Campus Community School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 23, 2015

A regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Campus Community School was held on September 23, 2015.

Members present were Harry Papaleo, John Moore, Jim Purcell, Lisa McMasters, Patti Sandy and Brian Ford. Others present were Catherine Balsley, Heidi Greene, Carolin Lyon and Leroy Travers.

At 5:45 the meeting was called to order.

A vote 4/0 to accept the minutes from the Aug '15 board meeting minutes with the necessary corrections.

Presidents Report

- Mr. Papaleo led a discussion about the need to appoint a Finance Committee Chairperson/Treasurer. John Moore was voted in as the new Financial Committee Chair/Treasurer. 5/0
- Mr. Papaleo facilitated a discussion about the Smarter balanced test results. These positive trending results suggest that CCS now has a story to tell that can be presented to the print media.
- Jim Purcell volunteered to contact the media to pitch a story of our continuous improvements.
- Mr. Papaleo expressed gratitude to Mrs. Sandy for her leadership on the Board of Directors representing the concerns and interests of CCS staff for the past four years.

Financial Report

- No changes until the Sept 30th count (the budget is still based upon enrollment of 420 students) The budget will be adjusted after Sept 30, 2015.
- Currently, there are 417 students enrolled at Campus.
- Starting Nov. 2, 2015 new applications will be accepted for the 2016-17 school year.
- This is the 3rd year of funding for the STEAM Program. After this year (2015-16), the grant will be reduced by 25%.
- Jim Purcell made motion to accept the financial report. Lisa McMasters seconded it. 6/0
- Financial committee is pleased with new auditing firm/ the audit went smoothly.
- The board reviewed the income statement on pg. 5 of the financial report.

Resolutions

- Motion was made Lisa McMasters to accept the June 30, 2015 Financial Audit Report. Patti Sandy seconded the motion (6/0 vote)
- Motion to accept the Articles of Incorporations and Bylaws as written, no changes. 6/0

Head of School Executive report

- This is the last meeting for Teacher representative Patti Sandy to be a member the Board of Directors. Her term expires at the conclusion of this meeting. An election will be held next week and a representative will be recommended to the board at the October meeting. Mrs. Sandy has expressed her willingness to serve another term as a member of the board.
- The administration informed the board of the successful test results Smarter Balance and DCAS testing (Spring 2015). Mr. Travers mentioned how the results reflect a joint effort from top to bottom.
- Discussed the charter renewal timeline, application process and content of the documents for both the 5 Year Renewal Application and the Annual Report 2015. The renewal application must be submitted by Sept 30th 12 noon. Members of the board were in agreement with the content of the renewal application including no modifications to be made to the existing charter. Board members have until Friday to suggest changes to the renewal application.
- Oct 5th 1st Public hearing (3 Charter schools are up for renewal) The public is encouraged to come out and speak on behalf of the CCS (Lisa McMasters and Harry Papaleo agreed to speak on behalf of Campus).
- The final decision regarding charter renewal will be made by the State Board of Education on Dec. 17, 2015 at their monthly meeting.
- The CCS library is now connected to the State of Delaware local and college library systems.
- Mrs. Greene presented an overview of the proposed changes to the current grading and report card system to align with the Common Core Curriculum. Standard Based Grading & Reporting will eventually replace the more traditional CCS grading system and report card.
- Lisa McMasters made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Patti Sandy seconded the motion at 7:35 pm.
- The board returned to general session at 8:00PM. A motion to adjourn made by Lisa McMasters approved 6/0.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian K. Ford, CSS Board of Director Recording Secretary