

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

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School

Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Rescheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome & Introductions

Sara Hingos called the meeting to order at 4:07.

Present: Mary Haussner, Sara Hingos, Jackie Dillenbeck, Allison Plummer

Also present: Peter James, Amy Henrikson, Clara Weitz

2. Reading of the Mission: Jackie read 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 life-long learning.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mary, seconded by Allison, to approve the agenda. Ayes all.

4. Consent Agenda – **Motion** by Mary, seconded by Jackie, to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all.

4.1 Approve Minutes from July 15, 2014 Meeting

4.1 Review Expenditures and Fund Transfers 6/14 & 7/14

5. Treasurer's Report: Allison reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed updated budget figures from June 2014. They also looked at possible changes to FY15 budget because of reduced enrollment – there will be no aide in Bear Cubs classroom. Also discussion about targeted fundraising efforts, including the letter that was sent out for donations for 10 new Chromebooks. Increasing the fund balance is also a goal.

Amy reported that during the course of the audit it was discovered that the state paid \$12,000 less than reported for Special Education funding. There may be another adjustment before the final figures are due in November. This will put our fund balance under 5%.

6. Director's Report

Pete reported on Odysseyware, which offers a wide variety of online academic units for grades 3-12, and Odysseyware Academy, which will be offering online math coursework for 2 GES students. There is a license agreement at a cost of approximately \$3,000. In collaboration with ISD166, we are under their domain to save on training costs.

Motion by Allison, seconded by Mary, to approve the agreements with OdysseyWare and Odyssey Academy. Ayes all.

We need to renew our agreement with Presence Learning for speech therapy services online, billed at an hourly rate. There are 5 students who will receive speech services this year.

Motion by Mary, seconded by Jackie, to renew contract with Presence Learning. Ayes all.

Motion by Jackie, seconded by Allison, to approve the hiring of Paulina Backstrom as a paraprofessional in the Otters classroom. Ayes all.

Pete also reported on a successful staff workshop week, which just concluded. Pete is working on the Annual Report and the World's Best Workforce Report.

There will be some changes to student progress reports in order to incorporate character education.

7. Committee Report

7.1 Board Self Evaluation: Pete received 3 responses. Sara will send another reminder.

7.2 Parent Survey: Pete will send it out the first week of school.

8. Old Business

8.1 World's Best Workforce: see above

9. New Business

9.1 Audubon Retreat 11/13-11/14

GES School Board retreat date: 1/23/15

Annual meeting date: 11/11/14 at 7:00 p.m. Three new board members are needed, and all new officers will be elected.

10. Upcoming Actions

11. Adjournment: **Motion** by Mary, seconded by Jackie, to adjourn at 5:04 p.m.

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.