



CHICAGO
VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLSM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 16, 2009 6:30 pm

Merit School of Music

38 S. Peoria, Chicago, IL 60607

President Martin called the meeting to order.

Audio difficulties – phone conferencing unavailable.

Public comment included a student presentation.

Motion to approve the February Board and March Planning Meeting minutes was made by Vice President McCann, seconded by Secretary Elizondo. Unanimously accepted. March Board minutes to be revised.

Head of School Report

Administration

Dr. Law would like to explore the possibility of hiring CVCS' own special education teacher. The board agreed for him to pursue this.

Dr Law indicated that the school evaluation will be taking place next week and a report will be available with the results in May.

Academic (Rogers)

Ms. Rogers indicated in the new mid-year course promotions that 115 students were tested. 67 students passed and were given the next year's materials. Students who have completed that year's material, but did not pass the test will be completing enrichment activities, which will be headed up by Ms Velasquez. Extra tutoring will also be offered.

Discussion took place whether a specific shut-off date for course promotion is appropriate. "Gifted" programming was also discussed to include more enrichment rather than just promotion. Treasurer Bragon was going to check into how we pay K12 for additional materials during the school year (for course promotions).

Those students who signed up for, but did not access World Language programming were shut off from accessing the program due to costs.

Ms Rogers indicated that summer school for those students were mandated to take it would be at their neighborhood school.

Operations (Finley)

Ms. Finley presented next years projected enrollment figures. It appears that the school will be at capacity with a high degree of likelihood for the need of a lottery and waitlist. She also requested that the June Board meeting be changed from the 18th to the 25th due to a teacher retreat being held. The Board agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bragon reported that he wants to review the budget and monies available and make sure that grant monies are spent in a timely fashion. There were only minor surpluses reported this month.

Board Business

Facilities – Merit knows that we are committing to another year at their facility although no contract was signed as of this date. A projected date of November was requested to have a building site in mind for the ‘10-’11 school year due to needing to put in a material modifications with CPS.

CVCS Materials Contract Agreement/Service Agreement – K12 wants to provide computers and ISP reimbursement to only those families that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Rinda Allison (attorney) indicated that in our contract with K12 reads that it will provide a computer and ISP reimbursement to all families. Dr Law will continue to work with K12 to make this a mute point.

2009-2010 Educational Materials program – K12 wants to use a “Ship Now” program which just sends the students chronological grade materials rather than materials based on ability. The Board stressed that it endorses the use of pre-enrollment assessment and the shipping of appropriate materials not the “Ship Now” program

501C3/ Charitable Organization (Allison) - The IRS is still reviewing documents.

Follow-up planning session

Other – Change of Registered Agent – The Board needs to make Bruce Law CVCS’s registered agent. A resolution was made by Vice President McCann and seconded by Secretary Elizondo. The resolution passed unanimously.

PAC – Vice President McCann proposed that a Parent Advisory Committee be formed. She will work on putting together a proposal for the next meeting.

Executive Session

Treasurer Bargon motioned to move to Executive Session at 9:10 PM. It was seconded by Secretary Elizondo and passed unanimously.

Meeting resumed at 9:53 pm on motion by McCann, seconded by Elizondo.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m made by McCann, seconded by Bargon, Motion carried unanimously.

- | <u>Board Members</u> | <u>Others</u> |
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| <u> X </u> Rudy Martin, President (online) | <u> X </u> Dr. Bruce Law, HOS |
| <u> X </u> Mary T. McCann, Vice President | <u> X </u> Shaunna Finley, CVCS |
| <u> X </u> Kevin Bargon Treasurer | <u> x </u> Leah Rogers, CVCS |
| <u> </u> Tina Hawkins | <u> X </u> Rinda Allison, Legal Counsel |
| <u> </u> Andrew Woltman, Director | <u> X </u> Dominique Brown |
| <u> X </u> Catherine Elizondo, Secretary | <u> X </u> Other |
| | Alan Wall, Legal Counsel |
| | Pam Tabor, Parent |
| | Nathan Tyler, student |
| | Don Brown, parent |
| | Emily Brown, parent |
| | Stephanie Tyler, parent |
| | Bridget Mendel, parent |
| | Deborah Staley, parent |
| | Julia Ivory, CVCS |