

Board of Directors' Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday October 22, 2013, Multi-Purpose Room 6:00 PM

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PRESENT: Kelly Scott (President), Leah Warson (Treasurer), Chrystine Urban (Secretary), John Porter, Brooke Blunt, Melanie Sutton Hodgdon, Joann Rosenberg (Teacher Rep.), Mark Palmerston (Director); Debbie Trujillo (Teacher Rep. non-voting) Jim Brown (District Superintendent)
(6:33)

ABSENT: None

OPEN SESSION (meeting called to order 6:00pm)

1. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items NONE

2. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Minutes for September 17, 2013 and Special Meeting October 2,

KS moves to approve; MSW 2nd; unanimous

3. *Discuss and Vote on Amended By Laws*

KS notes changes:

3.2 removes Director from voting; attends and advises but does not vote.

3.2.2B teacher representatives to be elected by teachers every year; addition of 1 Middle School Teacher Representative.

3.2.2C

3.2.3 Make a change to reflect 3.2.2

3.2.5 Conflict of Interest

3.2.7 Voting restrictions on employee Board members. Disqualifying interests (personnel, budget adoption, contracts in excess of \$10K, and employee valuation) See Conflict of Interest clause. Must make a disclosure immediately.

3.2.7 MP just about employee Board members

3.4 Specific references to the Brown Act; while Charter schools may not be legally required to comply, SYVCS will abide by guidelines

3.6 Committees- any committee of the Board must abide by Brown Act; Ad Hoc Committees are outside of the Brown Act.

Director not voting member but General Manager of Corporation

MP motioned to approve the Amended Bylaws with amendments; LW 2nd; unanimous

KS will bring Conflict of Interest Form next meeting; Form 700 will be required by board members.

MP- Auditors have given departing questionnaire for current members.

MP- Thank you to Kelly Scott and Brooke Blunt

4. Approve appointment of new SYVCS Board Members for 2013-2014

Mark Swanitz, Mitchi Dragonette

(Kelly Scott and Brooke Blunt step down)

5. *Nominate and Vote on Executive Board Members*

CU nominated LW as President; JP 2nd; unanimous MSW nominated Mitchi Dragonette for Treasurer, MS 2nd; unanimous JP nominated CU to remain as Secretary, MSW 2nd; unanimous

6. Standing Reports

- a. PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) MP- Harvest projection \$13.5-14K; looking for additional \$1500 for MP shave head!!! Bringing lunch once a month for teachers.
- b. Hot Lunch Program- LW- \$15K revenue so far for first 3 months. Snack Program Card system worked out
- c. Fundraising Foundation- JP Car Raffle starts immediately, potential to raise \$20K for school; Nov. 20 deadline

Golf Tournament March 2014; Jeff Holzer is involved;
Hole sponsors already ; Auction April 26, 2014, Vet's Hall Venue

JIM Brown Welcomes new Board Members (6:33 BB, KS leaves)

d. Director's Report-

Harvest Festival- successful; Great Cal. Shake Out w/
Earthquake preparedness and Fire Drill; Tuesday is Red Ribbon
Fly Over; MOU approved & signed; current enrollment: 196
projected 210; withdrawals from Kindergarten, MP will meet with
JR will have meeting to discuss; Allergy Policy: MP impressed
with work already done, considering policy to include classroom
curriculum; Uniform Complaint Policy to be brought by MP.
Upcoming Events: 7th grade Catalina; 4 Board Members going to
CSDC conference in San Francisco; Oct. 30 6-8pm Board
Training Meeting "Discipline & Special Education"; Recognition of
Kelly Scott & Brooke Blunt for Board service.

e. Treasurer's Report- LW Tonya received \$1700 from New
Frontiers for Garden; Escript Line Item is being transferred to
PTSO, MP preserved in writing that Escript funds will be for
Middle School Field Trips; MD & LW will be working together on
changes for next meeting.

7. Discuss and Vote on removal/addition of "signers" to account
Currently CU, JP, BB; remove BB
**JP motioned to remove BB and add MSW as signers to
account, retain CU, JP; JR 2nd; unanimous**
**JP moved to remove KS from Signatory on Warrants and add
LW; JP 2nd; unanimous**
8. Discuss and Vote on Board Calendar for 2013-2014
MP moved to final Tuesday of month due to High School & District
meetings; Change November from 12th to 19th; Executive Nov. 5th to
12th;
LW motions to approve with changes; JP 2nd; unanimous
9. Discuss and Vote on High School Articulation Agreement

MP- 8th grade parents came to ask that we include Algebra 1 for some 8th grade students, give opportunity to test,

Course would need to be officially Algebra 1 on transcript, 2 additional Chapters required; pacing to allow students to accomplish tasks. Working on details. Identify students within class by Nov. 8, for 2nd trimester implement. Students may take High School entrance exam at end of year. MP, approx. 12 students would qualify to take test. Flipped classroom will support students at various levels. Math teacher will be available at recess, lunch, Study Hall. Future Math Programs will incorporate “compaction” Common Core via HS Guidelines.

MSW wants comps with other schools success in articulating to HS; would like to explore success and teaching methods.

MD questions on Algebra 1. MP requires 2 Chapters added back in. NICOLE MONTGOMERY (parent)- concerned about referring to it as accelerated Math; concerned about Flipped Learning; concerned about Math content.

CINDY BEERY (parent)- concerned about Teacher 3 levels within 1 class ; asked Board to review and compare math instruction from last year, 5 hours vs 8 hours last year.

MD makes a motion to approve articulation agreement with High School; JR 2nd; unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items- See Above

JB will be attending as many meetings as possible; JP asks how District Board is viewing Charter Board at this time. JB District is focused on Board trainings. Feels school serves vital role for community.

Adjourned 7:33