

Great Expectations School

Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School

Wednesday September 20, 2017 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 4:05 pm
 - 1.1 Attendance
Board members present: Suzy Schweig, Alyssa Hedstrom, Dylan Dragswiek, Beth Ferry, Anna Brown, Mike Carlson, Lee Stewart
Others present: Peter James, Director; Beth Ferry, Business Manager; Lesa Hofer, note taker
 - 1.2 Check-In
2. Reading of the Mission: The mission of the school is to develop in each child: a love of learning; critical and creative thinking skills; mastery of the academic building blocks; the ability to nurture family, friends and self; a strong commitment to being a contributing member of a community; open-heartedness toward others; and a passion for lifelong learning.

3. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Dylan, second by Suzy to approve agenda - Ayes all: Motion passed.

4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1 Approve Minutes
 - 4.2 Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfer
Motion by Suzy, second by Anna - Ayes all: Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report
Mike Carlson provided the report and Beth explained. Final result is that funds are greater than expenditures. Cash flow looks a little better than last year. However, there may be a crunch in December. Enrollment may increase and change this.

Deposits seem to be in order. Technology donations went well: \$2,000 was provided for Chromebooks and licenses. Now need funds for iPads.

Suzy asked for clarification on maintenance/cleaning position. Beth explained that the current custodian was hired for roughly the same price as 360 cleaning service was paid. Pete expounded how Meredith will provide daily chores that were not provided in the past. There are funds available to do additional maintenance on building, as needed.

Discussion on procedures for how building maintenance items will be handled with Pete talking with Meredith about items on clipboard that need addressing.

6. Director's Report

Pete shared new paraprofessional staffing and requests that the board approves the hiring of Jourdan Engesser in the Otters classroom.

Motion to approve hire by Alyssa. Seconded by 3 other members - All ayes: Motion passed.

Another paraprofessional is still needed for the Lynx classroom.

Student openings remain in K, 2nd and 3rd grades.

Lloyd K Johnson provided funding for Responsive Classroom training and Operation Round Up paid for mileage for attendees driving a distance. Attendance was very good from the other charter schools.

A joint board meeting with ISD 166 and GES will take place on October 5th at 5pm on how we can share and collaborate to improve educational environment and outcomes for all students. Pete would like the board to take some time to plan for this at the October 4th work session. The board discussed how and what would be appropriate to bring up at this meeting, as a starting place for next fiscal year and longer term.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Facilities Update

Discussion on changes on GEF with board chair, Nina's resignation and concerns that the remaining board members have with feeling the fiscal responsibility of taking on a building expansion. Data was provided to them to move forward but there are concerns remaining on the GEF board.

GES/GEF Update board collaboration

A joint board meeting will be set up with GES and GEF.

7.1.21 Update on Facility Planning/Architects

To Pete's understanding information has been sent to an architect, which will be shared with GEF.

7.2 Policy

7.3 Personnel

7.4 Board Development

7.4.1 2017 ACNW Leaders Retreat Nov. 10 and 11 - Leave after lunch Friday to attend keynote and evening activities. Saturday keynote and breakout sessions. Overnight in dorms.

7.4.2 Annual Meeting Nov 14, 6:30-8:00 pm.

7.4.3 Board Recruitment and Officers

Suzy will stay for another few months. Parent members are needed next.

8. New Business

9. Upcoming Actions

10. Check-out

11. Adjournment at 5:45 pm

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 15 minutes prior to each meeting. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with our hosts during this time.

