T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

May 13, 2009 4:00pm Board Room, 4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order
Time Started: 4:01

2. Roll Call
Board President
Board Members present in attendance:
(X) Bauer () Bennett (X) Cyr (X) Eastman (X) Fries (X) Gallup (X) Hughes

3. Pledge of Allegiance
Board President
Board President

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as presented (or amended)

Motion made by: Gallup Seconded: Fries Note the addition of a Board Action regarding contract changes.

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. Board Discussion

- a) Discussion of MEI (Mosaica) contract (Term Sheet and CSI)
 Mosaica has responded to our proposal for contract changes, and those responses
 are being reviewed with an eye toward moving forward with a new contract.
- Recruiting and Fundraising position discussion
 From an initial field of 22 candidates, one candidate is expected to be offered the position.
- Election and Board member discussion
 We have one candidate and are collecting votes, which will be counted on Wednesday morning, May 20.
- d) Board officer discussion (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary)
 - With the departure of Matt Fries and Dawn Cyr, we will need to appoint Board members to the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - In addition, Barry Eastman's term ends in one year, and he recommends that while he is still on the Board, another member take over as president so that there can be a period of mentoring for the new president.
- e) Financial discussion—reviewed March 2009 financial report

2. Mosaica Report

a) Terry Gogerty - Executive Vice President

Reviewed and discussed the written report submitted by Terry Gogerty, including enrollment and teacher retention.

- b) Laura Szech Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
 - a. School Accountability Committee status -- has not met since the last meeting.
 - b. Volunteer hours total is 2340 hours turned in to date
 - c. Letter to parents explaining the amount of the state funding cuts that apply to this year and asking for donations
 - d. Tardy policy
 - e. 8th grade graduation ceremony planned
 - f. Mall Art Show
 - g. Eco week raised the money they needed to have all students attend
 - h. Our CSAP scores went up!
 - i. Status of Recruiting (numbers)

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 April 8 and April 22 of 2009
- b. Acceptance of March Financial Reports

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by: Fries Seconded: Hughes

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

4. Board Action

Motion to approve the tardy policy as amended during Board discussion.

Motion made by: Fries Seconded: Hughes

Discussion: Requested revised policy that specifies details about how the policy will be

implemented.

Roll call: Unanimously declined. Will review revised policy at next meeting.

Move to end Fries' tenure as Board member after this meeting and have Fries remain as a member of the Financial Committee.

Motion made by: Hughes Seconded: Bauer

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

Recommended Motion: Move to accept <Board member> to the Offices of Vice President and Treasurer.

NOTE: This motion tabled until next meeting.

Move to authorize Barry Eastman and Julia Bauer to continue work on negotiation of a new 7-year contract with Mosaica starting with the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion made by: Cyr Seconded: Hughes

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

STRATEGIC DIRECTION (30 minutes)

1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- a) Student Achievement Goals (Bauer)
- b) January planning meeting action items
 - a. Finalize ongoing test score metrics for Board monitoring (Szech w/ Bauer)

2. SCHOOL EXCELLENCE

- a) School Excellence Goals
 - a. Website Committee (Cyr)

- b. Recruiting Committee (Fries)
 - i. Goal of -solid- 500 students by May, 2009
- c. Public Relations Committee (Bennett)
- d. Fundraising Committee (Hughes)
- b) January planning meeting action items
 - a. Mosaica redo contract with loans (Eastman/Fries)
 - b. Space options outside of school, High School ideas, Long-term School Development, Online School (Fries & Gogerty)

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

2. Future Business

a) Next Board meeting may be held in May to decide officers.

3. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: Fries Seconded by: Eastman

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

-----REFERENCES-----

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

Visior

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