

"Rekindling our hope, exploring our world, seeking our path, while building our community"

Board Meeting – Northwest Passage High School #4049 September 17th, 2019.

Board members in attendance: Jason Olson, Jennifer Braun, Megan Fredrickson, Barb Sanders, Charlotte Elva, Kurtis Heerema, Vashti Pearson

Others in attendance: Peter Wiczorek, Heather Ross

Absent: Debbie Theisen, Lisa Heille

Call to order: 5:32

Mission Statement: Vashti shares what the NWPHS mission statement means to her

Approval of August Board Minutes: With the amendment of adding detail to Director's Report and changing of 3/24/19 under new business, and changing Megan as up for reelection to Debbie, and striking Heather from present, and putting Tashia to Taija we table the approval of the movement until the next meeting motion made by Charlotte, seconded by Megan. Motion goes 7-0.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Treasurer's Report: Total Revenue Budget for August was \$203,545.87 vs. June Actual Revenue of \$162,751.12. Total Expense Budget for August was \$201,953.60 vs. August Actual expenses of \$104,348.00. Cash total for all accounts at the end of August was \$796,369.47. As of the end of August, our YTD actual expenses of \$174,579.94 and actual revenue of \$325,455.31 leaves us with a YTD net gain of \$150,875.37. There was one voided check #17601 in August. A motion to approve the budget made by Charlotte, seconded by Jennifer. Motion carries 7-0.

Program Highlights:

- Director's Report:
 - **Orientation:** On the 21st of August we had our new student orientation. Students and staff made great connections.
 - **Staff Development:** The full staff was at staff development during the week before school. Staff had training in trauma responsive care and FASD. This Friday we will have a second training on trauma responsive care.
 - **Picnic:** We had a well attended all family picnic before school started.
 - **First Day of School:** Sept 3rd was our first day of school. This was a great opening day of school and the feeling of our community was very positive.
 - **Graduation Focused Program:** Our graduation focused program has started with about 20 students. The students in this program appreciate the flexibility "g-force" provides and have a positive outlook about their upcoming graduation. There were 20/24 students who attended.
 - **Headwaters:** The Headwaters program had their retreat last week. Attendance was great 42/23.
 - **Expeditions:** We have a few upcoming expedition. The Bikespedition leaves next week, and the trip to Jay Cooke State Park will leave soon after.

New Business:

- **Approval of Ballots** In order to approve our board ballots will we need more candidates to fill soon to be open positions on the board. The ballot approval is tabled.
- **MDE Annual Assurances** These are updates that Peter provides.

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- **New Hires** Three new staff have been hired since our last board meeting. Krista will be the advisor for our graduation focused program. Chloe has been hired as a paraprofessional and is a former NWPBS student; she will be working with the Headwaters. Meghan has been hired as a paraprofessional and will be working mainly with students in Acme. Motion to approve new hires made by Vashti seconded by Kurtis. Motion goes 7-0.
- **Legislative Update:** The Cruz/Guzman lawsuit regarding segregation continues to move forward. There are lawyers working pro-bono to help charter schools against the unintended consequences of this lawsuit. Lawyers are asking for donations at \$5/student to continue to help charter schools. Charlotte motions to approve a donation of \$5/student, Jennifer seconds. Motion moves 7-0.
- **Approval of Final Budget:** We will move the approval of the budget to the next board meeting.
- **Fall Board Retreat:** For our November meeting we have reserved a room at the Coon Rapids Civic Center. Representative Zach Stephenson will swear our new members in. We will also work on strategic planning until about 8:00.

Future Items:


- **Annual Meeting** Our annual meeting is on October 15th.

A motion to adjourn made by Charlotte, seconded by Megan. Motion goes 7-0.

Adjourned: 6:17



Jason Olson, Board Chair



Jennifer Braun, Secretary