

Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016 7:00 pm

Old Main, Den

- I. Call to Order
Dante called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm
Attendance:
Present-Nalani McCutcheon (Exofficio), Angela Rosendahl, Cheryl Wendt, Dante Hummel-Langerfeld, Sandy Larson, Vanessa Kuhlman, Marilyn Bongers, and Krista Ahlman
Guests-Kelly Krull (BKDA) and Deb Scheil

- II. Approval of Agenda and March Minutes
Nalani requested we amend the agenda with the addition of e. Reading Corps. Letter and F. Executive Director Review, two years have passed.
Cheryl motioned to approve the April Agenda as amended, Marilyn seconded, all approved.
Angela motioned to approve the March Minutes, Krista second, all approved.

- III. Public Comment
none

- IV. Reports
 - a. Finance Committee Report (Nalani/BKDA reps)
See attached report for details
 - b. Executive Director's Report (Nalani)
Staff planning: Cheryl Wendt will move into an Assistant Director position and we will be hiring a Special Ed Coordinator/Social Worker; Star Report complete; Chris Broden will complete the Lease Aid application again this year; MCA testing; SPED parent is contesting an IEP evaluation and we will be experiencing attorney fees during the legal process.
 - c. Curriculum Committee Report (Deb)
Earth Fair/Week, Service projects throughout the week with water testing and buck thorn tagging, etc.; Mapping – Layers have been added as you drill down in a subject to include integration across subjects, Worlds Best Workforce
 - d. Staff Report (Angela)
See attached report for details

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V. Discussion Items

a. ACNW FY15 Academic Review

Audubon will be bringing their charter Directors together to discuss this data and how it is reported. Details from the meeting will be reported afterwards.

b. Computer Coding Course for K-5 for FY17

Jason Soltis will not be returning full time as a classroom teacher next year. However, Jason will be working with K-5 to teach computer programming code.

c. FY17 Budget first review

d. May Board Meeting and Concert Conflict

May board meeting will take place on May 5th

e. Reading Corp

Letter to the editor to thank Vicki Jenson for her support and her continued future support to the program; the board would feel more comfortable if we reach out to Faribault Public Schools that participate in the program to join in the support to show appreciation

f. Executive Director Review (2 yrs. have past)

Dante will work with Shelly (as past board chair) to discuss past evaluation processes to bring a plan to the board for discussion and approval.

VI. Action Items

a. Approve plan for May Board Meeting rescheduling

Cheryl motioned to approve the May Board Meeting rescheduled date of May 5th, Marilyn seconded, all approved.

b. Approve 2015-16 calendar to include reflect a snow day on 3/24/16

Krista motioned to approve the 2015-2016 calendar to reflect the 3/24/16 snow date, Vanessa seconded, all approved.

c. Approve finance report

Sandy motioned to approve the finance report, Angela seconded, all approved.

d. Renew the designation of Nalani as Identified Individual with Authority for MDE

Marilyn motioned to designation of Nalani as the Identified Individual with Authority for MDE, Cheryl seconded, all approved.

VII. Adjournment

Angela motioned to adjourn, Sandy seconded, all approved.

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