

Neighborhood Charter School
Governing Board Meeting
October 8, 2008

Board members in attendance: Tammie Mitchell, Melissa Devereaux, Keith Rouse, Carol Keller, Teresa Lee, John Corbally, Terry Roth, Jill Kaechele, Amy Drooker, Beth Wells, John Wright, William Teasley

Also in attendance were: Katherine Carr, Lynn Brandli, Peter Ernst, David Roth, Kristian Vatalaro, Cindy Etheridge, Elizabeth Swern,

The meeting was called to order at 6:34. Terry motioned the approval of minutes, Amy seconded, the motion approved.

Amy motioned to approve the agenda, Terry seconded, the motion approved.

Public comment—none

Cindy Etheridge presented information about the annual audit.

B & G: David Roth reported trees will be cut down on the weekend. First grade asked that the tree stump be left 10 feet tall. There is concern that neighbors will have issues with trees being cut. The roof repair seems to be sound and there is no leaking in the book room.

David recommends that the school budget several thousand dollars per year for roof maintenance.

All teachers now have a “SWAT Team” member to address specific needs in classrooms.

The committee met on the 26th and prioritized the playground and the lower field.

The alarm continues to be an issue. The alarm does not function properly in the trailer. Also, neighbors want the trailer to be beautified.

Lower field: David is getting quotes to improve the lower field. He estimates that the cost will be between \$18K to \$25K.

Lynn Brandli presented information about the GE workday on October 24. This will be the beginning effort in sustainability.

Beth Wells made a motion to approve \$2400 toward the work- day for picnic tables, garden beds. Keith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

William Teasley reported on the Student Learning Committee.

David Roth reported on a new HVAC contract for a semi-annual inspection/maintenance with McKenny's, and ending the current contract with Estees.

Sherri Smith motioned that we

Terry Roth 2nd. Motion approved.

Tammie reported that Kathy Andrews is investigation banking options.

John Wright reported on asbestos issues at ACMS. The state has sent ACMS and NCS letters. The buildings have to be brought into compliance. ACMS will have asbestos issues. NCS will basically have to get a letter reporting an audit (from Gay Construction) that we are free of asbestos. Total cost \$500.

Finance Committee: Keith Rouse reported that FDIC only covers \$250K per customers. The finance committee is investigating options to insure our money is safe.

Governor Purdue is cutting school budget by 2%; \$78K for NCS.

Jill Kaechele reported on Behavior Management Team and a continuum to address repetitive behaviors.

Playground expectations were also presented...

Report cards will contain a new writing rubric. Reading will be reported at the individual, independent reading level.

William motioned the adoption of the behavior continuum, Teresa 2nd, motion approved.

PTCA report: Tammie reported in Lisa's absence.

Courier guidelines were part of the report.

Beth motioned that the guidelines be approved, Terry seconded, motion approved.

Fund Development: Melissa Devereaux asked board members to make sure to fill out their pledge cards, and thanked the board for their leadership.

Annual campaign (The Giving Tree) will be going home in behavior folders this Friday.

The committee will be meeting with Kaboom and some other local foundations to seek out grants.

Kole Camp will have reduced price tickets to the Fall Fling for families in need.

PFI: Sherri Scott reported on the printed directory. It is in editing and should be out by the end of the month. Probation letters went out 2 weeks ago and she has gotten a number of calls.

The four- point plan has gone out and families are responding.

Personnel Committee: Beth Wells reported that the personnel committee is looking for a guidance counselor due to the resignation of Lisa Deutch.

William Teasley reported that the board retreat was to be November 8 at Calloway Gardens, but that there are conflicts. The board was asked to consider having retreat/strategic plan on a Sunday. The retreat will lead to strategic planning and the selection of a strategic planner.

Tammie explained Amy's role as vice-chair, how they are splitting up the responsibilities.

Jill asked for a master list of committee meetings.

Amy motioned to adjourn. Teresa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Keller