



Board Meeting Minutes: Thursday, 6/30/ 2011

Board Meeting Time: (3:50PM-6:12PM)

Location: Elementary school library

Call the meeting to order: Quinton Alexander called the meeting to order at 3:50 PM

Board Members Present: Sue Latham, Diana Arne, Quinton Alexander, and Jason Stockwell (arrived 4:33PM)

Board members Absent: Osman Abdi (out of the country)

Others Present: Katie Kohn (PUC), Stephanie Dess, Steve Dess

1. Review/Approval of agenda: Diana Arne motioned to accept the agenda, Quinton Alexander seconded the motion. M/C 3-0
2. Review and Approval of Board Meeting minutes from 5/26/11: Quinton Alexander motioned to accept the minutes as written, Diana Arne seconded, M/C 3-0
3. Community Input: (3 minutes). Input will be conducted prior to meeting business, generally not for discussion at the time: NO community input was offered.
4. School Director's Report: Stephanie Dess
 - Summer AP learner year program: Minnesota Government Shut down, after discussion, the Board agreed to hold the Learner Year Program for the 2 weeks to ensure that the Learner Year funding will not be lost. The program will be the last week of July and the first week of August even if there is a question if state payment will be made to charter schools
 - MDE updates- special education: LLCs will have a fiscal monitoring during the school year. Bruce Seal has been notified and he has been working with Joel Dimock.
 - Results of Staff and Parent Surveys, tabled to July 28 meeting.
 - OPUS Grants for school improvement: Diana Arne motioned to apply to Opus Foundation for Grant money for school facilities improvement (Classroom) and playground equipment, seconded by Quinton Alexander. M/C 4-0
 - School uniforms: discussion/vote on uniform issue: Sue Latham motioned to institute the wearing of school uniforms of grades K-12 beginning with school year 2011-2012. Quinton Alexander seconded the motion. M/C 4-0. Stephanie will send a letter to parents and families informing them of the change.
 - Policies:
 - Field trip policy: tabled from 5/26 meeting: Sue Latham motioned to approve the Field Trip Policy and add that a signed by parent/guardian field trip form must be returned for each field trip, a blanket permission slip is not acceptable, and that the athletic programs be treated separately. Quinton Alexander seconded the motion. M/C: 4-0.
 - Whistle Blower Policy: Quinton Alexander motion to approve the Whistle Blower Policy as written, Jason Stockwell seconded the motion. M/C 4-0
 - Staff changes update: Teach for America teachers for the 2011-2012 school year: first grade, elem/middle school science/math, special education.

- Summary of DIRS to state: There were 47 suspensions of students from LLCS during the 2011-2012 school year.
- NWEA results: Fall to Spring: table to July 28, 2011 meeting
- Preliminary MCA reading results, table to July 28,

5. Administrative Director's Report:: Steve Dess

Quinton Alexander motioned to accept the Updated Income, profit and loss statement financial report for May 2011 from cmRDC, Sue Latham seconded,
Motion Carried 4-0

6. Board Calendar Review
7. New Business: NONE
8. Adjournment : 6:12PM

The mission of the teachers, parents and community leaders working at the Learning for Leadership Charter School (LLCS) is to successfully assist each student to develop and to attain the skills necessary for post-secondary success. Students will be prepared through academic rigor and through opportunities for experiential learning including leadership activities, building the school together, and giving back to society.