

Schoolcraft Learning Community Board Meeting
December 19, 2006

Informal Information Session:

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

- Staffing updates
- PNO update – probably do a ski swap/sale on Jan. 6th.
- Thank yous – one from Marketplace Foods for participation in Stuff-A-Truck and one from Megan Rivera for the scholarship she received for her Iowa trip.
- Chamber of Commerce Website – Scott is working on getting a link on the chamber website.
- Mark Dayton visit December 19, 2006, 2-3 PM
- All School Expedition – CLV’s proclamation -
- Facilities grant notification should be Jan. 16th.
- Info from MACS regarding the MDE sponsorship.

Formal Agenda: Call to Order – 6:14 PM

Attendance: **Kris Kolar** **Lisa Graefe** **Carla Patch** **Judy Bing**
 Sara Breeze **François Fouquerel** **Mitch Hayle**

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

ACTION ITEMS

Issue: Review Annual Report

Outcome: Review annual report for possible issues to address and examine in light of our Ends Policies.

Person Responsible: Barb

How does the board determine whether our ends policies (desired outcomes) have been achieved? We need to look at both the academic and the non-academic goals. We need to brainstorm at the next meeting ways to get input to assess whether we are meeting our ends policies. Kris and Barb will send out an email prior to the next meeting as a reminder.

Issue: Review Board/Staff Relationship Policies

Outcome: Review and discuss relevance and potential Board actions.

Person Responsible: Barb

For January’s agenda – review board/staff relationship policies: Outcome: each board member read and review policies and determine whether there are any that should be examined closer or changed. Also mention and discuss any issues that you know about in which these policies are not being followed. If no issues arise, determine consensus to use these policies for another year.

Also for January's agenda – review of policies as they are being monitored (KAXE list)

Issue: Consent Agenda

- Finance report/Current Bills and Checks
- November Board Minutes
- Change in budget

Outcome: Approve required items

Person(s) responsible: Scott/Rita

Consent agenda was approved.

Issue: Crisis Management Plan

Outcome: Update on provisionally approved plan. Extension of due date for Director Monitoring Report #7.

Person Responsible: Scott and Shar

Board approved the crisis management plan.

Issue: Review Governance Process Policy #8 “Cost of Governance”

Outcome: Review Policy and discuss relevance and potential Board actions.

Person Responsible: Kris

Board reviewed and revised the language of above policy to the following:

Cost of Governance

Poor governance costs more than learning to govern well. Therefore, the Board will invest in its governance capacity.

Accordingly,

1. Board skills, methods, and supports will be sufficient to assure effective governing.
 - a. Training and retraining will be used ~~liberally~~ to orient new members and candidates for membership, as well as to maintain and increase existing member skills and understandings.
 - b. When resources are available, outside monitoring assistance will be arranged so that the Board can exercise confident control over organizational performance.
 - c. Outreach mechanisms, such as opinion surveys, will be used as needed to ensure the Board's ability to listen to owner viewpoints and values.
2. Board costs will be prudently incurred, though not at the expense of *maintaining efficiency and Board quality*. ~~endangering the development and maintenance of superior quality~~. It is recognized that funds will be used for training, including attendance at conferences and workshops; for pertinent third party monitoring of organizational performance; and for surveys, focus groups, and meeting costs.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette