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Tuesday, Sept 7, 2010

6:30pm

- I. Preliminary
 - A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm
 - B. Roll Call: Bonita Harmon, Kadedra Haynes, Travis Gery, Mary Steffey
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
Bonita Harmon made a motion to approve the minutes
second by Travis Gery
- III. New Business: Report to the Board (see board report or the above recorded link)
 - A. Enrollment: Tim Kreider gave the report of current enrollment of 5568 with 1899 pending
 - B. Finance: Kevin Corcoran gave the report
 - C. Personnel: Sharon Williams gave the report of potential hires
Kadedra Haynes made a motion to approve the candidates
second by Bonita Harmon
 - D. Academic all students in grades 3 to 12 will take the Scantron Achievement Series to establish fall benchmark scores. These scores help to identify at risk learners and determine instructional interventions and individual learning goals for every students. Aims web screening in k-6 are also in progress to evaluate math and reading literacy skills. Sharon Williams gave the report on home visits to all new and returning students
 - E. Community and Parent Updates: Sharon Williams gave the report that booster families are still making progress and planning for increased parent involvement. Across the state in nine regions back to school events will occur mid to end of September. Homeroom teacher outings are occurring statewide.
 - F. Charter Renewal Status/PDE Updates
Agora's response was sent out for the August 31,2010 due date
 - G. Policy Recommendations (Action)
Employee Handbook: we are waiting for the k12 lawyers to go over the handbook but in the we want to address the teacher time off accrual.

Mary Steffey made a motion to give the teachers all their days off at the beginning of the year.

second by Kadedra Haynes

unanimously approved

Mileage reimbursement changes are as follows: all mandatory travel will trigger mileage reimbursement, prior minimums removed.

Car rental policy clarification is as follows: economy class is the standard larger vehicles permitted in the case of five or more travelers

Clarification of meals during travel is as follows: breakfast provided as an expense only if the day begins away from home. Employees must provide their own lunch on days involving routine travel out of home during normal business hours, exceptions must receive preapproval from directors.

Clarification on office start up reimbursement to allow up to \$100 to cover basic supplies eg. staples, folders, paper clips, ect. Agora now provides VoIP to all new employees.

Mary Steffey made a motion to approve the above changes.

Bonita Harman seconded.

Unanimously approved

IV. Public Comment (20 minutes)

V. Adjournment: Mary Steffey made a motion to adjourn

minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Steffey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Steffey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.



Report to the Agora Board of Trustees
September 7, 2010

- A. Enrollment: Total as of 8/31/2010: 5447
 - i. Returning Students 3269
 - ii. New Students: 2078
 - iii. Pending: 1816
- B. Finance (Action)
- C. Personnel (Action)
 - Changes since the last report include 28 hires and 2 resignations (1 history and 1 Special education):
 - New hires:
 - Para Educators-15
 - Elementary-7
 - HS English-1
 - HS Math Specialist-1
 - HS Social Studies-1
 - HS Business-1
 - Truancy Prevention Outreach Worker-2
- D. Academic
 - i. All students in grades 3-12 will take Scantron Performance Series test to establish fall benchmark scores
 - ii. These scores will help identify at risk learners, and determine instructional interventions and individualized learning goals for every student.
 - iii. Aims web screenings in k-6 also are in progress to evaluate math reading literacy skills for students.
 - iv. Aimsweb scores will also inform individualized instructional strategies for students.
 - v. Home Visits to all new and returning families are taking place.
- E. Community and Parent Updates
 - i. Booster Families still making progress and planning for increased parent involvement across the state in every region.
 - ii. Back to School Events will occur in mid to end of September in 9 regions.
 - iii. Homeroom teacher outings also occurring statewide.
 - iv. School highlight sessions are also still occurring to help families understand Agora and school expectations.
- F. Charter Renewal Status/PDE Updates
 - i. Response was sent to PDE in time for 8.31.2010 due date.

- ii. Alignments were submitted to Intermediate Unit as requested by the Department of education along with our submission.
 - iii. Next due date of alignments is at the end of November.
- G. Policy Recommendations (Action)
- i. Employee Handbook