

BlueSky Charter School
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 20, 2017
10:00 AM
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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the board of director meeting of the BlueSky Charter School, 4082, was held on December 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken with these members present: Forbes, Johnson, Kelbel, Pekarek, Schempp, Stocco.

Others present were: Amy Larsen, Megan Hollenkamp, Renee Parcheta, Scott Brown, Dan Ondich, Ben Haensel, Bill Lauer

Collaborate Ultra Board Meeting Room - <https://goo.gl/6zhVz0>

Approval of Agenda

Kelbel/Johnson moved to approve agenda as is
5-0 Motion passes

Approval of Previous Board Minutes

Pekarek/Kelbel moved to approve board minutes from November 29, 2017
5-0 Motion passes

Paula Forbes joined meeting at 10:07 am

Presentation of FY17 Financial Audit

Records were in excellent condition and BlueSky was prepared for the audit. There are no issues to report and MMKR issued an unmodified opinion on the school's annual financial statements. The general fund balance ended with just under \$1.8 million which was \$169,214 above the previous year and higher than projected in the final budget.

Pekarek/Schempp moved to approve FY17 Financial Audit
6-0 Motion passes

Filing of Finance Claim

We're still waiting on the 990 tax return form from MMKR and that will be shared with the board once we receive it. The percent of fiscal year completed is 42% with the YTD expenses as a percent of budget is 35%. Following the last board meeting, we have changed our ADM from 485 to 480. There are currently no cash flow concerns. Brown has a meeting set with Anchor Bank after the New Year to discuss investing in CD's.

Kelbel/Johnson moved to approve monthly financial statement
6-0 Motion passes

Reports

7.1 Finance Committee

Nothing to add

7.2 Curriculum Committee

Looking to improve the academic snapshot to be able to link to assignments that they need to complete. Team Drives in Google are being shared with each department and training will be scheduled for the future. There are some issues with Flash happening already ahead of their termination date, so we are looking for alternatives to any uses of Flash in our curriculum. The Committee also discussed Employability soft skill standards and where that might fit in at BlueSky.

7.3 HR Committee

There was discussion about staff compensation and longevity recognition and Larsen will be talking to other charter schools who use steps and lanes and find out how this works for them and how they handle raises. Neu will also look into pulling tools and measures from Q-comp to try and integrate it into a sample rubric for performance measures and bring her findings to the next HR meeting. Kelbel voiced that she is glad this is being discussed on the HR committee as the teaching staff has been discussing this as well.

7.4 Director's Report

Current enrollment is at 497 students including PSEO and 37 waiting applications and 27 supplemental students. Last year we were already at our cap but we were also losing 10-15 students each week with drops and transfers and that number has been under 5 recently. Johnson asked if we would put a pause on enrollments for winter break and Parcheta replied that counselors are getting them scheduled and they will be starting after the break. We have 27 supplemental students enrolled in 53 courses right now with 2 students transitioning to full time. AdvancEd accreditation went well and the presentation on program changes from the last accreditation showcased all of the changes to our program. We won't have a formal report until their accrediting board approves their review. They noted that our learner-centric programming and support systems were major strengths. Student engagement, attendance and mobility, and a formalized technology plan were opportunities in improvement. The American Indian Education Plan won't be moving forward this year due to lowering interest and loss of some of our American Indian population. Doug Knick from IQS is observing our board meeting today and we will be reviewed two more times this year.

7.5 Student Activity/Updates

36 BlueSky students and over 70 people total attended the SeaLife field trip last Friday at the Mall of America. Students divided into groups and took turns on a behind the scenes tours, classroom activity, and self-guided tour through the aquarium. Students who became friends online were able to meet for the first time in person. Student Day took place last week as well with a small but beneficial turnout where friendships were made.

7.6 Assessment Update related to IQS contract goals & NWEA

Ondich will be meeting with Brenda Ritter about the incoming assessment process during orientation in order to get implementation up to target before the end of the year. Attendance is calculated differently in PowerSchool and Ondich won't be reporting on attendance numbers until this gets resolved. Teacher teams are still looking at the NWEA data and working with their students.

7.7 Student Services Report

The social workers are working on their ongoing trauma informed schools training. Counselors have been offering FAFSA live sessions and 12 students/parents attended the last session. There was also a live career opportunity with about 40 students attending that. Peer to Peer is expanding and slowly growing as the year goes on.

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve all reports
6-0 motion passes

Consent Items

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

10.1 Action - Approve Policy 5.1.1 Admissions Policy with Lottery revision

There is just an update to the statute. The statute will be updated under Policy Statement.

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

Public Input

None

Adjourn

Pekarek/Johnson motion to adjourn meeting at 11:11 am

6-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 10:00 am

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10:00 am

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 10:00 am

Other: Next Board Election – May 2018