

Schoolcraft Learning Community Board Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2005

Informal Information Session:

6:00 to no later than 6:30:

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

- School of Distinction Application...potential \$10,000 award
- New MACS address and contact info
- A Piccolo Perspective regarding MACS
- Bemidji Community New Year's Eve party
- Q-comp ID numbers
- Stuff a Truck thank you
- Bemidji Light of the North Appreciation Dinner
- Expanding of Existing Facilities grant process, applications due end of Feb.
- Letter to the Governor
- Bemidji Education Council update – will be working with the Chamber of Commerce on a day at the capitol.
- School Safety update
- Boys and Girls update
- Legislative update
- Jan Heuer appointment to MN Teacher re-licensure committee
- SLC will be hosting Beverly Chin, Mar. 24-26 for our training days. She is from EL and will be hosting VEHS and Cass Lake ALC.

Formal Agenda

Call to Order 6:41 PM

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

Staff present: Scott Anderson, Barb Houg, Shar Paquette

Reading: Kris – Max and remembering the class trip and graduation last May;
Gerry shared Sara Breeze's article published in Fieldwork, ELOB magazine.

Issue: Consent Agenda

- Minutes from last month
- Finance report/Current bills and checks

Outcome: Lisa moved to approve the consent agenda. Carla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Issue: Ends Policies update

Outcome: Committee report and Inform Board of staff meeting results: First meeting on Nov. 30th – directional planning meeting...discussed curriculum framework, progress reports and ends policies would all fit together. The Lake Washington ends policies were similar to ours – only shorter. Lisa, Barb and Kris worked on combining the ends policies into our document. Carla, Sara and Judy met with the staff on Dec. 7th. Staff didn't respond very well, and only a few grade levels completed the assignments by the deadline laid out. Do we want to go with MN standards or establish a deeper level of

assessment? Further work on streamlining the ends/reporting/curriculum framework will be forthcoming. First presentation/reading of the amended ends policies brochure...with 2nd reading and approval slated for January. Unanimous vote was that the final results will be similar to the first reading. Discussion ensued about the importance of having a scope and sequence set up in order to provide for a valid evaluation process, so that the board can evaluate how the school is meeting the ends policies.

Issue: Staff Job Descriptions: Director Limitations policy #6: Treatment of Staff

Outcome: update Board on progress – Barb and Scott – job descriptions for each position will be presented to staff after break. Evaluation rubric mainly based on Q-comp info combined with ELOB benchmarks and core practices, and the MN teaching standards. Still a work in progress...Scott still reports non-compliance. The Q-comp standard of evaluation for teachers is 3 times per year.

A brand new Director job description has been proposed, and a director evaluation committee will have to be convened in January. We will have to approve the director position description in Jan.

Issue: Review Governance Policies – Board Job Description, Role of the Board Chair, Board Member Code of Conduct

Outcome: Discuss and evaluate board compliance – we read through the above policies and some minor changes were made. Judy moved, Carla seconded to approve the Governance policies as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

We also read through the Global Governance Commitment and Governing Style.

Lisa moved to accept the minor revisions after review of this policy. Gerry seconded. The board also discussed and reviewed their own performance over the last year...with a positive result...Great Job! Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn – Judy moved to adjourn. Lisa seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned 8:12 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette