared to last, likely because of the change in the method of accessing the survey. Also

noted was increased satisfaction with the Communication Pathways. Specific issue areas will be forwarded to responsible members of the ELT for follow up.

Preliminary Budget Review

Sam Todd highlighted the salient points in the projected 2015-16 budget (some of which are listed below):

Teacher/counselor pay scales increase 2% (in addition to 2% built-in step increases)

Admin and support pay increases 4%

\$190K set aside for teacher/counselor bonuses

PERA increases 5% to 18.8%

Health insurance premiums increase 4.8% to \$6,250/year

Dental insurance premiums increase 5% to \$454/year

SpEd purchased services decrease from \$1.55 million to \$635K

Business services purchased services decrease from \$158K to \$103K

Replacement Policies

There was a discussion as to whether or not to retain in the policies as specific opportunity for parents to form a PTO-type of organization. Because the policies to be adopted include Peak to Peak's ability to add any committee deemed necessary to those in our current structure, that option was not adopted.

The Board voted to approve the edited and revised replacement policies (6-0).

Succession Planning

Lisa Walther outlined the results of the succession planning effort, highlighting the preliminary risk and mitigation conclusions drawn by the ad hoc committee.

6-12 Curriculum Committee Recommendations

Kyle Mathews reviewed the proposals that will be referred to the Curriculum Committee and then returned to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Plan for Annual Meeting

The regular Board meeting on 6 May will take place from 5 to 6 PM, followed by the Annual Meeting beginning at 6:30 PM to include Board/School updates and the Candidate Forum.

Executive Director of Education Report

AdvancED accreditation has been received.

The second group of Peak Option presentations was made, continuing to demonstrate the outstanding work by the counselors and teachers.

Teacher Evaluation Tool revisions are being made.

Kelly Reeser served on a school evaluation team with CDE at a charter school in early April, and will also serve on an AdvancED external review team at the end of the month.

Executive Director of Operations Report

Fransen Pittman has been selected as the Campus Build Out General Contractor. A Guaranteed Maximum Price is expected by the end of May. F-P expects to begin construction in early June, and to complete in May 2016.

Scholarships: An unexpected, anonymous donation has enabled Friends of Peak to Peak to grant eleven scholarships of \$3,500 (per year for four years) to graduating seniors. These are not Endowment scholarships. The Endowment will not have funds to disburse for scholarships until 2016.

Communications

Discussion of a re-scoped Communications Position and a Director of Communications Job Description was deferred to a future work session at which an overall communications strategy will be developed. That discussion will include the subject of building the Endowment.

Planning Board Work/Training Sessions

Board Training – Summer. The Board President and Vice President will meet with others to determine the scope and schedule for training for the Board: one day in Spring and another in the Fall.

Future Meeting Topics

Curriculum, Budget

Executive Session (Contract)

The Board voted to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the BVSD Contract Renewal negotiations at 10:38 AM (6 -0).

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 10:58 AM.

Peak to Peak Charter Contract

The proposed contract as negotiated with BVSD contains, among other things, a reduction of services purchased from BVSD of \$970,000 and a ten-year term.

The Board voted to approve the proposed contract (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM (6-0).

Submitted:

Hank Dalton