

Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2015 7:00 pm

School Cafeteria

I. Call to Order

Shelly called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Present – Shelly Cole, Angela Rosendahl, Vanessa Kuhlman, Nalani McCutcheon
Executive Director (exofficio), and Marilyn Bongers

Missing – Dante Hummel-Langerfeld, Sandy Larson

Guests – Deb Scheil, Jacob M. (6th grade student), and Kelly Kroll (BKDA)

II. Approval of Agenda and May Minutes

Marilyn motioned to approve the May Agenda changing item V.a. to read Ch 13,
Vanessa seconded, all approved.

Angela motioned to approve the April Minutes, Cheryl seconded, all approved.

III. Public Comment

Jacob M., CRSS 6th grader, was present to share an idea with the Board for their review. He would like to start a cultural study group that would allow students who wish to participate to learn about each other's religious preferences and practices. He suggested that the group would be held before or after the school time and, while it could be supervised by an adult, it would be directed by students. He also shared that they may consider doing the group during lunch and students could eat together during a separate time. He suggested that the group be reserved for 6-8 grade students because they have the same lunch and recess schedule. His idea would be to share about the group through word of mouth. Deb asked if there would be certain topics covered and Jacob said there would. He said he had not thought about how to inform parents or families about this group. Jacob hopes to start this group next school year.

IV. Reports

a. Finance Committee Report (Nalani)

Kelly reviewed the April Financial statement for the Board. Several questions were asked regarding particular expenditures and revenues, particularly the

Community Services Fund expenditures. All were answered to the Board's satisfaction.

b. Executive Director's Report (Nalani)

- Dashboard
- Lease aid application will be ready to submit after all forms are signed by Board members.
- Professional development: three staff attended the ELA cohort earlier this week. Several classes have been working with the Rice County Historical Society on field trips.
- Student Data: MCA testing is complete.
- Campus has been very busy with concerts, Grandfriend's Day, and field trips.
- 6th graders have been researching the cost and effectiveness of sound panels and have done a great job.

c. Curriculum Committee Report (Deb)

- Deb shared about some of the professional development that is happening. NWEA testing for second grade is happening next week. Staff have been processing how MCAs went and how to use the data when it comes in. Staff have been review the science and social studies maps.

d. Staff Report (Angela)

- See submitted report for detail.

V. Discussion Items

- a. Board Governance-Ch. 13 (Vanessa): Two Things that Really Matter: Student Performance and Finances. There was some discussion about having new Board members receive the finance education from BKDA so they become more familiar with our financial reports right when they start on the Board. Angela will be covering Ch. 14 next month.
- b. Audubon Goals: Nalani reviewed the new Audubon goals with the Board, discussing the measures under each of the seven goals.
- c. Language at CRSS: Nalani shared the Inclusive Education Program document, that demonstrates how the school is already including cultural education and experiences into student education. The Board discussed making additions and changes to strengthen this plan as a meaningful way to answer the loss of the Chinese special.

VI. Action Items

a. Approve FY16 Budget

- Marilyn motioned to approve, Cheryl seconded, all approved

- b. Approval of Audubon contract items
 - Angela motioned to approve, Vanessa seconded, all approved
- c. Approve finance report
 - Cheryl motioned to approve, Marilyn seconded, all approved

VII. Adjournment

Vanessa motioned to adjourn, Angela seconded, all approved, 9:28 pm.

