

Schoolcraft Learning Community Board Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2013; 4:00 PM

Reading of Mission Statement:

Schoolcraft Learning Community exists to help develop individuals to be self-directed, lifelong learners who have the skills and knowledge to confidently and compassionately navigate in the world.

Public Comments in support of Nikki Rice: 4-4:30 PM

Kathleen Preece opened the session with some expectations about how to share comments in this venue, both for the guests and the board members. Comments have been abbreviated in this document.

Guests/Staff Present: Nikki Rice, Jessi Eickstadt (and kids), Megan Treuer, Marcy LaCroix, Dan Gannon, Shannon Murray, Gina Bernard, AnnaMae Sovick, Sara Godding, Lisa Robinson, Jake Wiltermuth, Kristi Garbow

Nikki Rice – spoke in support of her receiving a contract renewal.

AnnaMae Sovick – spoke in support of Nikki and with concerns about the situation.

Jessica Eickstadt – spoke in support of Nikki.

Megan Treuer – spoke in support of Nikki and with concerns about the situation.

Marcy LaCroix – spoke primarily about her concerns with communication.

Informal Information Session:

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

- Sharleen Zeman-Sperle – CM update - PBIS
- Welcome back Rita
- End of school year/move out/training days
- Extra-curriculars update – Mark – a bit of progress on playing fields, but the working group won't be making a recommendation to the school board at this point.
- VOA Retreat sometime week of Aug. 5-8 – need to have board presence along with admin
- Board retreat dates - TBD
- Middle School letter - concerns: academic rigor, expeditionary learning, student correct placement in math after they leave here, discipline and bullying behavior, concerns about PE. Kathleen, Stacy and Scott met with the parents and responded to them in a letter.
- New board training dates?

Formal Agenda: Kathleen Preece called the meeting to order 5:01 PM

**Attendance: Kathleen Preece Stacy Bender-Fayette Mark Morrissey
 Sara Breeze Jim Conway Sarah Wilson**

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

Guests Present: Sharleen Zeman-Sperle

Issue: Consent Agenda

- Current Bills and Checks
- May 21, 2013 Minutes
- Finance Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2013
- Staff Resignations:
 - a. Jenny Fraley
 - b. Raschell Collyer
- CLV Catering Contract - \$3.90 per meal, \$1.50 for breakfasts (up .10 per lunch and .05 per breakfast) Will likely be increasing lunch prices to \$3.90 for adults and \$3.60 for students.
- Peacemaker Resources Contract for \$13,700

Outcome: Approve required items

Person(s) responsible: Kathleen/Scott

Sara Breeze moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mark Morrissey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Issue: 2013-14 School Budget (FY14)

Outcome: Discuss/Approve

Person Responsible: Scott/Kathleen/Rita

Scott and Rita talked through the budget, and Scott would like to focus on the budget proposal for the 185 students (middle column). Discussion ensued regarding increasing salaries. Kathleen asked the finance committee to review current salaries and look into whether we can possibly increase monies in that area, especially once we know what the State of Minnesota will be paying us for the 2013-14 school year. It was later decided to have the board discuss this further at the summer board retreat.

Stacy Bender-Fayette moved to approve the budget for 185 students. Sarah Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Board open position – Mike Bakke

Outcome: Appoint to open position based on number of votes in April election.

Person Responsible: Scott/Kathleen/Rita

Mike Bakke had indicated he would accept the position, but was absent for this meeting. Sara Breeze moved to table this issue until next month. Jim Conway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Monitoring Report #4 Compensation/Benefits

Outcome: Review/Approval

Person Responsible: Kathleen/Scott

Mark Morrissey moved to table MR #4. Stacy Bender-Fayette seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Sara Breeze requested that this MR #4 be discussed at the Board retreat.

Issue: Monitoring Report #5 Financial Planning/Budget

Outcome: Review/Approve

Person Responsible: Kathleen/Scott

Mark Morrissey moved to accept MR #5 as presented. Jim Conway seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: MACS Membership

Outcome: Approve

Person Responsible: Kathleen/Scott

Scott recommends that we become members of MACS again this year. Mark Morrissey moved to enroll in MACS membership again for the 2013-14 school year. Stacy Bender-Fayette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Director Evaluation

Outcome: Update

Person Responsible: Kathleen

Ad hoc evaluation committee (Kathleen Preece, Sarah Wilson, and Stacy Bender-Fayette) met to go over the information gathered. Kathleen Preece will plan to meet with Scott by the next meeting. Jim Conway moved to table this report until next month. Sarah Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: MACS Board Governance Application

Outcome: Update/Approve

Person Responsible: Kathleen/Scott

Stacy Bender-Fayette moved that we will pursue this on an informal basis. Sara Breeze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Class Size Policy

Outcome: Discussion

Person Responsible: Scott

Jim Conway moved to table this issue until post-Board retreat. Stacy Bender-Fayette seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Issue: Observation Form

Outcome: Review

Person Responsible: Kathleen/Scott

Board did a walk through with yes being answered to all questions.

Mark Morrissey moved to go to Executive Session 6:20 PM; Sarah Wilson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive session ended 7:40 PM.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Shar Paquette