

Cannon River STEM School
Board of Directors
Thursday, April 14, 2011 7:00 PM
School Cafeteria

Present: Rob Hardy (sub-Chair), Deb Scheil, Chris Broden (CSP Grant Manager), Caren Putrah (Secretary), Julie Finnesgaard (Treasurer), Cheryl Freund, Nalani McCutcheon (Executive Director, *ex officio*)

Guests: Mike Poernich (BKDA), Heather Carlin (Parent), Jane Jirik (Staff), Ginger Kranz (Curriculum Development Coordinator)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Move Budget Revision and Budget Approval to after Finance Com. Report; Add Science Curriculum to discussion items. Approved minutes with added 'report given' to Finance Committee Report for March minutes. *Chris moved, Julie seconded, all approved*
- III. Public Comment: Heather Carlin would like bus company addressed about drop off points
- IV. Reports
 - a. Finance Committee Report (Mike): Strong cash balance; 75% of the way through the fiscal year; will receive federal title money in April
 - b. FY11 Budget Revision: Salary Increase
 1. Motion to approve working budget without salary increase. *Chris moved, Caren seconded, all approved*
 2. Motion to approve 3% increase in administrative salary. *Cheryl moved, Julie seconded, approved, in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest, Chris abstained*
 3. Motion to approve 3% increase to instructional salary. *Caren moved, Chris seconded, approved, in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest, Deb abstained*
 - c. FY12 Budget Approval: Motion to approve FY12 Budget. *Chris moved, Cheryl seconded, all approved*
 - d. Staff Report (Deb): Trying to identify and prescreen to be proactive with special educ. testing; Music preparing for concert (prairie theme); 6th grade doing fractions/percentages and flowers; 5th grade doing a play; 4th grade had a geological tour of River Bend Nature Center; 3rd grade was recording phonological events around campus; 2nd grade creating a field guide of spring wildflowers on campus; 1st grade hiking to find invertebrates, added new pets for the classroom; K doing a sunshine and shadows unit; 5 students going to the Mankato Science Fair on April 30

- e. Executive Director's Report (Nalani): We will be getting a teacher from China next year; Americorp Promise Fellow – providing additional academic and social support; Deb Scheil will be a Teacher on Special Assignment next year; New 5th grade teacher will be hired, Kindergarten teacher now on maternity leave.

V. Discussion Items

- a. Inclusive Education Program: Begin discussion of draft, getting community feedback, question brought up on how to get a broader diversity of students at the school.
- b. Science Curriculum: Begin reviewing science maps, give feedback to Ginger within 2 weeks

VI. Action Items

- a. BKDA Contract Approval: Discussion of increase; motion to approve new contract. *Chris moved, Julie seconded, approved, Cheryl opposed*
- b. Family and Medical Leave Policy Approval: Conflict of Interest, discuss and fix typos. *Chris moved, Caren seconded, all approved*
- c. Math Curriculum Approval: Motion to approve as reviewed. *Chris moved, Cheryl seconded, all approved*
- d. Chapter 4 Charter School Board Book Discussion (time permitting): omitted

VII. Adjournment: *Chris moved, Caren seconded, all approved*