

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

Board Meeting – Northwest Passage High School #4049 February 18th, 2020.

Board members in attendance: Jason Olson, Jennifer Braun, Kurtis Heerema, Vashti Pearson, Megan Fredrickson, Steve Rippe

Board members in attendance via call-in: Charlotte Elva

Others in attendance: Peter Wieczorek, Joe Nathan

Absent: Barb Sanders

Call to order: 5:32pm

Mission Statement: Charlotte shared what the mission statement meant to her

Approval of January Board Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes made by Charlotte, seconded by Jennifer. Motion goes 5-0.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Treasurer's Report: Total Revenue Budget for January \$203,545.87 vs. January Actual Revenue of \$178,766.69. Total Expense Budget for January was \$201,953.60 vs. January Actual Expenses of \$206,818.79. Cash total for all accounts at the end of January was \$804,574.47. As of the end of January, our YTD actual expenses of \$1,237,723.28 and actual revenue of \$1,268,478.17 leaves us with a YTD net gain of \$30,754.89. Check #17731 for \$1,312.25 to Boulder Brothers was voided and reissued. Motion to approve made by Kurtis, seconded by Jennifer. Motion goes 6-0.

Guest Speaker - Joe Nathan, Center for School Change

- Success of charter schools is producing a negative response from some
- Lease aid - state provides money to charter schools, per pupil, and allows charter schools to rent/lease space

Program Highlights:

+Director's Report:

- Innovator of the Month - Mikey Moore
- Conferences Thursday Jan. 23 - 86% attendance rate
- Jan 23 MDE Charter Leaders
- Jan 26- Feb. 5 Guatemala 7 students. Service Learning (Moved rocks for foundations, laid cement, House building, Cultural Exchange - coffee, women run fiber arts, learned how to make corn tortillas.
- Jan. 27 Bridges ALC (EdVisions Schools) visit
- Jan. 29 Bethel Annual Meeting
- Feb. 5-7 MAAP (Minnesota Association of Alternative Schools) Conference
 - Navigating the Waters of School Leadership - Peter (other charter leaders)
 - School Leader Panel - Peter, others
 - Who dunnit? - Jenny
 - The evolution and sustainability of multi-year student projects - Chuck
 - Mission & vision driven education - Peter
 - Supporting your team - Ella & Megan
 - Finding Clarity: Implementing the Headwaters program at NWPS - Brandi, Theresa, Jeff & Jason

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- Experiencing Entrepreneurship - Dave & Kurtis
- Exploring our world: Inclusive field studies and expeditions - Val & Cate
- Folks who code - Vashti
- Players & pedagogy - Krista
- Feb. 11 Ambassador visit to Minnesota New Country School
- Feb. 12 Regional Centers for Excellence monthly visit. Reading specialist - Reading training March 27th.
- Feb. 13 School Closed - First E-Learning Day (still calculating % of students participated)
- Feb. 13 MDE Charter Leaders - School Culture
- Feb. 16 Louisiana - Women in Science Expedition Feb 25
- Tours: 6 tours, 4 for sure starting
- Upcoming events
 - Wellness Expedition
 - OB Winter Camping
 - Ice Fishing Expedition
 - St. Croix Youth Summit UWRF
 - Info Night Feb. 27
 - Charter Day at the Capitol March 4th

Old Business:

- Insurance Policy Language Update - Steve motioned to change the language from "spouse" to "domestic partner" in the current health insurance, seconded by Vashti. Motion passes 7-0.

New Business:

- Director's Evaluation: Questionnaire is being put together and will be sent out to all staff and board members. After results are gathered, new goals for the following school year will be established.
- New Parent Recruitment: Previous parent is still not available at the moment, position will now be opened to others
- Coalition of Public Independent Charter Schools Membership: Join group (\$500 membership fee). Allows our school to participate in trainings and conferences they provide

Future Items:

- Staff pay increase discussion

A motion to adjourn made by Vashti, seconded by Kurtis. Motion goes 7-0.

Adjourned: 6:40pm

Jason Olson, Board Chair

Megan Fredrickson, Secretary