

BlueSky Charter School

Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 23rd, 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 May 23rd, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken with these members present: Forbes, Schempp, Kelbel, Pekarek, Johnson, Stocco.

Others present were: Amy Larsen, Renee Parcheta, Scott Brown, Dan Ondich, Ben Haensel, Bill Blossom, Sara Neu, Matt Schoenthaler, Tamela Murphy, Laura Welciek

Approval of Agenda

Kelbel/ Johnson motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

Approval of Previous Board Minutes

4.1 Action - Approve board meeting minutes, April 25th, 2018

Pekarek/ Schempp motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

Filing of Finance Claims - TAG, Scott Brown

April financials were reviewed with the finance committee and show expenditures at 81% with us being 83% through the budget year. Revenue at \$480 ADM. Expenditures have been tracking with previous months, about 8%, or almost one month, under budget. Tracking to finish the year better than anticipated. No cash flow concerns with cash balance of about \$2,000,000. Brown notes we have about \$440,000 for the month coming from the state of Minnesota. Projected cash balance of \$1,700,000 at end of financial year on June 30th. Brown stated preliminary audit field work will start next week.

Pekarek/ Forbes motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

6. Reports

6.1 Information- Finance Committee – Pekarek

Pekarek states we will be paying Risdall for the next two months and will start with Arch Stone in June. We will continue to use Google adwords. Larsen notes that there has been some account transitioning from Anchor Bank to Old National Bank that seems to have been smooth.

6.2 Information- Curriculum Committee – Schempp

Schempp states the meeting approved a revision for a modern art course. AdvancEd report was reviewed and felt that we had done well. The committee discussed continuing working on math curriculum projects. They will be meeting to work on competency based practices update and reporting for that. STAR trial is finishing up and is being looked at for interventions, and possibly expanding from there.

6.3 Information- HR Committee – Forbes

Johnson states the committee discussed the possibility of adding more personal days and discussed policies surrounding it. No new recommendations to present at this time. Neu states over the summer she will work on total compensation package for individual staff members and as a whole and see where there is room for improvement. Neu would like to put together a sub committee to continue the compensation conversations. All

proposals will go to the finance committee before going to the board. The flat rate increase will be implemented for next year.

6.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

Enrollment slowly decreasing towards the end of the school year, however retention rates are stronger this year. Larsen reports ADM is 480.65 as of 4/8/18. Enrollment is at 509 students. Enrollment for the year has closed. 37 supplemental classes passed out 80 with rest of the semester remaining. 17 of 44 supplemental students will be graduating. We are currently working with 20 schools to offer supplemental programming. We have five students already signed up for supplemental program for next year. No CenturyLink update. We are transitioning to Arch Stone for marketing services. An audit was done with Google Adwords and it shows to be working effectively. We are increasing Adwords budget over summer months to amp up fall enrollments. Arch Stone will contact current BlueSky families to build a communication plan based on information they provide. There are 3 new positions available at BlueSky. Interviews for IT position will happen in June. Applications for middle school expansion team are currently being accepted. Admin is working on creating the middle school committee together to continue with middle school expansion team.

6.5 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Schoenthaler

Schoenthaler reports prom was successful. Graduation is being planned for Saturday June 9th at Saint Paul College. We have 50 students planning to attend commencement ceremony. Student Day earlier this month was successful at engaging new students with a group tie dye activity. A final Student Day is planned for May 24th as we partner with Happy Tails Rescue to bring in adoptable pets for socialization with our students.

6.6 Information- Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress - Ondich

Ondich reports they met with IQS for their final review of the year. IQS requires we use an intake assessment. Graduation rates are changing due to IQS revising standards. Our target was 27.2-30.2, which we are above currently exceeding or meeting. STAR is going to be used for the intake assessment. Ondich states me has met with Dawn Mensing, district assessment coordinator to start reviewing preliminary MCA data but at this time it is hard to determine accurate data. Graduation rates are projecting possibly above average this year. We met our benchmark from our authorizer on the NWEA map testing. We went from 74% to 76% in NWEA percentile for math, a first time percentile increase since starting with NWEA. Reading target stayed the same with us at the 97-98 percentile. Projected course passing rate of 77.1% of courses attempted or passed which we should be ending the year around. Middle school attendance at 91-92%. Some improvement with senior attendance. 15 day drop rate has decreased.

6.7 Information - Student Services Report - Parcheta

Parcheta reports that student services has been very busy this spring with intervention meetings with students. School Counselors Conference at Madden's was successful. Part time (supplemental) program promotion was productive in meeting with counselors from other schools. BlueSky staff were able to connect with many other districts. Results of HOPE study survey will be available next month. Parcheta reports there was a SPED department meeting that concluded the SPED department will work on dividing into two sections; transitions and evaluations which they will focus on next year. HOPE study survey results will be available next month.

6.8 Information- Q Comp Report- Welckiek

Welckiek reports that Q Comp program ran similar to last year. SMART goals were used to measure progress this year. Staff were provided formal and informal observation. Goal of providing job embedded professional development. School wide goal was met and exceeded. Utilizing compassionate schools training was integrated in Q Comp training with year as well. Staff had opportunity to set 3 mini goals over 3, 9 week periods. Next year Q Comp team will implement flexibility in staff members goal timing. PLC's may be revised next year. Staff will have opportunity to join book club second semester.

Kelbel/ Johnson motion to approve
6-0 motion passes

7. Consent Items

7.1 Action - Renew MACS Membership 18-19

Prekarek/ Schempp motion to approve
6-0 motions pass

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

9.1 Action - Future Board Meeting Dates
June 28th 2018 @ 10am. July 25th, 2018 at 10am. August 29th, 2018 at 10am.

Schempp/ Johnson motion to approve.

6-0 motion passes

9.2 Action -
Approve change in Bylaws Section 3.4 (C) to reflect Board of Directors term beginning in June (not May)

Prekarek/ Kelbel motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

10. Board Training and/or Evaluation 10.1 Action- Employment Law Training MACS Module #1 Whistleblower Law

Forbes/ Pekarek move to table motion to next meeting

6-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

None

Motion to adjourn 12:12 pm on April 25

Prekarek/ Schempp motion to approve

5-0 motion passes