

Schoolcraft Learning Community  
School Board Meeting Agenda  
1-20-2004 Paris  
6:00 pm

"UNAPPROVED"

Call to Order - Kris Kolar called the meeting to order.

Attendance

\_X\_Kent Nerburn      \_X\_Ken Grantier      \_X\_Kris Kolar  
\_X\_Greg Moen      \_X\_Jim Conway  
\_X\_Gerry Hoyum      \_X\_Lisa Graefe

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

Guests: Rachel DenHartog

Opening Reading: Ken

Kris Kolar thanked Lisa Graefe and Barb Houg for all their hard work at last weekend's board training.

Guests and delegations - 5 minutes each, 30 minutes total - no requests

Request to remove/add topic(s) from Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from December 16, 2003 meeting
2. Current Bills and Checks
3. Press release updates
4. Healthy Community/Healthy Kids letter
5. Outward Bound Summer Scholarships

Kent Nerburn moved to pass the consent agenda. Jim Conway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. ELOB training - Sarasota, FL - Heidi Lindseth is scheduled to attend the Power of Literacy seminar
  - a. Gerry Hoyum moved to approve Heidi's travel out of state. Ken Grantier seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  2. Kitselman Grant acceptance - Lisa Graefe moved to accept the grant. Greg Moen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  3. Greg Moen mentioned a PADI grant that he applied for to pay for his class to get certified in SCUBA.

Committee Reports

1. Finance - Rita Fauchald - some slight changes in the budget - finance committee has already reviewed.
  - a. Lisa Graefe moved that we approve the proposed changes in the FY 03-04 budget. Jim Conway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. PAC - Shar Paquette - PAC donated \$4,300 to SLC for fieldwork/expedition work. PAC will be incorporating an educational component to future meetings.

Old Business

1. Review of board retreat and what comes next.

Barb distributed a summary report of the board training and outlined the following recommendations to more fully become a results-oriented board, based on the Policy Governance model:

\* Align SLC documents with model

It was decided that by June of this year the staff handbook and the family handbook be reviewed and changed to reflect the new policies.

\* Identify which ends policies to begin working on and have them completed this summer.

Barb will be an observer as Miriam Carver assists ARTech, a Northfield charter school, in development of their policies at the end of January. She will bring to the Schoolcraft board some of the concepts and procedures utilized to assist in determining ends (broad outcomes), including how to obtain input from the owners (the parents, students, staff and community).

\* Change structure of meetings

Some of our board meetings involve decisions that are best made by staff and do not require board approval. Those decisions that do require approval by law could be placed on the consent agenda so board members are meeting legal requirements but not intervening in matters that are not board matters. Purely informational topics do not require board action and thus do not need to be a part of the "business" part of the meeting. However, it was agreed that continuing to be informed about "happenings" at the school is important to the board feeling connected. Thus, the meetings will begin with an informal session at 6:00 p.m. (limited to a half-hour) to share information from the Director, staff and other members of the community.

\* Establish a board calendar to monitor policy etc.

Again, we will be able to establish our calendar more easily with a template from ARTech.

\* Inform the SLC community about the Policy Governance model

Barb agreed to write a newsletter article and present information at a future PAC meeting. It would probably be important to have this information discussed with Schoolcraft staff as well. A plan for this could be decided on at the February meeting if it has not been addressed prior to that.

It was also discussed that this model might appear as if it is distancing the board from parents and the other stakeholders because specific parental concerns will generally be directed to the staff as they are usually operational matters. There was agreement that it will be important for the staff to develop a grievance procedure to be in compliance with the policy that requires a clear process to those who believe they have not been accorded a reasonable interpretation of their rights. There will also be information shared during the next board meeting regarding how to include the various stakeholders in the school in helping to determine broad goals.

Feb. agenda items:

We need to get ready for this year's elections: terms that are up: Ken Grantier, Kris Kolar, Greg Moen, Kent Nerburn, and Frank Moe's open seat.

Ken Grantier moved to adjourn. Lisa Graefe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette