

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

Board Meeting – Northwest Passage High School #4049 March 24th, 2020.

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

Others in attendance: Peter Wiczorek, Heather Ross

Absent:

Call to order: 5:33pm

Mission Statement: Jason read the mission statement.

Approval of February Board Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes made by Vashti, seconded by Jenny.

Roll call vote: **Barb**-yes, **Megan**-yes, **Vashti**-yes, **Jenny**-yes, **Kurtis**-yes, **Jason**-yes, **Steve**-abstain

Public Comment: No public comment.

Treasurer's Report: Total Revenue Budget for February was \$203,545.87 vs. February Actual Revenue of \$209,055.17. Total Expense Budget for February was \$201,953.60 vs. February Actual Expenses of \$230,014.03. Cash total for all accounts at the end of February was \$802,551.17.. As of the end of February, our YTD actual expenses of \$1,467,737.31 and actual revenue of \$1,477,533.34 leaves us with a YTD net gain of \$9,796.03.. There were no voided checks in February.

Roll call vote: *Barb*-yes, *Megan*-yes, *Vashti*-yes, *Jenny*-yes, *Kurtis*-yes, *Jason*-yes, *Steven*-yes, *Charlotte*-yes

Program Highlights:

- Director's Report
 - Interview with EdEvolving
 - Louisiana Expedition
 - Wellness retreat
 - Outward Bound Wilderness Expedition
 - Ice Fishing
 - St. Croix Valley Environmental Expo UW River Falls (with Jane Goodall Charter School)
 - Mickey Parish Graduation
 - MCA Reading and Math
 - Charter Day at the Capital
 - Aaron Seligman Director of UW Office of Educational Opportunity - Charter Authorizing
 - Spring Break March 13-22

Old Business:

- Staff compensation discussion - due to ADM not meeting the threshold previously discussed (170), and the need for a revision to the budget. Conversation will be revisited in the future months. Roll call vote on keeping the staff pay where it is currently at based on our current budget and numbers

Roll call vote: *Barb*-yes, *Megan*-yes, *Vashti*-yes, *Jenny*-yes, *Kurtis*-yes, *Jason*-yes, *Steven*-yes, *Charlotte*-yes

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New Business:

- COVID-19 Contingency Planning - an executive order was made by the Governor of Minnesota (MN) to close all MN schools from Wednesday, March 18th to Friday, March 27th, with the option of extending the date if he sees fit. The goal is to be educating students from a distance. "The plans need to be radically student centered" -MN Education Commissioner.
- Distance Learning Plan - districts are required to put together a distance learning policy, and have it posted on their websites by Friday, March 27th. Roll call vote to approve the policy.
 - Roll call vote: *Barb-yes, Megan-yes, Vashti-yes, Jenny-yes, Kurtis-yes, Jason-yes, Steven-yes, Charlotte-yes*
- Director Evaluation (update) - is gathering student feedback valuable enough to extend the date by which the evaluation will be completed, or do we have to forgo the feedback from students due to our limited time and ability to meet with them due to distance learning.
- New Parent Recruitment - continuing to look for a parent seat filled
- Budget Update - a revised budget is being proposed to change the ADM that the budget is based on from 165 to 160. Roll call vote to approve the change from a 165 ADM budget to a 160 ADM budget.
 - Roll call vote: *Barb-yes, Megan-yes, Jenny-yes, Vashti-yes,, Kurtis-yes, Steven-yes, Charlotte-yes, Jason-yes*

Future Items:

- Staff Recruitment - Nothing at this time
- Building Committee Recommendations - Nothing at this time
- Explore Your World - Flower sales are still happening, but the event itself is up in the air on whether it will be occurring or not.

Roll call vote to adjourn.

- Roll call vote: *Barb-yes, Megan-yes, Jenny-yes, Vashti-yes,, Kurtis-yes, Steven-yes, Charlotte-yes, Jason-yes*

Adjourned: 6:45pm

Jason Olson, Board Chair

Megan Fredrickson, Secretary