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Board Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2014

I. OPENING SECTION

1. Call to Order: By Board President Gorski at 6:14pm

2. Roll Call

Board Members in attendance: Secretary Clark (Absent) President Gorski (Present) Director Kornfeld (Present) Treasurer Wager–Robertson (Present)

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of March minutes is tabled because minutes are not yet complete.

Motion by: N/a Seconded by: N/a

Clark (Absent) Gorski (N/a) Kornfeld (N/a) Wager - Robertson (N/a)

Reject year-to-date financials because there is confusion over correct EFT amount.

Motion by: Wager - Robertson Seconded by: Kornfeld

Clark (Absent) Gorski (Aye) Kornfeld (Aye) Wager - Robertson (Aye)

II. SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT

- 1. Mosaica and HoS Report: Concerns still exist whether the student performance percentages are correct. Parent/teacher training is planned with Title funds that are being received
 - **2. Preschool:** Warning will be issued to employee. Plans should be made for expansion.
- **3. Marketing:** Hole-in-One planning is underway. Ptarmigan course has said no. As such Fort Collins County Club will be the primary focus. Valpak is planned to be one avenue of advertising. Sweat and T-shirts will need follow up as to number required.
- **4. Fundraising:** Gift Card orders our being received. Mosaic Executive Vice-President Eric Dinnel suggested an advertising banner place on the schools website.
- **5. Grants:** Give Next was approved! Will go toward a Digital Art program. Grants for Common Core fund and many others in the works. Ask letter will also needs to be developed for mailing.
- **6. Technology:** Additional Smart Board projectors are needed. Request will be made of PTLO. List of next year's needs also should be made as well.

- 7. **Building and Bond:** Contact will be made with Neil. Will continue to seek a lessee to use of available Middle School space.
- **10. Board Elections:** No application received as of yet. Suggestion made to contact teacher to ask for recommendations of parent who should be contacted directly.
- 11. Curricula: Current curricula appears to be close to Common Core standards for Open Court series. Others are being explored.
 - **12. Budget Overview:** Prospective short fall of \$350,000.00 plus for this school year.
 - 13. Strategic Planning: Projected short fall of \$500,000.00 plus for next school year.
- **III.** Audience Comments: Large turnout for Vote on lease to proposed school. Parents and teachers speakers included: Deb Stanley, Lisa Brooks, Jennifer Neuwald, Sandra Hume, Brad Smith, and Catherine Moss. Concern focused on fear of disruption due to lost space, possible crowding, parental disapproval and public perception of school.

The Fort Collins Montessori School Board-President Ronnie Estelle and proposed HOS Frank also spoke to discuss how the proposed arrangement would work. Explanation focused on guest status in build and goal of lowest possible disruption to TPAAK.

IV. Board Action

Motion to authorize lease of a maximum of 5,700 sq. ft. at a rate of \$14.55 per square foot to the Fort Collins Montessori School. Motion was made will request for audience participation in discussion. President Gorski voiced dismay that: 1. allowing for only one month of negotiation will leave many details missing from the agreement and 2. With the middle school elimination we would be changing too much at one time which may lead to confusion. Treasurer Wager-Robertson voiced concern that while to lease would bring in much needed funds, with the space occupied by FCMS our school was guaranteed not to make budget even if we had the enrollment we needed. Director Kornfeld commented that while lease was fair for the money offered there was worry that if more than one student in each class left as a result all benefit from the lease would be washed away, a worry born out by parent comments during the discussion.

Motion by: Kornfeld Seconded by: Gorski
Clark (Absent) Gorski (Nay) Kornfeld (abstain) Wager - Robertson (Nay)

V. CLOSING SECTION

Next board meeting planned for May 7th due to conflict on May 14th with Young Chautauqua visit.

Adjournment Motion made by Director Kornfeld at 09:08 pm