

Schoolcraft Learning Community Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2005

Informal Information Session:

6:00 to no later than 6:30:

Information from Director and other staff, parents and community members.

- Calendar: Fall Festival October 15, 11-2
Track Meet in Bagley October 17
Lots of Field Work
- PAC Meetings will be every First Tuesday every month
- STAR: Sept 29-30: National Conference in the Twin Cities
Sept 21: St Philip's School
- Northwest MN Foundation Workshop: Roles and Responsibilities of Board
Members October 12 8-10 am
- Charter High Schools presently discussing collaboration
- Scott appointed to MN State Special Ed. Committee
- Sara Breeze will be featured in the Bemidji Pioneer regarding her trip to the Dominican Republic

Formal Agenda

Call to Order

Attendance: A Kris Kolar X Lisa Graefe X Carla Patch X Judy Bing
 X Gerry Hoyum X Sara Breeze

Staff Present: Rita Poulton, Shar Paquette, Scott Anderson

Issue: Consent Agenda

- Minutes from last month
- Finance report/Current bills and checks
- Amended Teacher Contracts – Greg additional 7 credits and Melanie additional 7 credits...which will be an additional \$150 per credit per person.

Outcome: Carla moved that we approve the consent agenda as presented. Judy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Issue: Q Comp Program offered by state

Outcome: Board Discussion & decision about applying – The finance committee is looking at making this year a transition year. Q-comp should be viewed as an additional source of income and added directly into payroll. There would be no additional funding in 05-06 as we would set it up over the course of the year. Gerry stated that according to the finance committee, we need to apply to see if we are eligible...if we don't, we automatically exclude ourselves. Barb stated that there are only 2 schools applying for eligibility for the current year. This would commit the school to 2% of the overall budget for staff development that would apply directly to development of the alternative professional pay system. The board would need to agree to make this year a transition

year as well as incorporating the needed evaluation changes and the other requirements school-wide.

Gerry moved that we pursue a Q-comp transitional year for the 05-06 school year. Sara seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Board Liability Insurance

Outcome: Do we want to increase the liability coverage by \$1,000,000 in response to the happenings at Red Lake? For each additional million it would cost an additional \$4,000. Our current cost is \$12,538.00 for our current liability/casualty insurance coverage. Scott and Rita are not in favor of adding additional coverage.

Judy moved that we do not add additional coverage over and above our current coverage. Carla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Board Timeline

Outcome: Agenda setting meeting to move earlier in the month to the first week each month. So please get agenda items to Scott, Lisa or Kris prior to that. Discussion was also held about scheduling the meeting earlier.

No board action necessary.

Issue: Board Composition

Outcome: Create a plan to deal with vacant board position – do we want to fill the position or leave it open? If we fill it, we can appoint a person until the next election, or we could hold an election or we can wait until next spring's election.

Gerry moved that we not fill the open board position until the regular April elections. Carla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Scott's Letter re: Boys and Girls Club

Outcome: Provide Feedback – Judy suggested that the issue may be better served if someone other than Scott wrote the letter. Scott will follow-up again with Lenore Potter to see if there is any amendment in the works. The general consensus was that Scott should not be the author of a letter...it may need to be board to board, both to ISD 31 and the Boys and Girls Club. Scott will check with Lenore Potter about the length of contract with the district, and the odds of the agreement becoming public if there is no chance for amendment to the contract.

Issue: Monitoring Report – Director Limitations #6: Financial Conditions & Activities

Outcome: Approve Report – #1 will be amended and Scott is reporting compliance based upon the preliminary audit.

Sara moved to accept Scott's Monitoring report on the Director limitations #6 as updated. Carla seconded. Motion carried unanimously. This report will be moved to November on the Board calendar starting in 2006.

Issue: Monitoring Report - Director Limitations #7: Asset Protection

Outcome: Approve Report – There are 2 areas on non-compliance - #2 needs a change in board policy language, and #4 Scott requested until October to reach compliance.

Judy moved to approve this monitoring report as updated. Carla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#2 of Director Limitations #7 will now read that “the Director shall not allow financial risk to occur by haphazard handling of funds and/or charge accounts.”

Judy moved that we change the wording to read as follows: Carla seconded. Scott noted that he is now in compliance on this issues with the wording change. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Monitoring Report - Director Limitations #8: Communication & Support to the Board

Outcome: Approve Report – all areas were reported as in compliance, with a couple of wording changes.

Gerry moved to accept this monitoring report. Judy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: MACS Articles of Incorporation

Outcome: Vote to approve as a member organization – Scott recommends that we approve the revised articles of incorporation of MACS.

Gerry moved that we approve the revised Articles of Incorporation of MACS. Carla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Governance Process Policy Review

Outcome: Carla moved that we table this until the October meeting. Gerry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn – Judy moved to adjourn. Carla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette