

Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2018 7:00 pm

Old Main, Den

I. Call to Order

Angela Rosendahl called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:02 pm.

Present – Nalani McCutcheon (Exofficio), Angela Rosendahl, Deni Buendorf, Robin Finke, Michael Cross, Jessica Wiles

Missing – Dante Hummel-Langerfeld

Guests – Cora Packard, Cheryl Wendt, Kelly Rimpila (BKDA)

II. Approval of Agenda and January Minutes

Robin motioned to approve the agenda, Deni seconded, all approved.

Michael motioned to approve the January minutes with the correction to Deni Buendorf's name, Jessica seconded, all approved.

III. Public Comment

No Public Comment

IV. Reports

a. Developmental Asset Survey Results FY18 (Becky Ford)

b. Finance Committee Report (Nalani/BKDA reps)

c. Director's Report (Nalani & Cheryl)

Nalani – Annual Meeting was earlier this evening and parent information night.

Lottery is coming up in March. We're actively taking applications for next year and figuring out advertising. Getting the word out that we are taking

applications for next year is very helpful. In December I mentioned we were applying for a grant for the kitchen and we didn't get it. It was worth trying.

We'll try again next time. We finished NWEAs. We are preparing for MCAs.

We're firmly in that testing window. A lot of our time is being spent in transition planning. Cheryl and I have been actively working on the transition.

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Cheryl: Cora and I went to a symposium in Owatonna. Owatonna Public School hosted it and talked about how they were looking at incorporating STEM. We're going to go to a workshop later this month on discipline and charters. Again, with that transition planning, how do we want things to look. We're starting to think about celebrating our 10th year.

Discussions have been taking place on how we can get the word out about our school. There are misconceptions out there. We're trying to figure out different avenues on how to get the word out about our school. The Chamber is going to do a bizblast for us.

We met with educational leaders as they are looking at why the levy failed and steps moving forward.

d. Curriculum Committee Report (Cora)

Cora: I'm excited about testing. We're seeing some gains. Just finished our reading assessments, plus MAP scores, asking teachers what they are noticing and what the trends are. Focus has been on reading. Deb Scheil helped us with writing workshop. Both reading specialists have been doing training. They are going to do training with Northfield to get ideas to bring back. Please watch our video if you haven't seen it yet. I went to a workshop yesterday on coaching teachers and having discussions with them on becoming more proficient on problems in the classroom or to think through a curriculum plan. Science Fair, 4 students will be going to Mankato for the Regional Fair in 7th Grade. Workshop and Teacher workday is coming up.

e. Staff Report (Angela) (see attached)

V. Discussion Items

- a. Board Officers 2018-2019
- b. Board Governance
- c. 2018-2019 School Calendar first review

VI. Action Items

- a. Elect Board Officers for 2018-2019

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Michael motioned to elect board officers for 2018-2019, Robin seconded, all approved.

- b. Approve revision to FY18 School Calendar to reflect non-teacher snow day on 1/22 and non-student snow day on 1/23

Deni motioned to approve revision to FY17 School Calendar, Jessica seconded, all approved.

- c. Approve finance report

Robin motioned to approve the finance report, Deni seconded, all approved.

- d. Approve new hire Zach Devine for Special Ed Coordinator.

Deni motioned to approve new hire Zach Devine, Michael seconded, all approved.

VII. Adjournment

Angela motioned to adjourn, Robin seconded.

Adjourned at 8:29.

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