



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00pm – 9:00pm

General Meeting – Conference Call

Opening Procedures:

7:00 – 7:05pm

- Call to order
 - Nye, Casten, Patton, Ruckert, and Hybarger present.
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Recitation of AVA's mission & vision
- Review & approve agenda
 - Nye motion to amend the agenda to add a vote to change a regularly scheduled school day to a parent/teacher conference day due to the original 3/14 schedule being cancelled due to inclement weather. Hybarger second. Unanimous approval.
- Consent agenda
 - Approve February board meeting minutes

- Public comment
 - None

7:05 – 7:15pm

- Administrative updates
 - March dashboard

7:15 – 8:00pm

Bob is coming up with clarification for staff on homework and grading expectations. New guidelines have been developed to create consistency and reinforce that homework over the weekend/holidays is only needed in extenuating circumstances and should not be the norm. With respect to grading, new guidelines have been developed around the number of grading opportunities during the year and the quality of each. Again, taking the guesswork out of it and creating consistency across classrooms.

The facilities plan has been received, which evaluated all expected capital expenditures over a 25 year period. A recommendation was made to allocate money each year to capital expenditure fund that could be utilized to pay such expenses as they come up. The report identified a few repairs/improvements that should be made soon, and Bob is working on addressing those items as soon as possible.

Bob highlighted the 2nd grade class project where students created replicas of famous people and prepared a written biography report on the individual they chose. The results were very positive and may be something that is applied toward other classes in the future. Pictures were going to be shared, but due to the weather and Board meeting needing to be conducted via the web the pictures will have to be shared at next month's meeting.

- Board action(s) – *if applicable* -



- Board Reports, discussion, updates & actions

8:00 – 9:00pm

- Committees:

- Finance Committee

Our auditor recommended a few additional items that Finance Committee should be reviewing. The recommendations will be communicated at next month's Board meeting.

One in particular, the auditor suggested that when budget items are exceeded, going forward the budget should be updated to reflect the true value of those items. A resolution will be brought to the Board next month to be able to act on this suggestion/recommendation.

- PTO

PTO met last week. Trisha French resigned from her role on the PTO. The Board thanks her for her time and service on the PTO. PTO Chair did mention that perhaps we should explore the option of creating co-chairs as a way to help balance the duties and demands of any one person on the PTO. It would be helpful if there was a defined set of updates or reports that the board would like to see/hear from the PTO. Is there specific financial information that the board wants to see from the PTO? Who is the financial information being presented to? *From a finance committee standpoint, budget vs. actual & balance sheet information is critical. Event updates, Asks? What support they need from the BOD?*

- SAC Committee

March meeting was cancelled due to weather; no update today.

- Uniform Committee

A meeting was held with Land's End on 3/12. Recommendations are being formulated, and they may contemplate that skorts are ok and that skirts may need to be worn with leggings, etc. This is not final yet and will be considered further before a final recommendation is made.

- Building Committee update

- Approve Charter Expansion Application to DCSD for 3565 Celestial Avenue

Additional modular buildings may be an option of the Celestial Ave expansion does not go through. The modulares would allow for expanded programming since space within the main building is not available. There could be two or three additional classrooms, along with offices, and would free up some space within the main building to expand classrooms, add restroom facilities, etc (half-day kindergarten, preschool are the most likely to be impacted). The cost for the modular buildings would be approximately \$250,000 - \$350,000.

The Board clarified that the additional cost of the pre-K renovation is already built into the school's budget and will be incurred regardless of whether the Celestial Ave expansion goes through.

An open forum Q&A session for existing AVA parents will be held on either March 27th or 28th so that our families can learn more about the possible Celestial Ave expansion. An announcement will be going out to the community within the week.



Patton motion to approve the Charter Expansion Application, pending any final changes or edits. Nye second. Unanimous approval.

- Board Strategic planning
 - Committee goals formulation

In the June 2018 strategic planning session, committee goals were established and they are due in May 2019. What do we want to ask of our committees for next year? Each Board member needs to think about (SAC, Finance, Election, Uniform, PTO) what they want out of each committee to help determine their effectiveness (i.e. 2 or 3 items for each committee from each Board member). The May working session can be used to outline expectations going forward.

- Parent/teacher conferences action

Nye motion to approve the change of a regularly scheduled school day to a parent/teacher conference day due to the original 3/14 schedule being cancelled due to inclement weather. Hybarger second. Unanimous approval.

- Executive session: 9:00 – 10:00pm
 - (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters
 - (§24-6-402(4)(a) the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real property interest & 4(e), determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators
 - Board action(s) – *if applicable*
Executive session not entered for this meeting.

- Adjourn 10:00pm

Nye motion to adjourn. Casten second. Unanimous approval.