



Members Present: N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, S. Mueller, K. Denzer, A. Galati

Members Absent: A. Melendres

Board Advisor Present: K. Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez

Call to Order

R. Hajlo called the board meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Open Forum

There were five speakers (Alyse Moelter, Alison Sachs, Matt Logan, Jake Lee, and Jessica Johnson) at the Open Forum.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda includes the previous board minutes from September 21 board meetings, the Executive Director's report and the Governance Committee report.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: S. Mueller

Second: D. Keyes

Approved: All

Board Appointment – Faculty Position

Angela Galati met with the Executive Committee; based on the meeting, a recommendation to proceed with seating her as a voting board member.

Motion to seat A. Galati as a voting board member: S. Mueller

Second: D. Keyes

Approved: All

Board Training - J. Gutierrez

Per state statute, board training must be conducted during the school year. Training was conducted on:

- Minn Stat 124E.05 Authorizers, specifically related to Friends of Education, terms of charter agreements (e.g. one year, three years, five years), monthly compliance submissions, statement of income and expenditures, network schools, and overall partnership.
- Annual Charter School Assurances, specifically the history and circumstances of the TIZA school, issues related to separation of church and state. Training related to Minn Stat 124E.13 (facilities), 124E.06 (non-sectarian) and related policies (e.g. dress code, equal access, religion, and data practices).
- Data Practices. Training on public data and Section 13D.
- Charter School Annual Report as noted in Minn Stat 124E.16

Covid-19 Update – J. Gutierrez



Discussion of Covid-19, dashboard update, notification process (e.g. no community notification, classroom/grade exposure notification, and close contact notification). There are fewer positive cases and significantly diminished quarantine situations. Continued communication from MDH and MDE, as well as monitoring the availability of the vaccine for those under the age of 12.

2020-2021 Annual Report Approval – J. Gutierrez

J. Gutierrez highlighted the required elements in an annual report, then discussed the specific inclusions related to the 2020-2021 school year. These included a summary of the learning model transitions (e.g. date, time, grades, synchronous/distance learning, etc.), board training conducted throughout the year, updated enrollment/attrition figures, 2020-2021 MCA results and related assessment scores, and goals for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Report: K. Denzer
Second: N. Donnay
Approved: All

Board Vacancies, Next Steps for Faculty/Parent Vacancies – N. Donnay

N. Donnay presented the options related to the open board positions, a faculty position and a parent position.

Faculty Position -- Options to proceed:

- Deanna Thompson, Middle School faculty member, submitted her nomination form and responses to questions posed in the Voters' Guide.
- Recommendation is for the Executive Committee to meet with her prior to the November meeting.
- The Executive Committee will present their recommendation as to whether to proceed with the process of board training prior to seating as a voting member.

Parent Position -- Options to proceed:

- Discussion of the bylaws Article IV Section 7 on Filling Vacancies, specifically on consideration given to the most recent election results (Barb Siefken 158 votes, David Truchot 138 votes).
- Discussion on consideration to Kim Pleticha, previous board member who served a three year term and has completed training to be immediately seated.
- Discussion on soliciting additional parent nominations.
- There was discussion

Board agreed to have the Executive Committee meet with all three of the parents (B. Siefken, D. Truchot, K. Pleticha) with the Executive Committee presenting a recommendation at the November meeting.



Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm: A. Galati
Second: N. Donnay
Approved: All

Submitted by J. Gutierrez, St. Croix Preparatory Academy