

## **Cannon River STEM School**

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2018 7:00 pm

Old Main, Den

- I. Call to Order

Angela called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 7:02 pm  
Present – Cheryl Wendt (ex-officio), Michael Cross, Robin Finke, Jessica Wiles, Deni Buendorf  
Absent- Dante Hummel-Langerfeld  
Guests – Rhiannon (Audubon), Cora Packard
- II. Approval of Agenda and August Minutes

Robin motioned to approve the agenda, Michael seconded, all approved.  
Deni motioned to approve the August minutes, Jessica seconded, all approved.
- III. Public Comment – No Public Comment
- IV. Reports
  - a. Finance Committee Report (Cheryl)

Cheryl walked the board through the finance report. Mike Pocrnich was not present. Looking at the summary, everything is looking solid. The Title I application was just completed, so we'll be finding out about that soon. It's about \$10,000 more than last year, so we'll have more resources perhaps.  
The supply budget is pretty common because at the start of the year we equip our teachers with their needs.
  - b. Academic Data (ACNW – Rhiannon) – (See Attached Data)

Rhiannon walked the board through the academic data and discussed the 2016/2017 school year. The FY18 data will be available in the next couple of months.  
The question was raised to Rhiannon, what are some math models that other successful charter schools use. Noble Academy in Brooklyn Center is exceeding the state by a significant amount. It would be worth reaching out to them to see what they're doing differently. It's how you are watching your data and going back and adjusting and making sure you catch the gaps.
  - c. Director's Reports (Cheryl)

Cheryl – We've had a great start to our school year. We started with workshop week with our entire staff. Two of our board members joined us for lunch. I'm encouraging our staff this year to grow as learners. We established lead teacher roles. We also did "What Color Is Your Personality" quiz to find out what colors our staff is composed of and each staff member got a colored lanyard to match their personality.  
All of our students were here the first day of school. The buses are an issue. We have a lot more kids using Faribault Transportation. We need an extra bus.

Someone from transportation came and watched the situation. He rode with that third bus and saw what it was like at the other elementary school. We're trying to address the issue.

We're having breakfast served in the cafeteria and that's going very well. Teachers are loving it. Compost is running at breakfast as well. Stephanie, our naturalist, is doing a terrific job with composting. Kindergarten may need help with picking up their compost from an older class.

d. Curriculum Committee Report (Cora) (See attached)

Cora walked the board through her report.

e. Staff Report (Angela)

Responsive Classroom Design - go slow to go fast. Classrooms are setting up their routines and expectations. Students are determining their hopes and dreams. We also started talking about classroom rules. Each class comes up with 3 rules that they would like to have. Everyone has their 3 rules and then 2 class representatives that will come to the all school expectations convention. From that comes taking a break and taking a break outside the classroom. All of this is modeled really well in the first few weeks.

Specials have started so we're navigating the campus. 6 through 8 are doing more academic work as opposed to the younger classes. It's just folding in the academics as you go along each week.

V. Discussion Items

a. Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition

Changes were made to this policy as discussed at the August board meeting.

b. Open Board Position Follow Up

There was a board recruitment flyer created and it was intended to be passed out at the Burger Fry. Someone has contacted Dante with interest. Cheryl mentioned the opening to a prospective parent and that parent may be interested.

We have a seat opening up in January. The board had discussed this at the last meeting and we were waiting for more discussion. The board was going to see if other schools had a by-law about family members of previous directors being on the board. Is it a conflict of interest? Maybe the by-law shouldn't be directed towards one particular position. Is there a problem with setting up a by-law for a 12 month period?

Some members do feel that it doesn't feel right in terms of protecting the best interest of the school as well to have a family member of a previous director on the board. Angela will research the by-laws of other schools.

c. Board Governance

Angela and Dante will contact the schools in Bemidji and Minneapolis for dates to visit them this fall. Robin and Mike have agreed to visit Bemidji. Dante and/or Angela will visit Minneapolis.

d. ACNW Leaders Retreat

November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> is the retreat. As a discussion item moving forward, could board members attend those dates? Cheryl would like to know by the October board meeting.

The retreat is designed for boards to come away with something they can use in their schools. It is geared at what schools missions and visions are and how are they accomplishing

that. It's geared towards boards heavily on Saturday. How do boards evaluate themselves? How do schools evaluate themselves. The focus this year is how do the adults create an environment of continued growth. What do we do as adults to make sure we're continually learning and adapting.

e. October 5<sup>th</sup> Calendar Adjustment/Early Release

All schools that use transportation are getting released an hour and 40 minutes early so kids can go to the homecoming parade. There's a letter going out to parents saying childcare will be open to Kids World at 3 sites. You have to preregister.

VI. Action Items

a. Approve/Reject Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition

Robin motioned to approve Policy 514, Deni seconded, all approved.

b. Approve/Reject Finance Committee Report

Michael motioned to approve the finance committee report, Jessica seconded, all approved.

c. October 5<sup>th</sup> Calendar Adjustment

Deni motioned to approve the Calendar Adjustment, Robin seconded, all approved.

VII. Adjournment

Deni motioned to adjourn, Jessica seconded, all approved.

Adjourned at 8:24 pm.