

Great Expectations School
Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at the School
Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010, 4:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

*Community input is welcome prior to the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

In attendance: Kathryn Nelson-Pedersen, Sue Butter, Suzy Schweig, Jonathan Hedstrom, Baiers Heeren, Susan Miller, Jeff Kern, Melanie Steele and Pete James.

Item #

1.0 Jonathan called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

2.0 Sue read the mission.

3.0 Suzy moved and Baiers seconded to approve the agenda. Ayes all.

4.0 Baiers moved and Kathryn seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended.

4.1 Minutes from October 12th, 2010 Meeting

4.2 Committee Reports

~~4.3 Review of Expenditures and Fund Transfers~~

~~5.0 Treasurer's Report~~

~~5.1 Approve budget changes~~

~~6.0 Committee Reports~~

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Action Items / Task Updates

Jonathan made the new board roster. He couldn't access the old website to change it.

7.2 Board Calendar

Jonathan reminded folks about ACNW annual retreat on November 19-20 of all the board members and directors that they sponsor. Jonathan and Pete are attending and Jeff may be able to make it. Just to put on our radar: The annual board retreat will be on January 21, 2011.

Suzy moved and Susan seconded to change our meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting in January. Ayes all.

7.3 Annual Meeting Agenda

Pete talked about that the annual meeting is about electing board members, electing officers and sharing with the community what the school has been up to as well as where we are headed.

Pete shared the presentation he'll be providing on Thursday evening: "A View Into Our Future."

There are things we'll have to confront in the future and want people to know about them know so we can work towards our goals in a responsible and inclusive manner.

Four aspects that frame our options are our philosophy, the facility, enrollment and finances. In a nutshell, our facility will soon become inadequate for our student enrollment.

7.4 Board Officer Roster

We still are looking for one person to fill the community member 3-year term on the board.

Jonathan will stay on as the Chair, the Vice Chair will be filled by Sara, and Baiers will be the new treasurer. Suzy will continue to be the secretary effective at the annual meeting.

Kathryn hoped parents can share why they have their students at GES so they can start the presentation with the good feelings about their child's school and to be invested in the process Pete is describing. Mel suggested the meeting be framed with something about how important parental involvement is. Jeff said that he thinks we should emphasize the positive things that happen at this school that set us apart. Jeff also suggested that once we get working groups going that we should share with the community what we're up to.

8.0 New Business

Several people are finally interested in taking the old GES buses. Jonathan will talk with Mark Till who was helping move the buses.

9.0 Susan moved and Sue seconded to adjourn at 6:16. Ayes all.

Task List:

- ~~1. Suzy: Publish on Boreal, WTIP and paper that our board meetings will be changed starting in January 3rd Tuesday of month.~~
- ~~2. Pete will check on whether our annual meeting is considered a public board meeting.~~
- ~~3. Pete will find someone to provide oversight for watching the children during the mtg. and he'll pick out the movie.~~
- ~~4. Jonathan will talk with Mark Till about getting rid of the buses.~~
5. Pete, send ppt to Suzy.
- ~~6. Jonathan needs to say kind words to those people who are leaving the board.~~

*GES Board meetings are open to all. While guests may not participate during the business meeting, our host team is available to visit, answer questions, and discuss your issues 30 minutes prior to each meeting. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with our hosts during this time.