

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

Board Meeting – Northwest Passage High School #4049 October 15th, 2019.

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

Others in attendance: Peter Wiczorek, Heather Ross

Absent: Debbie Theisen, Megan Fredrickson

Call to order: 5:31

Mission Statement: Barb discusses what the mission means to her.

Approval of August Board Minutes: With the striking of "Charlotte" from the re-election, motion to approve the minutes made by Vashti, second by Charlotte. Motion goes 7-0.

Approval of September Board Minutes: With the addition of attendance numbers to G-Force and Headwaters, a motion to approve the minutes made by Kurtis, seconded by Barb. Motion goes 7-0.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Treasurer's Report: Total Revenue Budget for September was \$203,545.87 vs. September Actual Revenue of \$226,240.96. Total Expense Budget for September was \$201,953.60 vs. September Actual expenses of \$201,786.20. Cash total for all accounts at the end of September was \$902,057.27. As of the end of September, our YTD actual expenses of \$377,566.14 and actual revenue of \$551,696.27 leaves us with a YTD net gain of \$174,130.13. There were no voided checks in September. A motion to approve the budget made by Jennifer, seconded by Kurtis. Motion passes 7-0.

Program Highlights:

- Director's Report:
 - Innovator of the Month: Camden was our innovator of the month. He has grown as a student leader and has started his own business.
 - Expeditions
 - Bikespedition: This expedition biked the Elroy Sparta trail. The highlight(s) of the trip were the railway tunnels.
 - St. Croix River Camping: This expedition braved the weather and camped on the St. Croix. Students had a lot of fun and learned about camping.
 - Staff Development: We did the second part of our Trauma Responsive Care training. We are moving forward to working with students in our next Trauma Responsive Care training.
 - SHIP Grant: We received this \$5,000 grand from Anoka County for wellness. We are using the grant to fund our Greenhouse project.
 - Ambassador Training: We have nine ambassadors from different advisories. Students discuss school culture, lead tours, and represent their school and advisories.
 - Pizza with Peter: The last Pizza with Peter session focused on School Culture. Five students attended the first session.
 - Headwaters: Headwaters is up to 49 students. They are at capacity, but we will not add another advisory in the next six weeks.
 - Speak-Up: Cate is leading the Speak-Up group focusing on the Teaching Tolerance curriculum.

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- GSA: There are 22 students who are invested in building alliances and their community. This program is completely student lead.
- College Fair: We had 11 Juniors attend the fair at the target center.
- Crisis Training: Peter attended this training about prevention and preparation for student and community crisis. The training was led by two former police officers.
- Guests: Minnesota New Country visited us this week. This is their 25th year of running their charter. They spent a lot of time speaking with our ambassadors, students, and teachers.

Old Business:

- Budget Approval: Final budget revenue was \$2,368,442.13 and budget expenditure of 2,299,219.87 for a net gain of \$64,081.64. A motion to approve made by Jennifer, seconded by Charlotte. Motion goes 7-0.

New Business:

- Review of annual meeting: The agenda is discussed. The ballots will be handed out at the meeting.
- E-Learning Days: It is up to us as a board to approve the use of e-learning days. A motion to approve five e-learning days made by Charlotte, seconded by Jennifer. Motion goes 7-0.
- **Legislative Update:** MAACS has put together a special education task force to look at special education funding. There is some pushback from tradition districts to lessen the reimbursement for special education students. Legislature covered the amount that was held back by traditional districts. There are two groups working to help charter schools gain reimbursement. Stay up to date with the work these committees are doing to help charters.

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

Adjourned: 6:11

Jason Olson, Board Chair

Jennifer Braun, Secretary