

## Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 pm

Old Main, Den

### I Call to Order

Krista Ahlman called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:00

Present: Nalani McCutcheon (Exofficio), Angela Rosendahl, Marilyn Bongers, Krista Ahlman, Deni Beundorf, Robin Finke

Missing: Danta Hummel-Langerfield

Guests: Cheryl Wendt, Cora Packard, Kelly Rimpila (BKDA), Todd Sesker, Andi Johnson

### II. Approval of Agenda and September Minutes

Marilyn motioned to approve the Agenda with the addition of the Athletic Participation Agreement and the Letter of Support for Levy, Robin seconded, all approved.

Correction to the September Minutes - Marilyn was not at the meeting.

Angela motioned to approve the September minutes with the correction, Deni seconded, all approved.

### III. Public Comment

Levy Committee for Faribault Public Schools, Todd Sesker and Andi Johnson

### IV. Reports

a. Finance Committee Report (Nalani/BKDA reps) (See Attached)

b. Directors' Reports (Nalani & Cheryl)

Nalani: Thank you for the card and for the extra time off over the time of my mom's death.

That's greatly appreciated. I'm still working to get back into the swing of things.

The state requires that all districts within the state test all of the drinking fountains and water facilities for lead in the next three years. We decided to test everything this first year right away. We tested all of our fountains and sinks that students would be drinking from. We ended up with an odd assortment of 6 or 7 taps that came back with lead levels of concern. We are doing a flushing program of flushing 3 minutes in the morning and 3 minutes mid-day. We'll test them again. None of our drinking fountains were at high levels, but some of the sinks were high. One of those sinks was in the kitchen. We are replacing fixtures in that sink. We're still in the investigation stage. Flushing program will continue until they come back and test to see if it takes care of the lead problems.

School Collaborations - We've had more conversations than ever about our schools working together.

I'm in the process of writing the annual report, which you'll get to read next month.

Cheryl: We're almost done with NWEA testing. We need to finish it up for conferences next week. We've had a good start to the school year.

We have almost all of our staff in place. Marcy Goss is still in our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade position. We're hoping to get her back into Title as soon as possible.

We had a successful barbecue open house this year. We focused on being outside and introduced the five values to our families. We'd like to do it again next year.

c. Curriculum Committee Report (Cora) (See Attached)

d. Staff Report (Angela)

Angela: Last month I talked about the first six weeks and setting up routines and that's still happening. I asked for some STEM focused items. Each class went for a hike in some of the zones. All of the staff has their special spot and all grades have been visiting those throughout September as well. Sixth grade is starting their field trips and first grade went to the Arboretum in Chaska.

Stem journals – Lots of observations are being made: trees, wildlife, birds. We're just setting the stage for year-long learning.

Kinders – They are bringing back Green Sneakers and are collecting shoes again.

Third grade - Collecting compost.

Seventh/Eighth grades - Making maps of campus for all of us to use.

V. Discussion Items

- a. Student Achievement: Data Review
- b. Board Governance

VI. Action Items

- a. Approval of Finance Report  
Angela motioned to approve the Finance Report, Marilyn seconded, all approved
- b. Approval of Athletic Participation Agreement  
Marilyn motioned to approve the Athletic Participation Agreement, Deni seconded, all approved
- c. Approval of Letter of Support for Levy  
Angela motioned to approve the Letter of Support for Levy, Robin seconded, all approved

VII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:40

***At Cannon River STEM School, adults and children alike aspire to become excellent questioners, able to investigate the world with confidence and character. We are a K-8 public charter school in Faribault, MN with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math. Cannon River STEM School's mission is to foster each student's innate curiosity and joy of discovery. We prepare students to become excellent questioners, scientific thinkers, and responsible citizens, who are able to contribute to the world with confidence and character. We achieve this through student-centered, collaborative and experiential learning, with an emphasis on the environment as an integrating context.***