



CHICAGO VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOLSM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes for Thursday May 21, 2009 6:30 pm Merit School of Music 38 S. Peoria, Chicago, IL 60607

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m by President Martin. Members Present: Bargon, McCann, Hawkins, Woltman. Absent: Elizondo.

Presentation by students. James Hoff and Gabe Foor. Students raised \$1100 dollars for the Walk to Empower (Breast Cancer) fundraiser. 49 people participated. The students also won 1st place in the T-shirt design.

At 7:10 McCann moved, Bargon seconded to adjourned to Executive Session to interview perspective Board Members. Vote unanimous.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting is being broadcast over Eluminate.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Operations Manager's Report

The lottery was held on Monday, April 20, 2009.
There were 8 fire drills held during the week of May 5-8th.

Tina Hawkins left meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Academic Administrator's Report

Ms Rodgers reported on the HS program. From the data presented, Board members noted that 80% of the students are failing one or more subjects. Ms Rodgers explained that this is a systemic problem through K12 High School Curriculum.

Parent asked if K12 can design something a transition program so 8th grade students so transition to High School is not so difficult. Board members asked what is being done to address the problem. Ms Rodgers stated that they were putting together a Bridge program to help with the transition to a more structured school schedule and deadlines that are demanded in high school.

Parents also asked if there can there be a progress report at the middle of the quarter system rather than the semester so students are aware of their struggles? The students need to have structure and the students need to have a schedule. Parent suggests possibly trying Block scheduling for high school students.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report distributed.

Nothing major has changed. CVCS is using the remaining grant money for the retreat. Treasurer Bargon has a call tomorrow with K-12 to go over each expense and to go over the policies for each expense. Full discussion of expenses and budget will occur at next meeting.

Board Business

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

A draft proposal was presented to the Board and has been given to PTO Secretary Emily Brown for circulation among the parents.

The parents want to postpone the discussion. The PAC will meet at least once a year with the Board. There was a suggestion of electing members of the PAC. Vice President McCann suggests the parents talk about having an election. Vice President McCann suggests that there should also be a Special Needs Advisory Council. A parent (Rosa Martin) asking if the PAC has the authority to change the curriculum. No, but they have the authority to recommend ideas.

Facilities: Planning Committee, Timeline; Process

Board members Rudy Martin, Andrew Woltman and Kevin Bargon have agreed to continue their work on the Facility Planning Committee.

Attorney Allison's Report

501 C3 is in the review process. It will be at least another 2 weeks before CVCS is notified of status.

Chicago Teachers Union lawsuit-The judge has asked for summary judgement and then will decide whether or not the case goes to court.

CVCS filed the 9-90(I-90) for not for profit manually this year because, last year it was filed electronically and the IRS said it was missing and fined CVCS \$2000. Legal Counsel has clarified the issue and the fine has been removed

Follow up planning session for June

Board members will attend the dinner at the finish of the Staff retreat June 18th, 2009. HOS Law will send details to the Board of what time and where in Lincolnshire.

Regular June Board Meeting will be held June 25th, 2009.

Future agenda items

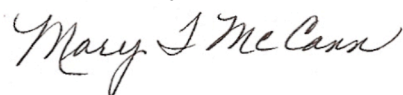
- Tentative budget
- The board needs to authorize for a hire for Special Education teacher per Counsel Allison.
- Secretary Bargon wants to discuss options if CVCS has not found a Special Education teacher during next month's meeting.

Executive Session (per Section 2C1 Personnel) at 9:00 pm on unanimous Roll Call vote.

Meeting reconvened at 10:20, on unanimous Roll Call vote.

Meeting adjourned 10:21. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted



Catherine Elizondo, Secretary

Acting Secretary, July 16, 2009

Date