

Schoolcraft Learning Community
School Board Meeting Minutes
07-15-03 Oak Hall 2nd floor
6:00 pm

Call to Order - Kris called the meeting to order. Asked for an update regarding Julia Plum's recovery. Ken stated that there has been progress, but still too early to tell the outcome.

Attendance

_X_Kent Nerburn _X_Ken Grantier _X_Kris Kolar
_X_Greg Moen _X_Jim Conway _X_Frank Moe
_X_Gerry Hoyum _X_Lisa Graefe

Staff Present: Rita Fauchald, Scott Anderson, Shar Paquette

Advisor Present: Barb Houg

Opening Reading: Frank Moe - postponed until next meeting

Question/Comments - 5 minutes each - 30 minutes total - none made

Request to remove topic(s) from Consent Agenda - none made

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from June 17, 2003 meeting
2. Current Bills and Checks
3. Test result comparisons/newsletter
4. ELOB site visit report from June
5. Meet the Commissioner date - August 19th - could someone be in attendance?
Send Scott a note - Scott is planning on going.

Lisa Graefe moved to approve the consent agenda. Frank Moe seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Review Staff/Family Handbooks - Scott would like a one-hour ? meeting to establish if there are any needed changes to these...and present them to the board in August. Kris wondered if we should run it by Steve Young. Scott stated that he could do this. Barb thought that we may want to include a "parent compact" in the family handbook. Scott will poll staff/board members to see who might be interested in this "committee".
2. Greg Moen Licensure application - need to request a variance to apply for an "Experimental Program" license. Does not require board action at this time.
 - a. See enclosed application form
 - b. Kent suggested we contact Steve Dess for assistance with the entire licensure issue with no variances supposed to be available after next year.
 - c. We should push SLC as an innovative program in its entirety.
 - d. Gerry stated that BSU may be offering a 5-8 program which we then could get our teachers enrolled in a program.
3. Home Schooled students/Programs - Scott seeking the Board's permission to

pursue some homeschooled students being involved in some of our programs. We could then count those students and receive some extra funding. Frank spoke in support. Ken wondered whether the "sense of community" would be there in non-Schoolcraft students. Kent asked Scott to discuss this with the teachers. Scott stated that he would.

a. Frank moved that we approve Scott pursuing the idea of homeschooled students coming to SLC to participate in "special subjects". Gerry seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Policy Update - Barb

a. The approved revisions of the bylaws and articles of incorporation were distributed to the board members. The Executive Constraint, Governance Process and Board/Staff Relationship Policies are available on the Schoolcraft website. Schoolcraft Community parents, staff and board members have been encouraged to review these policies and provide input about them to Lisa Graefe or Kris Kolar by August 20th. A committee consisting of Ken Grantier, Dawn Mason, Kris Kolar, Lisa Graefe, and Barb Houg will review any recommendations that were made and will prepare a final draft of the policies. The board will vote on whether to approve these policies at the September meeting.

b. Kris Kolar and Lisa Graefe are working on compiling a "master calendar". Please email ideas to them.

5. Changes to school calendar 2003-04

a. Oct. 3rd to Oct. 10th - as a school day with no busing.

b. March 18-19 to March 25-26 - staff days no students. A revised calendar will be sent out to all families.

c. Frank moved to approve the above calendar changes. Jim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. ELOB contract - update - Ken moved to approve the ELOB contract for \$10,000 for 7 contact days. Lisa seconded. Kent asked whether we should put an option in the contract to ensure we get what we need from ELOB. Barb asked whether we should be able to specify what our training needs are. There were people who questioned the days prior to the demo site visit being included in the on-site days. Greg spoke against the signing of the contract - he would rather have staff sent to summits/OB courses instead of having design days with a school designer. Greg suggested 3-4 on site days (fall, winter, spring) for check-ups, and putting money into the summits, etc. Ken stated that the school designer is critical...we need to verify what we are paying for. Motion opposed unanimously. Frank moved we table the ELOB contract discussion until next month. Lisa seconded. Lisa stated that critical issues to be considered are the demo site days, who the school designer will be, and to consider decreasing on site days and increasing summit days. Are there staff available to participate in investigating contract options with Scott? Motion carried unanimously.

2. PAC update - Shar - the group will hopefully work more cooperatively in the fall - will be compiling a "code of behavior" document for PAC members to acknowledge.

3. Audit update - Rita - it's done! It went very smoothly - 3 days. Rita spoke highly of being contracted with the Region! Good job Rita!

Executive Session

1. Student Discipline Update

Kent moved to adjourn, Ken seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette