

Members Present: K. Denzer, N. Donnay, J. Gottschalk, D. Keyes, R. Hajlo, J. Markoe, S. Mueller, K. Pleticha, A. Schumacher

Members Absent:

Board Advisors Present: J. Gutierrez, K. Gutierrez, W. Renner, A. Sachariason

Guests Present: C. Correll, K. Hall

Call to Order

S. Mueller called the board meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

The board members took a tour of the new cabinet units in the art rooms, the expansion in the back of the PAC (bathroom area, storage area), the auxiliary gym storage area and also saw the new lights turned on the stadium field. The installation of the lights occurred ahead of the anticipated timeframe because the lighting company was able to deliver them sooner than expected. The final testing of the lights will occur this week.

Open Forum

There were no requests to speak at the Open Forum.

Prairie Restoration Presentation – Camilla Correll and Kristin Hall

In 2015, Camilla and Kristin approached St. Croix Prep about putting in a prairie in front of the school. The project would encompass nine acres and would promote native plants, manage invasive species and would also be a place to foster outdoor classroom time.

The current status: the western half has some established prairie coming through and the eastern half has limited established prairie which was impacted by the Stagecoach Corridor construction and the school expansion. They are recommending two possible options.

- Option 1: Heavy management which would start with aggressive work on the east side with a spray, burn and seed process and a burn on the west side. This would cost approximately \$12,300.
- Option 2: Lighter management which would start with a burn on both the east and west side along with some seeding and mowing. This option would cost approximately \$8,150.
- Optional enhancements to the property would be to plant flower seeds in the high visibility areas. The cost for this is approximately \$1,300.

Camilla and Kristin estimate the ongoing cost for long term management of the prairie is \$2,350. Kristin is working on writing grants, some of which are reimbursable grants (cost up front, to be reimbursed after). Estimated potential grants would range from \$2,500 to \$7,000 for initial steps of implementing option 1.

Consent Agenda

J. Gutierrez reviewed the consent agenda. This included previous board minutes, the Executive Director Report, Friends of Education Site Visit Template and the Friends of Education 2017-2018 Financial Report. The lottery has been conducted for the 2019-2020 school year with 255 applications for kindergarten, of which 50 are siblings. Detailed information on the lottery/wait list will be discussed next month.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: A. Schumacher

School Board Minutes
Second: B. Hajlo
Approved: All

January 22, 2019

2019-2020 School Calendar

Due to transportation, St. Croix Prep follows the Stillwater school district's schedule. Draft calendar indicates the first day of school is August 26, 2019 and the last day of school is May 29, 2020.

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented: B. Hajlo
Second: J. Gottschalk

Board Election Schedule – Election Date May 21, 2019

We have three board members whose positions will be open: B. Hajlo, D. Keyes and J. Markoe. The board will look to find ways to recruit board candidates for sustainability purposes. Possible idea would be to establish committees or an advisory committee. Seeking candidates interested in serving on the board will continue to be published in the Parent Update.

Overview of Potential Expansion on Current Site – J. Gutierrez

J. Gutierrez and K. Gutierrez have done some preliminary groundwork and will be meeting with Dougherty at the end of the week. Per the December board retreat, analysis will include another building of similar size to the Lower School including additional common area. One challenge is that per pupil lease aid has not changed since 2004, however construction inflation costs have increased since then. Additional information will be provided at February's meeting.

Alumni Programming – A. Schumacher and J. Gottschalk

Angie and Jake are looking into ideas on how to get alumni involved in our school, including consideration of one running as a community board member in the upcoming election. K. Gutierrez and A. Sachariason updated the board on what alumni work is currently being done:

- First/second year alums are invited to speak at an alumni lunch after winter break talking to juniors and seniors what their college/work experiences are like
- Alumni are going to be added to the Upper School Career Day which is conducted in the spring
- Sent a survey email to the 525 alumni (heard back from 132) and still reaching out to as many as possible
- Using a database, Bloomerang, to document alumni information for future mailings, outreach and capital development
- Have created an Alumni Facebook page
- Organizing events such as Alumni basketball night to invite our alumni back to reconnect with our school community.

Angie and Jake also discussed creating an end of senior year survey.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm: J. Markoe
Second: A. Schumacher
Approved: All

Submitted by S. Peterson, Board Clerk, St. Croix Preparatory Academy