

Schoolcraft Learning Community
Board Meeting
10-15-02
6:00 PM
Paris

Attendance:

A Ken Grantier _P_ Lisa Graefe _P_ Kent Nerburn
P Cathy Cravens _P_ Mark Shanfeld _P_ Hilary Phukan
P Melanie Nelson _A_ Kris Kolar _P_ Frank Moe

Staff Present: Scott Anderson, Shar Paquette, Rita Fauchald, Gerry Hoyum, Barb Houg

Guests: Mary Carlson, Ann Hayes

1. Call to Order - Reading - Frank Moe
2. Guests/Delegations - Ann Hayes: representing the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra - looking for a collaboration to be able to hire a symphony conductor. Frank moved that we empower Scott to further explore these options suggested. Melanie seconded. Discussion followed. Lisa stressed that as a school we need to have a plan of what we want to see happen in the arts program. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Preview of Agenda - Scott
4. Request to remove topic(s) from consent agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of September 17, 2002 meeting
 - b. Current bills and checks
 - c. Test Score Comparisons
 - d. Oct. 3rd/4th Site Visit Report
 - e. E-Rate funding award
 - f. ELOB costs for 2003-04
 - g. 4th/5th grade brochure from last year: the brochure will be presented publicly to the Bemidji Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:45 AM
 - h. donations - Dennis Yost computers; Bemidji Clinic donated a microscope to Jim's class; Melanie had thousands of dollars in stickers donated by Creative Memories; Jerry Paquette arranged for IBM to donate a laptop computer to Schoolcraft.

Some discussion ensued about the consent agenda. Kent and Melanie thought that our costs for ELOB would go down, but with the level of services staying relatively the same. Scott will check into it with Jeanne next week when she

comes.

Lisa moved to accept the consent agenda, Hilary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business

a. MSSBA Fall Area Meeting report - Kris Kolar - **this moved to November agenda

b. Lease Review - selection of committee in November - the gym has been taken out of the lease. Melanie asked about lease aid for next year. Read through and be ready to discuss at the November board meeting.

c. Trek North letter and board response - Cathy suggested we ask both groups to come and present to us. Melanie agreed. Lisa suggested that we could host an evening about charter schools. Kent suggested that we hold off the community evening until both schools get approved. Cathy moved that when we get information on both schools, that we would host an Educational options night for the Bemidji community. Frank seconded. Motion carried. Kent abstained.

Frank moved that we respond to Trek North informing them of our decision, and also send a letter to Voyageurs High School. Cathy seconded. Motion carried. Kent abstained.

d. Rita - insurance policy update - \$10,721.00 premium this year, which was actually less than was budgeted. MSBA covers 95% of the districts in Minnesota. \$6,400 premium paid out for workman's comp. Rita mentioned the cost of additional liability insurance. Lisa moved that we approve the insurance policies that Rita presented. Cathy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cathy brought up the questions of domestic partner coverage information. Rita has not yet checked with Tim Lucas. Did we ever investigate going with ELOB insurance for health insurance? Rita will check into it.

7. Old Business

a. Board update - November agenda - Retreat is scheduled for November 23rd at Kohl's last resort. 8:30-3:30 tentative schedule. Dennis Montgomery will be talking with Scott and Kent about the schedule for the day.

i. Questions - follow-up to World CafÉ: Lisa thanked Barb for the recap of the afternoon.

b. Rita mentioned that CFL will be here for our annual visit on Friday, October 25th.

8. Questions/Other

a. PAC financial statements 2000-01, 2001-02; Kent asked whether we could have a presentation by the PAC quarterly to give the board insight into what they have been doing. Lisa moved that we include the PAC minutes in the consent agenda and that would suffice. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Vicki Ross-Rhoades letter - concerned parent opinion: Scott will acknowledge the receipt of the letter and we will take the concerns into consideration at our

Board training. We should also say we are pursuing it with relevant CFL/MACS personnel.

c. Frank Moe moved to rescind the last election of officers due to lack of pertinent information being presented prior to the voting. Mark Shanfeld seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion denied - 4 votes against, 2 votes for, 1 abstained.

9. Adjournment - Melanie moved to adjourn, Cathy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shar Paquette