

Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 13th, 2016 7:00 pm

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- I. Call to Order
Dante called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:00pm
Attendance:
Present – Nalani McCutcheon (Exofficio), Angela Rosendahl, Dante Hummel-Langerfeld, Vanessa Kuhlman, Marilyn Bongers, Krista Ahlman, and Deni Buendorf
Missing – Sandy Larson
Guests – Cora Packard, Cheryl Wendt, Kelly Rimple (BKDA) and Dennis Hoogeveen (CLA)

- II. Approval of Agenda and September Minutes
Marilyn motioned to approve the October Agenda with the addition of VI. c.
Approval of New Hires, Krista seconded, all approved.
Krista motioned to approve the September Minutes, Angela seconded, all approved.

- III. Public Comment
none

- IV. Reports
 - a. Finance Committee Report (Nalani/BKDA reps)
 - i. FY16 Audit Report (CLA representative)
David reports that CLA has awarded us an unmodified opinion for the Annual Audit
 - b. Directors' Reports (Nalani & Cheryl)
First six weeks of school, new hire of Kasey David as our Meal Programs Coordinator, NWEA testing for 2nd - 8th graders will finish next week, Conferences coming up next week, Book Fair will be open during conferences, 4th – 8th will take the Development Assets Profile (DAP) after MEA, DAP training with Shelly

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Cole during staff meetings (x2), Cheryl, Lauren and Cora will attend an RC conference in Washington DC in two weeks.

c. Curriculum Committee Report (Cora)

Developmental Assets Profile Training, All School Expectations Convention, River Bend Nature Center Intern – Elsa Litecky, Literacy Night, Pancake Breakfast, Responsive Classroom seminar, Positive Teacher Attention seminar, Google Docs training, Acellus Online training, NWEA testing will be completed next week. Looking forward to Parent/Teacher conferences, Fall Festival, Responsive Classroom Training in Washington for Lauren, Cheryl and Cora and MEA break

d. Staff Report (Angela)

See board packet for report

V. Discussion Items

a. Student Achievement: Data Review

b. Annual Report preview

An electronic copy of the annual report will be emailed for board members to approve

c. Board involvement at school functions/teacher engagement

Ways for board member to be more involved with school and staff (after school meet the board event, thank you notes from the board members, donuts in the morning with a board picture, personal holiday notes of appreciation, add board members to newsletter distribution list, board members stop in to spend time with a group of kids, Deni could spend time at a staff meeting to promote the library, board email blurb for each member due to Ashley by next meeting in November.

d. Board Governance plan for year

Nalani will research books to navigate board governance

VI. Action Items

a. Approval of the FY16 Audit

Marilyn motioned to approve the FY16 Audit, Angela seconded, all approved.

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b. Approval of Finance Report

Vanessa motioned to approve the Financial Report, Deni seconded, all approved.

c. Approval of New Hires – Cassie Spartz-Para, Tiffany Kohout-Para and Kasey David-Meal Programs Coordinator

Krista motioned to approve the New Hires, Marilyn seconded, all approved.

VII. Adjournment

Angela motioned to adjourn, Vanessa seconded, all approved.

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