

Great Expectations School

Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School

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

1. Call to Order 4:13

1.1 Attendance

Present: Suzy Schweig, Mike Carlson, Carolyn Fritz, Dylan Dragswiek, Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux, Peter James

1.2 Check-In

1. Reading of the Mission by Mike: 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.
2. Approval of Agenda, Suzy moved and Rose seconded to approve the agenda. Ayes all.
3. Consent Agenda Mike moved and Carolyn seconded to approve the consent agenda.
 1. 4.1 Approve Minutes
 1. Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfer.

7.1 Facilities Update

7.1.1 Update on Facility Planning/Architects

Facilities update by Jeff Kern: Architect has been chosen, work now commencing on projecting a budget for the next 10 years. Architects may begin 1st week of December, with in-person meetings over several days. The Board needs to identify the groups and session times for meetings with the architect. Jeff will contact architects to get questions to send out to parents and families. 12/6 thru 12/8 would be ideal for architects to visit. The Board also needs to be thinking about a project goal to give to the architects.

Carolyn reports that the foundation has signed the first of a two part contract with the architect and will begin steps toward a phased master plan. Jeff and Carolyn are discussing writing a grant to assist with costs of the contract.

1. Treasurer's Report

We will need to take a look at the budget. Enrollment is down and there have been new hires this year. A new Budget will be forthcoming. Audit is finished and there will be a conference call in January to answer questions and offer a summary. We're through 41% of school year and most numbers are lining up.

Board Training Opp: Pete shared how transportation/revenue works. 15 minutes training.

Action Items: Remind parents about small stuff and receipts, as well as Smile.Amazon.com.

1. Director's Report

Some students obtained entry to the building and took items from school and damaged two computers. It is now under investigation by law enforcement. The county will let us know what can be shared about the situation.

6.1 Approve New Hires.

Anna Brown's last day is tomorrow, 12/21/17, and Chuck Viren will take over as classroom teacher after spending several weeks teaching with Anna.

Aubree Zuehl will now become a special ed teacher under a license variance, working with students in the Beavers classroom due to the reduction of students in the Fawns classroom. Mary Haussner will now be the classroom teacher for the 16 Fawns students.

A new electronic maintenance reporting system has been started to communicate building needs to the proper party to make repairs, as needed.

Student transportation - Pete will continue to keep his bus driver's license to assist in this manner, as needed.

The board needs to spend some time to review policies. Much time has been spent on building decisions.

The new Corporate Resolution needs to be done for signers on our bank account: Our Financial Policy identifies signers as follows:

Carolyn Fritz, Lee Stewart, Mike Carlson, Suzy Schweig, Peter James and Beth Ferry. Alyssa Hedstrom is to be removed as a signer effective today.

A motion was made to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution dated 12/20/17 by Suzy. Seconded by Mike. All ayes. Motion approved.

1. Committee Reports

7.2 Policy

7.3 Personnel - Roles and responsibilities of director, foundation and board members will be clarified by the board by the end of January.

7.4 Board Development - Rose had suggestions for training options. Carolyn also had several ideas for different topics. Carolyn will create a google calendar for planning purposes. This might be best done during committee meetings and reported in the board minutes.

8. New Business

9. Upcoming Actions

10. Check-out
11. Adjournment at 6:00 pm.

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