

Board of Directors – FSAS | MINUTES

Meeting date, time 07/0219 6:00PM | Meeting location FSAS, Gray, ME

Meeting called by William Doughty, Chair
Type of meeting Regular Meeting
Facilitator William Doughty, Chair
Secretary Carolyn Beem, Secretary

Attendees:
Bill Doughty, Chair
Penny Collins, Vice Chair
Carolyn Beem, Secretary
Vincent Micale, Board
Sally Morris, Board
Ben Kramer, Board
Doug Lynch, Board

Meeting called to order at 6:15pm

Quorum of 7 present at start of meeting.

Also Present: Jacinda Cotton-Castro,
Executive Director

Excused:
Melanie Prinz, Treasurer

AGENDA TOPICS

Public Comment

None.

Review of Minutes

Motion to accept June, 2019 minutes by Penny Collins

2nd by Carolyn Beem

Discussion: none

Motion passed 4 -0-3 (new members abstained)

Update on MCSC action re: Fiddlehead Grades 7 and Gd 8 Proposal

Verbal report from those attending the MCSC meeting on July 1

Vin provided an overview of meeting with Commission: Presentation was very smooth, expressed confidence in FHS and leadership, administration and Board. Kudos to Jacinda.

Bill provided a brief summary of current legislation. Penny and Jacinda shared terms and selection of Charter School Commission.

Proposal to add Grades 7 and 8 approved by Commission.

Motion to approve addition of Grades 7 and 8 over the next three years by Penny

2nd by Carolyn

Discussion: Bill provided clarification of how grades would grow over the coming years from 12 to 20 students. Expansion will be promoted through brochures, (libraries, public places, etc.), word of mouth. Suggestion made to offer brochure in other languages

Motion passed: 7-0-0

Action item: The news has already been shared in the media. To address the need to provide Fiddlehead community with consistent communication, statement was prepared to share with family and staff members of FSAS:

Dear parents and staff,

We are delighted to inform you that both the Maine Charter School Commission and the FH School Board have approved the expansion of FSAS to include grades 7 and 8 over the next three years. There are many details in this undertaking to be addressed. The Board and FH staff will work together to work out these details and anticipate having more to share with you at the beginning of the school year.

Parking Lot: none

Site Search for new location

Vin provided update on current state of negotiations. In the beginning phase with more negotiations to come.

Questions:

Ben asked about options for space. Penny asked about timeline. Sally inquired about costs of buildout, own vs. lease. Vin explained options we've looked at to date, and limits of available funds.

Members of site search committee: Vin, Jacinda, Melanie Prinz, Alison Mosher

Action item: none

Parking Lot: none

Executive Chair Update

Open positions update: School Councilor position, in negotiations

Permit acquisition for 6th grade. Fire Marshall expressed minor concerns with egress; Contract ready to go once permits in place – goal for completion by August 1

Expansion Grant – has not yet been announced, application in progress

Consideration of authorizing Executive Director to offer positions over the summer, if needed

Bill explained this is an exception to the norm but allows us to move swiftly to get best candidate.

Motion to allow ED to offer positions over the summer after contacting the Chair

Motion by Sally

Seconded by Doug

Discussion: none

Motion passed: 7-0-0

Motion to enter Executive Session(s): 405.6.A to discuss personnel evaluation and performance

Motion by: Carolyn

Seconded by: Penny

Motion to exit Executive Session(s): 405.6.A

Motion by: Sally

Seconded by: Doug

Other Items

Other items:

Committee Chairs and assignments for 2019-2020

Review of future meeting dates and times:

Next meeting: August 22, 2019, 6:00PM

Meeting evaluation: Penny to add new members to Google Drive; kudos expressed for adding meeting evaluation;

Motion to adjourn

Motion by: Sally

Seconded: Doug

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

APPROVED