

## Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2018 7:00 pm

Old Main, Den

I. Call to Order

Dante called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:04 pm.

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

II. Approval of Agenda and February Minutes

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

Deni motioned to approve the February minutes, Jessica seconded, all approved.

III. Public Comment

No Public Comment

IV. Reports

a. Finance Committee Report (Nalani/BKDA reps)

b. Directors' Reports (Nalani & Cheryl)

Nalani – I-90 tax form is in process. It's going to be number one on the agenda next week. It'll be ready to approve next month. Audubon sent me a review/analysis of your board performance by going through your meeting minutes. They have asked us to publicly talk at a board meeting about the feedback. That'll go on the agenda next month. They have a criteria on which they rate our meetings and they take it from our notes. We may look at it and say we had these conversations but they weren't reflected in the minutes. Dayton proposed our school will get \$7,027. There will be specific things we can spend that money on but it may not do much for us in any category. Next Wednesday is the National School Walk-Out. It's being organized by the same group that organized the Women's March last year. The idea is that students would walk out at 10:00 for 17 minutes for the students killed in Florida. We have a plan that Cora will talk about later. It does have potential implications

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that we need to talk about. Cora will be clear about how we're going to frame it. Those are the 3 things that I had on my list.

Cheryl: A little over a week ago, Cora, Zach and I went to a workshop and it was presented by Laura Booth, Booth Law Firm. They gave us time to talk amongst ourselves and network. It did give us an opportunity to talk about where we want to see things in the future. Zach is very excited to start. He'll be here right after spring break. I'll invite him to the first board meeting.

It's been a weird week with leaving early on Monday, no school on Tuesday and early release on Wednesday. Yesterday's early release was good. We did training on homelessness. All staff need to understand homelessness and to know what to look for with the students.

There's been lots of talk about MCA testing. 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders will test on Chromebooks at the same time. Report cards were published on Tuesday.

c. Curriculum Committee Report (Cora – see attached)

Cora – Melissa Dobbs and I have been discussing the Walk-Out, what are the options and how can we encourage our youth to have the voice piece. Kids don't feel like they can do a whole lot, but how can we make them feel more empowered. Start at 9:15 in the cafeteria, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, maybe the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Opt in and with parent permission. Introduction, let them know this isn't about our stance, but an opportunity to let their voice be heard. We'll have a video and hear about why they're marching and about it being a peaceful protest. We'd like to have 2 stations set up, what makes schools safe, how is our school safe, are there ways to improve our safety. What are they feeling, are they feeling safe in our community. Another station is researching what the march is really about, understanding the reasons for the march. Both Melissa and I would be leading the conversations. They can write letters to our legislation and make posters. We'll be staying here on our campus for the march, closer to the middle school. After the march we'd like to have a reflection to talk about what they experienced and what we can do to move forward in feeling safe in our school community. We need to let parents know what this is about from the students' views.

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There was a lengthy discussion amongst the board members on the topic of the walk-out, pros/cons were discussed and the different scenarios that could happen with the walk-out.

It was decided that if a student decides to walk-out, their consequence would be giving up their recess time.

- d. Staff Report (Angela – see attached)
- V. Discussion Items
- a. 2018-19 School Calendar
  - b. Lottery De-Brief
  - c. Parent Satisfaction Survey results
  - d. Board Governance
- VI. Action Items
- a. Approve/reject revision to FY18 School Calendar to reflect snow day 3/6  
Robin motioned to approve revision to FY18 School Calendar to reflect snow day 3/6, Jessica seconded, all approved.
  - b. Approve/reject of 2018-19 Calendar  
Michael motioned to approve the 2018-2019 calendar, Angela seconded, all approved.
  - c. Approve/reject finance report  
Jessica motioned to approve the finance report, Deni seconded, all approved.
- VII. Adjournment
- Angela motioned to adjourn, Robin seconded.  
Adjourned at 8:59.

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