

Board of Directors – FSAS | MINUTES

Meeting date, time 7/18/2017 6:30 PM | Meeting location FSAS, Gray, ME

Meeting called by Alison Moser, Chair
Type of meeting Regular Meeting
Facilitator Alison Moser, Chair
Secretary Alyson Spencer-Reed

Attendees:
Alison Moser, Chair
Kathleen Clements, Vice Chair
Alyson Spencer-Reed, Secretary
Melanie Prinz, Treasurer
Adam Gilman, Board
Penny Collins, Board
Also Present:
Jacinda Cotton-Castro, Executive Director
Excused:
Bill Doughty, Board
Sally Morris, Board

Meeting called to order at 6:52 pm.

AGENDA TOPICS

Review of Minutes

Motion to Accept June 12th, 2017 Minutes by K. Clements

2nd by M. Prinz

Discussion – A. Gilman to send A. Spencer-Reed small insertion for Ed Committee Report.

Motion to approve minutes with above-referenced revision A. Spencer-Reed

2nd A. Gilman

Motion passed 6-0.

Executive Directors' Report | J. Cotton-Castro

Reviewed written report.

Questions:

- Revised proposal for backyard project – JCC got revised estimate for Phase I of about \$1600 but has had difficulty getting an itemized written proposal from him. Going to move ahead with Phase I.

- Staffing – JCC waiting to interview for final special ed positions after talking with the new Special Ed Director. Otherwise, we are fully staffed.
- Website – JCC meeting with designer and may have a mockup to show Board in August.

Governance Committee Report | A. Spencer-Reed

None.

Diversity Committee Report | A. Spencer-Reed

- Meeting with Joanna next week about curriculum to support posters for school walls
- Statement for website – Joanna wasn't able to get teacher input before end of school.
- Penny & Alyson to take final pass at Statement of Commitment, polish it up. Will present it again at August meeting.

Finance Committee Report | A. Moser, J. Cotton-Castro

Reviewed financial reports. Question about line 4200, Special Ed IEP Funding – why is actual expenditure zero? It is included in line 4100, Pupil Income. Agreed to remove “IEP” from name.

Funding update: 3% transition fee that we previously reported as having been eliminated has recently been reinstated. However, per pupil funding has been increased and these end up close to net zero change.

Personnel Committee Report | A. Moser

Motion to approve Del Peavey as Director of Special Education (.75 FTE) and Penny Prior as 3rd Grade Lead Teacher (1 FTE) per BOD unanimous email vote on 6/20/17 by A. Spencer-Reed

2nd by P. Collins

Motion passed 6-0.

Update on ED evaluation surveys – All Board members, All Administrators, and 14 of 17 teachers (3 left) completed the survey. Personnel committee will summarize results and meet with JCC. Survey instruments will be sent to the Commission in August.

Education Committee Report | A. Gilman

Adam polled Board members on questions and concerns that arose while reading through the Commission's Y4 annual performance report. He grouped our responses into the following categories: grit, fit, attendance, math performance, individual student growth as measured by Iowa testing, professional development (teachers value content but would like increased frequency), norming the work sampling process so it is measured more consistently amongst classrooms, expanding diversity in student body. JCC will send Panorama survey summary to members soon.

Charter Renewal Application Process | J. Cotton-Castro

Application is due to the Commission 9/30/17. Board must approve completed application before it is submitted. In JCC's opinion, the most important and challenging piece is our direction: where are we headed? Where do we want to be in 5 years? Discussion/brainstorm of ideas: replication, expansion of music program, focus on

deepening arts & sciences (could upper grade levels look more like the pre-K and K classrooms did in this regard?), polish our model here before replicating, more work on coordinating Reggio approach with common core standards requirements, spend time deepening & strengthening our current work before beginning feasibility study for replication.

JCC will draft the application. A review committee will consult & edit. Then revised draft will be sent out to full board for thorough review before 8/29 meeting. Full Board deep discussion at 8/29 meeting.

Other Business | A. Moser

Potential change of regular Board meeting schedule from Tuesday evenings to Saturday mornings: talked through and came close to deciding but are taking one more month to fully consider. Final decision at August meeting.

Public Comment |

None

Executive Sessions

None.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:07 pm by A. Moser

2nd by M. Prinz

Motion passed 6-0.

APPROVED