

Schoolcraft Learning Community  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
08-19-2003 Oak Hall 2nd floor  
6:00 pm

Call to Order

Attendance

<input type="checkbox"/> _A_Kent Nerburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_Ken Grantier	<input type="checkbox"/> _X_Kris Kolar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_Greg Moen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_Jim Conway	<input type="checkbox"/> _A_Frank Moe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_Gerry Hoyum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _X_Lisa Graefe	

Staff Present: Shar Paquette

Guests Present: Vicki Ross-Rhoades

Opening Reading: Jim Conway

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

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

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from July 15, 2003 meeting
2. Current Bills and Checks
3. Contract for Success

Ken Grantier moved, Lisa Graefe seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Staff Handbook - Shar went over changes in the handbook. No further comments. They will be distributed to the staff.
2. Family Handbook - Shar went over changes in the handbook. This will be distributed to all families.
4. ELOB Contract - there is additional money in the budget if we need more services from ELOB. Greg Moen stated that he is against ELOB using 2 on-site days during the site visit in October. Kris Kolar and Ken Grantier agreed. Discussion ensued about whether the contract is acceptable and when to re-evaluate the needed contract amounts for next year...maybe in February? We can then look at the ELOB catalog of available classes and discuss the school's needs with the staff.
  - a. Lisa Graefe moved that we approve the contract with the understanding that we will look at our needs for ELOB services for the 2004-05 school year during February, and prioritize the identified needs. Gerry Hoyum seconded. Ken Grantier stated his financial concerns regarding how the resources spent on the on-site days during the site visit are getting down to the kids. Motion carried, 5 yes, 1 no (Ken Grantier).
5. Arts Grant - We will be receiving \$2,500. No one could identify exactly what the grant was for. Kris Kolar brought up that she feels that we need to have someone monitor the grants being applied for and received. Lisa Graefe stated that this would help to make sure that the grants applied for would fit into the overall goals of the school. Kris Kolar suggested a "grants coordinator" position could be implemented. Lisa Graefe requested that the board receive notification of the receipt of the grant approval along with information about what the grant would require and entail.
  - a. Greg Moen moved that we table the acceptance of the grant until we receive further clarification on what the grant entails. Ken Grantier seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Gerry Hoyum moved that Scott be designated by the board to report the status of each grant (make it a standing item on the board agenda) to the board every month. Greg Moen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Board vacancy - by-laws, 4-4 split, what are the options?
  - a. Frank Moe will be resigning from the board to pursue a political career. September will be his last meeting. We will need to look at the by-laws and the waiver request to find out how we need to go about filling that vacancy. This will be an agenda item for the September meeting.
7. Board letter request to ISD 31 about the decision to not bus charter school students for field work trips (as a punishment to Trek North).
  - a. Ken Grantier asked whether or not it is legal for the district to not provide transportation for field work. We need to find out. Ken thought that we should investigate this prior to it going public. Lisa Graefe asked about whether it is legal for the district to discriminate against a "commercial" venture that is paying for the services. Greg Moen stated that we could contract with another carrier and then go public.
  - b. Kris Kolar suggested that we request information from the district regarding other organizations they rent to and how much they charge. We also should:
    - i. Check out competitor bus services
    - ii. Check out the option of collaboration with the other charter schools and the idea of purchasing our own bus/driver for field work.
  - c. The board is not prepared to take any public action until the actual letter is received from the district. However the board will support this effort.
  - d. Greg Moen stated that the best way to "take the gloves off" would be to take our business somewhere else.
  - e. Ken Grantier would like to see if we are being discriminated against, but also whether the Department of Education would support this district decision. We should also discuss this with MACS.
  - f. Lisa Graefe will contact the Dept. of Ed.

Committee Report

1. Finance - Vicki Ross-Rhoades - audit is done with only a few adjustments remaining to be done. Everything looks really good. Rita Fauchald is commended for her great work.

a. Lisa Graefe asked about what was ever done with the lunch prices/investigation. Vicki stated that virtually every district has a loss in their lunch program. The lunch prices have been advertised at the same rate as last year...\$2.50

2. Demo site update - Shar - Kris Kolar asked what the board will be required to do during this site visit. We will revisit during the September meeting.

Old Business

Adjourn: Lisa Graefe moved to adjourn. Greg Moen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette