

Cannon River STEM School

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2015 7:05 pm

Old Main, Den

I. Call to Order

Attending: Marilyn Bongers, Shelly Cole, Dante Hummel-Langerfeld, Vanessa Kuhlman, Sandy Larson, Nalani McCutcheon – Executive Director (ex-officio), Cheryl Wendt

Guests: Deb Scheil and Kelly Kroll, BKDA

II. Approval of Agenda and March Minutes

Marilyn motioned to approve the April Agenda, Sandy seconded, all approved
Cheryl motioned to approve the March Minutes with changes, Vanessa seconded, (strike Deb Scheil from the attendance record), all approved

Dante motioned to amend the approved April Agenda, Marilyn seconded, add approval of FY 15 calendar (6.E.), all approved

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Reports

a. Finance Committee Report (Nalani/BKDA reps)

b. Executive Director's Report (Nalani)

See dashboard.

- Chris Broden will be completing the Lease Aide application again this year. We continue to appreciate our landlord, Shattuck St. Mary's for the lease that we have.

- E-Rate program is underway thanks to a volunteer, Nicky Carlson for getting that plan started. We look forward to seeing what the rebate will look like.

- Audubon goals: Nalani spoke with Audubon about creating new goals for us that align with MDE goals and also with our mission.

- Yang Yang, Chinese teacher has accepted an opportunity in a Chinese emersion school in Minneapolis. We have not chosen to complete an application for a Chinese teacher for the 2015-16 school year. The Board will continue to discuss how to proceed, with input from school personnel.

- c. Curriculum Committee Report (Deb)
 - Specials Night – Art, Music and Phy Ed staff presented work that students had been doing this year and engaged families in activities.
 - Promise Fellow – We have secured a spot for the 2015-16 school year. Board members were encouraged to reach out to anyone they might know that would be interested in such a position.
 - Earth Day Celebrations – The Lorax performance, Everybody Out afternoon of service, Earth Day Fair to include vendors that share with the students.
 - Summer School - K-3rd graders invitation will be sent to Title I students and then by invitation, 4th – 7th graders will be invited based on test scores.
- d. Staff Report (Nalani)
 - MCA testing continues.

V. Discussion Items

- a. FY16 Budget first review
 - See handout for presented budget for preview
 - Questions about the budget should be presented to Nalani by 4/24
- b. Extended student absence policy
 - MDE recommends any policy be broad enough to encompass more than just specific academic program
 - The board has decided not to make a policy at this time. CRSS will continue to follow State guidelines on extended absences.

VI. Action Items

- a. FY15 Revised Budget
 - Marilyn motion to approve the FY15 revised budget, Sandy seconded, all approved
- b. Approve 2015-16 calendar
 - Cheryl motioned to approve the 2015-16 calendar, Dante seconded, all approved
- c. Approve finance report
 - Dante motioned to approve the finance report, Vanessa seconded, all approved
- d. Designate Nalani as Identified Individual with Authority for MDE
 - Vanessa motioned Nalani as Identified Individual with Authority for MDE, Marilyn seconded, all approved
- e. Approval FY15 calendar revision
 - Dante motioned to approve FY15 calendar revision to include March 23rd as a non-student day, Sandy seconded, all approved

VII. Adjournment

Vanessa motioned to adjourn, Marilyn seconded, all approved