

NCS Board Meeting January 14, 2009

Board members present: Jill Kaechele, Teri Roth, Melissa Devereaux, Lisa Roberson, Teresa Lee, Kole Camp, Carol Keller, Maya Jenkins, Doug Blackmon, Sherri Scott, Tammie Mitchell, Keith Rouse, John Wright, Beth Wells, Curtis McHardy, Cindy Cahalen

Also in attendance:

Peter Ernst, Molly Maland, Heidi Lance, Elizabeth Swern, Nikki Smith, Kelly Dennis Gigi Connor, Allen Mueller, Christian Vatalaro, Veleta Greer

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 and introductions were made.

Tammie reviewed board meeting etiquette.

Sherri motioned to approve the minutes, Terri seconded. Motion carried
Kole motioned to approve the agenda. Beth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nikki Smith presented information about the registration schedule and information disseminated to the public in registration zones. She asked that at least one board member should attend each of the information sessions, and be prepared to speak.

At present, the kindergarten will have 29 siblings.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS—Jill spoke about a letter that David Roth sent to the neighbors, addressing alarm issues, painting of the mobile unit, etc.

The leak in the roof has been repaired.

The MLK workday will have volunteers from HOA and Lexis/Nexis, and all brick walls will be sealed.

The student bathrooms will also be painted in colors that the students chose. So far, only one board member has volunteered to work, more should try to be there.

David has gotten quotes to have the trailer painted, retaining wall built and lower field covered with topsoil in an effort to continue improvements and relations with the neighborhood...

Allen Mueller, APS Charter School liaison was introduced and spoke about his role at APS, helping people to understand the benefit of charter schools.

He encouraged board members to call him with questions, etc...

Discussion followed.

Gigi Connor presented information about the Fall Fling. There was \$58,000 net profit, divided between the two schools. There were over 400 tickets sold. GA State Sigma Nu, which volunteered for the event has expressed an interest in volunteering in future events.

Gigi also spoke on behalf of Matt Underwood, of ACMS, which will not be a feeder school this year, but will include it in their charter renewal, which is due in September. She does not anticipate any problems for NCS 5th graders having a space at ACMS. ACMS has increased class size to accommodate NCS and NPU populations. She also said that ACMS would be adding a spot on their board for a 5th grade parent from NCS, to act as a liaison. Discussion followed...

Matt Underwood will be at NCS on January 22nd.

FINANCE COMMITTEE --Keith Rouse the current financial report. We should finish the year with about \$500K in the bank.

PTCA—Lisa Roberson presented, PTCA needs new family partners to partner with 5 new families at our school. Board members volunteered. Grandparents and special friends postcards have gone out.

FUND DEVELOPMENT—Melissa Devereaux presented. The giving tree has brought about \$50K, led by the board...
Fund Dev. Plans to retain a professional grant writer for a short period of time to explore writing proposals to various foundations as relationships are formed. The Low Country Boil will be shifted to the fall, and the Golf event will occur in the spring.
Fund Development would like the board to think about “earmarking” discretionary money.

PARENT & FAMILY INVOLVEMENT—Sherri Scott presented- The directory has been distributed. The probation timeline has expired for families on probation. There are 23 to 27 families on probation.

PERSONNEL - Beth Wells noted that the principal evaluation has been sent out and should be returned by Monday, the 19th.

PRINCIPAL/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT - JILL spoke about the Math@688. It has been a success.
The teacher evaluation/self study schedule has been altered.
The sustainability committee has placed recycling bins throughout the school.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Kole mentioned that the staff would like to more about the organization(al) chart of the board.

John Wright would like to see Winter–Fest divided into three nights in order to make it more comfortable...

Tammie presented changes in the contract with Matthews Consulting Group, regarding the payment schedule, and asked for approval of the contract. Melissa moved to approve the contract. Kole seconded. Motion carried. Tammie urged the board to thank The Steering committee for their hard work with Michelle.

NEW BUSINESS

Keith Rouse nominated John Wright for new board chair. Curtis McHardy seconded. There were no objections or abstentions. John Wright is the Chair Elect for 2009/10. John was nominated and seconded and “the motion to elect him chair was approved by acclamation, without objection”.

Tammie asked for volunteers to address all policies and procedures, the bylaws and new non–profit regulations.

There are currently six children who attend our school, who live outside the district. Included in the board packet were copies of the APS documents of residency. She suggested we look at the forms and look at being more stringent with proof of residency.

Discussion followed.

Tammie will keep the board informed on the development of these cases

ANOUNCEMENTS

FEB.6 Board REPORTS due

Feb. 10 Early release day

Feb. 11 Board meeting

Lisa Motioned to adjourn. Terry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Keller