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**Board Meeting – Northwest Passage High School #4049 November 17th, 2020.**

Board members in attendance: Jason Olson, Vashti Pearson, Megan Fredrickson, Val Miller, Jeff Schomer, Andrea Raad, Brandi Saba

Others in attendance: Peter Wiczorek, Heather Ross

Absent: Steve Rippe, Chiniqua James.

Call to order: 5:30pm

**Mission Statement:** Val read the mission statement.

**Approval of October Board Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes made by Jeff, with the addition of adding an adjournment time of 6:30pm seconded by Brandi.

Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes

**Public Comment:** No public comment at this time.

**Swearing in of Board Members:** Jason Olson, Megan Fredrickson, Val Miller, Jeff Schomer, Brandi Saba and Andrea Raad were all sworn in.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total Revenue Budget for October was \$211,169.35 vs. October Actual Revenue of \$163,777.13. Total Expense Budget for October was \$210,381.47 vs. October Actual Expenses of \$208,595.71. Cash total for all accounts at the end of October was \$1,167,099.21. As of the end of October, our year to date actual expenses of \$607,380.49 and an actual revenue of \$992,451.79 leaves us with a year to date net gain of \$385,071.30. There was 1 voided check in October. The Delta Dental check for \$610.20 that was issued in September was lost in the mail, so it was voided and the amount was added to the October payment on 10/27/20.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report for October by Vashti, seconded by Andrea.

Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes

**Program Highlights:**

- Director's Report
  - Covid Updates
    - 14 Day Covid-19 case rate by county Anoka County 10/11-10/24 = **48.79**  
10/18-10/31 = **75.90**. To date projection = **177.2**
    - Moved to full Distance Learning on Nov. 4th. Nov. 2 & 3 planning days
    - Weekly updates and meetings: Commissioner call, MDH call, MACS meeting, MDE charter leaders meeting, contract tracing.
  - Marketing & Recruiting - Mailed 77 letters to DaVinci Academy of Arts & Science
  - Enrollment info night 10/27
  - Conferences
    - Teacher Powered Conference
    - MAAP 101
    - Law Conference
    - CPICS (Coalition of Public Independent Charter Schools)
  - PSEO Parent Information

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- Seminars - Human Geography, Medieval Europe, Personal Finance, Algebra, Public Speaking, Population Genetics, Statistics, Sports Physics
- Bethel visit - Nov. 6th (Heather will talk more)
- Digital Expo/Friday School 11/6

#### **New Business:**

- Board Election: Officers
  - Board Chair: **Jason** is interested in staying on as the board chair.
    - Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes
  - Vice Board Chair: **Megan** is interested in being the vice chair.
    - Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes
  - Treasurer: **Jeff** is interested in being the treasurer.
    - Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes
  - Secretary: **Vashti** is interested in being the secretary.
    - Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes
- Legislative/MACS Update
  - School Finance Workgroup
    - Charters included in Safe School Revenue (based on ADM)
    - Charters included in Extended Time Revenue (currently 25%)
    - Equity & Inclusion Statement

#### *Minnesota Association of Charter Schools Statement on Equity*

Equity in public education requires that every student is treated with individual dignity and recognizes the individual student's differentiated needs. An equitable education provides the resources and opportunities for the student to thrive and achieve in fulfilling their individual potential as a learner, citizen, and economic contributor.

Equity requires that we first, recognize and eliminate historical barriers to equitable educational opportunities. Second, quality public education requires that the structures, policies, and practices be designed in a manner that recognizes a full spectrum of equitable student outcomes, and the fair and just allocation of resources which enable each student to achieve their individual potential.

Our commitment as an Association is to work to eliminate those historical barriers and ensure that public education creates an equitable ecosystem where every student is provided the resources and opportunities for a quality education.

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- Contract Update
  - Heather (Bethel University) gave an update on the contract renewal. More information will be provided at the December board meeting when the annual visit is completed.
- Approval of By Law Changes
  - A motion made to approve the change in the bylaws made by Jeff, seconded by Andrea.

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- Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes
- Fund Balance Policy
  - Motion to approve the policy made by Jeff, seconded by Brandi.
  - Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes
- Staff Corona Stipends: Peter is proposing teaching staff as well as administrative staff receive a \$500 dollar bonus, and paraprofessionals receive a \$250 dollar bonus out of the Corona Relief Fund (CRF). The total comes out to be \$9,000 for teaching and administration staff, and \$2000 for paraprofessionals, with a combined total of \$11,000.
  - Motion made to approve the Staff Covid Stipends made by Val, seconded by Vashti.
  - Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes

**Future Items:**

- Board Retreat Discussion
- Signage Information
- Covid Coordinator Update/Discussion

A motion to adjourn made by Brandi, seconded by Jeff.

Roll call vote: Val-yes, Vashti-yes, Brandi-yes, Jeff-yes, Andrea-yes, Megan-yes, Jason-yes

Adjourned: 7:02pm

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Jason Olson, Board Chair

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Megan Fredrickson, Secretary