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Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Attendees: Sonja Berven, Jennifer Weber, Kristen Mandt, Anaji Shuna, Walt Stull, Abdirahman Alishire, Kara Gaffy, Brad Gangnon

- Call to Order: Sonja Berven called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.
- Approval of the Agenda:
  - Jennifer Weber motions to approve the agenda with flexibility.
  - Kristen Mandt seconds.
  - Motion carries unanimously.
- Approval of the Minutes
  - Kristen Mandt motions to approve the February minutes with changes and additions.
  - Anaji Shuna seconded the motion.
  - Motion carries unanimously.
- Board Updates
  - The Policy Governance Model and the Role of the Board Member -  
Tabled to April meeting
- Committee Reports
  - Mission Committee--(S. Berven)  
Tabled to April meeting
  - PTO Policy Committee--(K. Mandt & J. Weber)  
Tabled to April meeting
  - Executive Director Selection Committee--(S. Berven, J. Weber, & B. Hamlin)
    - Anaji Shuna made the motion to approve hiring timeline and staff survey
    - Kristen Mandt seconded
    - Motion carries unanimously
- Director's Report
  - Student enrollment/recruitment – See attachment
  - Bush Foundation Major Initiatives grant—Brad Gangnon

Presentation of the work Brad Gangnon, Walt Stull and Sonja Berven have done for the Bush Foundation Major Initiatives grant. Handouts: The Extended Day Streams Outline of program.

- School update – See attachment
  - SY 2015-2016 budget draft—priorities and feedback
    - Walt Stull and Kara Gaffy will review the presented and reformulate budgets for board review at the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting that include 2% raises instead of 3%.
  - Walt Stull will send an e-mail with the rest of the director’s report.
- Old Business
    - Community Member appointment  
School Board Community Member Interview – Mohamed Farah  
School Board Community Member Interview – Wali Dirie
      - Jennifer Weber made a motion that the board appoint Mohamed Farah for the School Board Community Member
      - Kristen Mandt seconds motion.
      - Motion carries unanimously.
- New Business
    - Monthly financial report for January 2015
      - Both revenues and expenditures have been received and spent in accordance with the current point of the year.
      - The school’s working budget shows a projected negative balance of \$65,258 from operations.
      - The food service fund’s loss continues to grow each month. The overall loss from operations in January was \$9,119, 70% of revenues.
        - Sonja Berven motioned to accept the financial report and Walt Stull to report back in April on details of the food service budget excluding the salaries of the food service employees and staff lunches.
        - Anaji Shuna 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
    - IRS Form 990--6/30/2014
      - Jennifer Weber made a motion to approve IRS Form 990
      - Abdirahman Alishire seconds motion
      - Motion carries unanimously
    - Recommendation for employee termination
      - Sonja Bervin motions to approve Mr. Stull’s recommendation for employee termination.
      - Anaji Shuna seconds motion.
      - Motion carries unanimously

- Recommendation for employee hire
    - Kristen Mandt makes a motion to approve Walt Stull's recommendation to hire Tim Goetzke as a .2 FTE Special Education teacher for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.
    - Jennifer Weber seconds the motion
    - Motion carries unanimously
  - Recommendation for change in policy 5.5 (Employee Handbook)  
Tabled to April's meeting
- Extending March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 board meeting
  - At 6:00 pm Kristen Mandt made a motion to extend the board meeting to 6:15 pm.
  - Sonja Berven seconds motion
  - Motion carries unanimously
- Extending April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 board meeting
  - Jennifer Weber makes a motion to extend the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting by one hour.
  - Kristen Mandt seconds the motion
  - Motion carries unanimously
- Board Secretary Resignation
  - Kristen Mandt made a motion to accept Becky Hamlin's resignation as board secretary
  - Anaji Shuna seconds the motion
  - Motion carries unanimously
- Extending March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 board meeting for second time
  - At 6:15 pm Sonja Berven made a motion to extend the board meeting to 6:25 pm.
  - Anaji Shuna seconds motion
  - Motion carries unanimously
- Appointment New Board Secretary
  - Jennifer Weber made a motion to appoint Kristen Mandt as the new board secretary
  - Sonja Berven seconds motion
  - Motion carries unanimously
- Appointment New Board Vice Chairperson

Tabled to the April meeting

- Adjournment
  - Jennifer Weber made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm
  - Anaji Shuna seconds motion
  - Motion carries unanimously

Attachment of Director's Report – Sent via e-mail March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by Walt Stull

1. Student Enrollment/Recruitment – enrollment is currently 155 total with 139 in K-8 and 16 in Pre-K. Brochures have been distributed to Brian Coyle, Franklin Library, and PPL. I will be distributing more this week. I have been in contact with Fine Associates who are building the apartments between Riverside Plaza and Brian Coyle. Sometime in April I will meet with them, provide a tour of the school and they will provide our brochure to prospective tenants.

2. Parking Update – I have continued working with the Sherman people. It may be difficult to put something in the lease, but I will continue that approach. I have been trying to set up a meeting to discuss it.

3. Charter School Day at the Capitol – I did attend and had good meeting with the legislators from the district the school is in as well as those from my home district. I spoke with them encouraging them to vote for small school funding to go to charters since it already goes to traditional public schools. This is a bill being considered. Something else that will probably come out of committee to be voted on is school Desegregation and Integration being required for charters. This would have a very negative affect on charters so that was something else I addressed. Finally I spoke to them about the basic inequity in funding that charters receive. Kara has done some research and in the 2014 school year CRCS received \$0 from local taxes and Minneapolis received \$77.7 million which is over \$2200 per ADM. This year we are receiving \$15,000, but that only amounts to \$95 per ADM. Overall, Minneapolis has revenues per ADM of \$15,329 and CRCS has revenues of \$14,177 per ADM. That is a difference of \$1,152 per ADM which means we could be receiving over \$161,000 more in revenue.

4. Neighborhood Collaboration – The Cedar, Mixed Blood Theatre, Brian Coyle, CRCS, RPTA, West Bank Community Coalition, and West Bank Business Association have met to begin working together in the community. Much of this is in response to potential funding from the federal government and foundations. This has developed because of an effort to start a pilot program in the Twin Cities, Boston, and Los Angeles to provide more activities for youth to prevent radicalization. The Cedar Riverside area is a prime area for this to happen. We met with Angella LaTour from the U.S. Attorney's Office here in Minneapolis and she has requested plans and funding needs. We are submitting what we planned for the 21st Century grant this year that hopefully will be covered by foundations. This is an initial submission with the idea that we will work more closely with the other organizations to come up with more comprehensive plans for the Cedar Riverside neighborhood that can be funded with federal funds. This is tied to the delegation that went to Washington D.C. a couple of weeks ago.

5. Swedish Delegation – There is not much to report here. This was the Swedish Public Television Station doing a report on the Cedar Riverside neighborhood. They filmed some things here at school, but most of what they ended up reporting was the neighborhood outside the school.