

Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, December 8th, 2016 7:00 pm

Old Main, Den

I. Call to Order

Attendance:

Dante called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:01

Present – Nalani McCutcheon (Exofficio), Angela Rosendahl, Marilyn Bongers, Dante Hummel-Langerfeld, Krista Ahlman, Vanessa Kuhlman, Deni Buendorf, Sandy Larson

Missing –

Guests – Cora Packard, Cheryl Wendt, and Dan

II. Approval of Agenda and November Minutes

Krista motioned to approve the December Agenda, Vanessa seconded, all approved

Vanessa motioned to approve the November Minutes, Krista seconded, all approved

III. Public Comment

Dan introduced himself. He is from ACNW

IV. Reports

a. Finance Committee Report (Nalani)

b. Director's Reports (Nalani/Cheryl)

Cheryl: Developmental Assets profile-6th and 8th are done, 5th finished today and everyone else will finish up next week. 58 items on the survey, four different categories. So far data is showing 17% in thriving category as opposed to 14% in all of Faribault. More data to come as the surveys get finished. With 6th and 8th grades, alcohol and tobacco use questions included.

Nalani: The 4th graders have been selected to do the NAEP. 2nd grade students wrote "thank-yous" to Veterans and one of the letters was featured on the Bosch poster. We have been working on our school values as a staff in meetings.

c. Curriculum Committee Report (Cora)

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Reading P.E. and Health maps among 4 different readers; Art and Music to come later. Looking at Social Studies map-everything ready to go by May. Reading Corp-Nancy Bauer joined our team. Rearranging some paraprofessional schedules. Math teams and collaboration. Tanner and Cora went to a workshop regarding Math-how do we create good thinkers? Focused on Number and Operation for all grade levels. Teachers want to do peer observation. Each grade level band working together to create meaningful learning in Math. Equity seminar to come for Cora and Tanner. Reading assessment timeline re-visited by reading specialists. Science Fair coming up and report cards getting finished and ready to send out.

- d. Staff Report (Angela)
See attached for detailed report

V. Discussion Items

- a. Board Candidates for Election
2 members terms are up-Vanessa and Sandy. Sandy has decided to leave her position. Vanessa is willing to stay on. Robin Finke, father of 2 students is interested in joining and perhaps some sub-committees. No contested seats. We will use the approval ballot process.
- b. Annual Meeting planning
2nd Thursday in January. Student presentations, teachers present, the Board decided to continue to have students and teachers present. Snacks available.
- c. Board Governance Book – The Seven Outs: Strategic Planning Made Easy for Charter Schools
All will read the first 67 pages by January. New member will receive book in January.

VI. Action Items

- a. Approve Finance Committee Report
Marilyn motioned to approve the Finance Committee Report, Deni seconded, all approved

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VII. Adjournment

Angela motioned to adjourn, Marilyn seconded, all approved

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