T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

February 09, 2010 4:00pm Board Room, 4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order
Time Started: 4:01pm

2. Roll Call
Board Members present in attendance:
(X) Bennett (X) Eastman () Hughes (X) Kelleher () Westover

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda
Recommended Motion: Move to adopt agenda as presented (or amended)
Motion made by: Eastman

Board President

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Seconded: Kelleher

SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. Board Discussion

Roll Call: unanimous - yes

- a) Middle School 2010-2011 update
 - a. Recommend suspend 7th, 8th and keep straight 6th if 16 enroll and stay by Oct 1st
 - b. Will talk to CSI and have board action next month hopefully
- b) Continuing education options for teachers
 - a. CSI came and trained
 - b. Can provide documentation for teachers to move from provisional licensure to professional licensure
- c) Charter renewal schedule
 - a. CSI renewed 2 out of 3 contracts of other schools that were up for renewal
 - b. We appear to be on track with our own renewal

2. Mosaica Report

- a) Discuss Szech and Gogerty Mosaica reports including update on student achievement and excellence
 - a. NWEA scores -growth went up
 - b. Hot lunch program on the path towards balanced accounting
 - c. State did take the 1.39% PPOR back as expected
 - d. State looking at additional cuts for this year rumored \$20- \$50 per childwe may be covered already on preparing for this cut from our earlier preparations
 - e. Enrollment- 40 Kindergarten signed up already
 - f. Arts and Technology fees- discussion about if its necessary, how much is necessary and if we can put it on a sliding scale (which will up our F/R numbers towards Title 1 funding).
 - g. Articulate vision for next year now
 - i. Busing- asking the board to consider free bussing for next year

- ii. Spanish- K-2 Spanish and 3-8th rosetta stone possibilities for next vear
- iii. Expand the arts- not increase expenses but offer more variety
- iv. C-cap for oasis
- v. Breakfast program offering?
- h. Discussion about approaching Tip Paul for help with debt reduction (bond deferral or contribution to the school)
- i. Thanks to the PTLO for the sign
- j. Website is being optimized for enrollment
- b) Recruiting and Fundraising discussion
 - a. Pre-School update
 - i. Hit target of 15 enrollees
 - b. Fundraising

3. Consent Agenda

The Board will act upon all items as a package unless a member wishes to remove and separately act upon an individual item.

- a. Approval of minutes for January 12, 2010
- b. Acceptance of Dec '09 Financial Reports

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by: Bennett Seconded: Eastman

Roll Call: unanimous- yes

4. Board Action

a) Recommended Motion: Move to accept NCAAK 2008-2009 audit by Swanhorst and

Company

Motion made by: Eastman Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: unanimous- yes

b) Recommended Motion: Move to accept revised format of 2009-2010 budget per CSI

request.

Motion made by: Eastman Seconded: Bennett

Roll Call: unanimous- yes

c) Recommended Motion: Move to approve CAO/Laura to establish Election Committee

Motion made by: Bennett Seconded: Eastman

Roll Call: unanimous- yes

d) Recommended Motion: Move to accept wording of motion for use in the election

Motion made by: Eastman Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: unanimous- yes

e) Motion to accept the updated handbook that Laura distributed for 2009-2010 school year.

Motion made by: Eastman Seconded: Bennett

Roll call: unanimous- yes

f) Motion to approve marketing for free bussing.

Motion made by: Bennett Seconded: Eastman

Roll call: unanimous- yes

g) Motion for the 2010- 2011 school year implement Spanish instruction for grades K-2 and Rosetta Stone instruction for grades 3 and up (Rosetta Stone not to exceed \$8000 of additional cost)

Motion made by: Eastman Seconded: Bennett

Roll call: unanimous- yes

h) Motion to emphasize our commitment to expanding the arts programs in 2010-2011.

Motion made by: Eastman Seconded: Bennett

Roll call: unanimous-yes

5. Audience Comments

Board President

- 1. I appreciate the Ask the CAO
- 2. What is the likelihood of the current 4th graders having 6th grade?

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Executive Session (if needed)

An executive session is requested to address personnel and negotiation items per C.R.S.

24-6-402 (4) (e) and (f). to discuss personnel matters

Motion made by: Eastman Seconded: Bennett Time: 6:11 on February 9th, 2010 Roll Call: unanimous- yes

Completed Executive Session (time): 6:34

2. Future Business

a) Board training session in February

3. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: Bennett Seconded by: Eastman

Roll Call: unanimous- yes

Time: 6:35

-----REFERENCES-----

Vision/Mission/Slogan (from October 2008 Planning Meeting)

Vision

To create a regional school where high academic expectations coupled with an emphasis on the arts provides a well-rounded education that fosters respect for self and others while enhancing each individual's contribution to society.

Mission

The mission of the Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge (NCAAK) is to craft and implement an imaginative and rigorous learning environment for teaching and learning. This program will link academics to the arts and link an arts education to community cultural resources. Ultimately, our goal is to teach students the joy of learning and the importance of expressing individual talent artistically and academically.

Slogan

Pride through Performance

GOALS

Student Achievement

- 90% test scores (quantitative)
- Participation levels (qualitative)
 - Parent volunteer hours
 - Students in Brain and Brawn each year

School Excellence

- Full school (475 students) w/ waiting list (25%)
- No debt by EOSY 2013
- Community Outreach 4 events in 2008 to 2009
- 90%
 - Student Retention

- o Parent Satisfaction
- o Teacher (Staff) Retention