

BlueSky Charter School
Board Meeting
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Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
10:00 AM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the board of director meeting of the BlueSky Charter School, 4082, was held on November 28th, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken with these members present: Schempp, Murphy, Kelbel, Johnson, Pekarek, Stocco

Others present were: Amy Larsen, Renee Parcheta, Dan Ondich, Bill Blossom, Sara Neu, Matt Schoenthaler, Scott Brown, Nicole from IQS

3. Approval of Agenda

Add 9.3 action Item- Waiver of Pledge of Allegiance

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

4. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

4.1 Action - Approve board meeting minutes, October 24, 2018

Kelbel/Murphy motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

Paula Forbes arrived at 10:06AM

5. Filing of Finance Claims - TAG, Scott Brown

Brown reports current budget is based on 485 ADM, a number may have to be slightly adjusted. Revenues at 32% of budget, which is right where expected. Expenditures as a whole just over 28%. We are 33% through the year. Instructional supplies, and purchased service tracking high which is normal for this time of the year. Cash flow is showing adequate through June 30th with no concerns. State aid payment expected through the rest of the year, based on current budget, is at \$380,000 a month from the state. Brown also reports that the audit has been going smoothly this far and we expect findings soon.

Pekarek/ Forbes motion to approve

7-0 motion passes

6. Reports

6.1 Information- Finance Committee – Pekarek

Pekarek reports that a vendor double payment was made on an invoice. Larsen reports that a refund to the school is expected.

6.2 Information- Curriculum Committee – Schempp

Schempp reports at the meeting they discussed flash content removal and transition. Flash will no longer be working as of 2020. Social-emotional standards were discussed and aligning those with certain courses. Social workers are working with the english department directly on this project. Technical discussion about the practice of 0 Point quiz questions came up and discussion will continue at a later time.

6.3 Information- HR Committee – Forbes

Neu reports that a meeting was held on Nov. 8th. Time off policy for licensed staff was discussed regarding sick

days being converted to personal days. Some discussion occurred about the implementation of this policy proving to be too burdensome for our staffing needs at BlueSky. The potential for needing substitute teachers more frequently could prove to be an extra cost to BlueSky and there is some difficulty finding a sub that is familiar with our systems. Rewording of the policy is being worked on and will be presented to the board when ready for approval. New policy would require staff to get pre approval before using their converted days. Solutions to scheduling and recording of days off for employees in the company were suggested. A separate meeting was held to discuss how to reward staff with possible stipends and bonuses of sustainable form.

6.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

Larsen reports we are at our cap and have enacted our waitlist. Larsen reports our student information specialist who handles enrollments will be leaving us. Office staff will hold a meeting to discuss how to keep enrollments running smoothly in the interim. We have lowered our marketing budget on Adwords and social media. We are also at our capacity for supplemental students for the semester. There are approximately 25 supplementals courses scheduled for semester 2. Extended learning year application is being prepared with the help of Cathy Parker for our summer school funding. We continue to work with Arcstone marketing company on our new website. Meetings have been occurring weekly and a site map has been developed. We have a videographer from Arcstone that is contacting students and parents to collect testimonials for a video project. We continue to work with Indigo for our SPED services. We utilize there services for SPED director and in the development of our transitions program. Our internal file review is underway this year for our SPED department in preparation for a state audit next year. Our Indigo hours will increase as work continues on SPED department projects. Larsen reports we continue to search for a second campus location in St. Cloud. There is a potential property the BlueSky team is interested in that is near local shopping and attractions. More details are being reviewed for the second site. Larsen will be contacting a realtor in the metro area to begin the search for a new space. BlueSky received AdvancEd Values Driven Award of Excellence this year from AdvancEd that was presented at their Chicago conference.

6.5 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Schoenthaler

Sealife field trip will be on December 14th at Mall of America with funding for 80 to attend. Student Day is planned for December 20th. A field trip to Antigone is scheduled for February. A January activity is in the works.

6.6 Information- Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress - Ondich

Ondich reports an intake readiness assessment rubric is being creating for incoming students. STAR continues to be administered on enrollment. STAR scores will be used to evaluate need for intervention based on rubric scoring on assessment. Ondich reports we are seeing a lot of success as we continue to refine our intake and intake assessment project. Attendance calculations have changed to comply with ESSA guidelines. Attendance at 84.9% which is higher than in the past for BlueSky and for this time of the year. 62.8 have 90% of attendance or better based on most recent reports which is an improvement over last year. IQS alternative measures meeting was held as we continue to work to find innovative measurements to track student progress. Middle school affidavit was not approved by MDE, IQS will submit a response to MDE by December 11th.

6.7 Information - Student Services Report - Parcheta

Parcheta reports we are working to show academic increase and performance in an alternative way. Our BlueSky staff continue trainings related to our compassionate school initiative and trauma informed approach. We continue to research different ways to show increase of skills and development in students through alternative methods and measures. Work with our authorizer to have the state recognize these measures is on going. SPED departments work with Indigo continues and is going well. Jen Anderson will be working to develop a specific program to reach American Indian students to increase graduation rates amongst student population. PArcheta reports herself and Anderson have attended several conferences that provided research based evidence to help increase American Indian graduation rates at BlueSky.

**Schempp/ Murphy motion to approve
7-0 motion passes**

7. Consent Items

7.1 Action - Approve Angelique Moore Resignation

7.2 Action - Approve Nancy Disch Resignation

7.3 Action - Approve Hire of Melissa Vang 0.5 FTE SPED Assistant

Forbes/Kelbel motion to approve

7-0 motion passes

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

9.1 Action - Approve 17-18 WBWF Summary and Annual Report

Kelbel/ Pekarek motion to approve

7-0 motion passes

9.2 Action - Approve Revised Policy 6.6 Pledge of Allegiance

Schempp/ Johnson motion to approve

7-0 motion passes

9.3 Action- Waiver of Pledge policy 6.6

Schempp/ Kelbel motion to approve

7-0 motion passes

10. Public Input

11. Adjourn at 11:13am

Pekarek/ Schempp

7-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

Other: Next Board Election: May 2019