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Minutes
Board of Directors Special Meeting
July 8, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: Sonja Berven, Hannah Lodge, Jennifer Van Haften, and Janet Youngers

Board Members Absent: Abdullahi Alibarre

Regular Attendees and Invited Guests: Bert Strassburg, Fadli Mohamed, Craig Kepler (Best & Flanagan, LLP), Emily Edstrom Moore (PUC), & Antonio Cardona (PUC)

NOTE--Due to COVID-19 global pandemic, Board meeting was held via ZOOM (audio & video electronic format)

1. Call to Order
 - a. S. Berven called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
 - b. S. Berven took roll call for attendance and all votes during the meeting.
2. Reading of the Vision, Mission, and Values
 - a. Read aloud by J. Van Haften.
3. Old Business
 - a. Strategic Planning Committee
 - i. School rebranding
 1. Discussed report of parent feedback.
 2. Report showed that one parent meeting was attended by parents and community members. Feedback on changing the school's name was that those in attendance were not in favor of the change. Those in attendance represented four parents of CRCS students. Three people claimed to be community members, but there is question as to whether or not they are from the Cedar Riverside community.
 3. No voicemails or emails were received with feedback from parents regarding changing the school's name.
 4. All parents were called for their input, but only 42% responded to the calls and gave their feedback.
 5. 29% of all families were in favor of changing the name, 6% were not in favor, and 4% had no opinion.
 6. CRCS staff were also sent a survey to gather their input on a name change. 48% of staff responded to the survey. Of those that responded, 82% were in favor of changing the name.
 7. Discussed the number of parents we were able to hear from directly and there is concern that with less than 50% of parents having the opportunity to weigh in on such a large decision, we do not have a good enough understanding of how the majority of parents feel about the change. The data collected does seem promising that the majority of parents would support such a change, but more data would need to be collected and more parents contacted.
 8. Recommended to leave the school's name as Cedar Riverside Community School and focus on the strategic plan.

9. J. Youngers motioned to delegate to the Strategic Planning Committee to propose to the Board the next steps in the strategic planning process.

10. J. Van Haften seconded.

11. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

a. Letter from Pillsbury United Communities

i. Board received a Notice of Concern from PUC on June 29, 2020 requesting a commitment to not retaliate against any complainant and for staffing data for the past two years.

ii. Board members expressed concern with statements and claims PUC made in their letter.

iii. Mr. Kepler suggested discussing only the items the letter asked for.

iv. No discussion regarding the items PUC requested in the June 29th letter or Mr. Kepler's drafted letter of response.

v. S. Berven read statement stating no Board member or CRCS staff would retaliate against any complainant.

vi. J. Van Haften motioned to approve the statement regarding retaliation.

vii. J. Youngers seconded.

viii. Motion passed unanimously.

ix. J. Youngers motioned to approve Mr. Kepler's letter as response to PUC on behalf of the CRCS Board.

x. J. Van Haften seconded.

xi. Motion passed unanimously.

xii. J. Youngers motioned to name the Policy Committee as the liaison between the Board and PUC.

xiii. J. Van Haften seconded.

xiv. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn Meeting

a. Next Board meeting will be on July 16, 2020 at 4:30 PM. The meeting will take place via Zoom unless notified otherwise.

b. J. Van Haften motioned to adjourn.

c. H. Lodge seconded.

d. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.