

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

April 8, 2009 4:00pm
Board Room, 4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order

Time Started: 4:05 p.m.

Board President

2. Roll Call

Board Members present in attendance:

(X) Bauer () Bennett (X) Cyr (X) Eastman (X) Fries () Gallup () Hughes

Board President

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President

4. Approval of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda as presented

Motion made by: Cyr

Seconded: Fries

- Note that the Board won't approve the initial proposed 2009-2010 budget today, but will call a special meeting to approve it later this month.
- We will have an executive session to discuss contract items.

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. Board Discussion

a) Financial Situation

a. Paul family bond deferral status

- Barry Eastman and Mosaica still working to communicate with the Paul family; most recent letter from them says they do still expect payment in May.
- Also in the works: Renegotiate contract with Mosaica to include the shortage and extend our contract with them for a longer term to accommodate expected payments.
- The Board also brainstormed alternatives in the event that the bond deferral does not happen.

b) Discussion of Mosaica contract—moved this discussion to Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e) and (f).

c) April Parent Meeting

- Board discussed having an informational meeting to let parents know the exact status of the school's funding and the affect of any shortfalls. The timing of this meeting is still to be determined. The Board would like to have full details plus any information about how state funding cuts and the federal stimulus will affect our budget.

Spring 2009 Election Motion to fill two Seats.

Motion made by: Cyr

Seconded: Fries

Discussion:

Suggested revision—change application submission date to April 28.

Suggestion—hold informal information meeting for recruits

Suggestion—pre-Paragon “meet the candidates session”

Suggestion—pass out voting info at the ice cream night before Paragon

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

4. Move to approve the creation of an Election Committee by Laura Szech and Julia Bauer.

Motion made by: Bauer

Seconded: Fries

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

STRATEGIC DIRECTION (30 minutes)

1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- a) Student Achievement Goals (Bauer)
- b) January planning meeting action items
 - a. Parent volunteer hours to Board (Szech)
 - b. 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. List of waiting list students, students who applied, and students who have left (Szech) (COMPLETE)
 - b. Mosaica – redo contract with loans (Eastman/Fries)
 - c. Determine owner for activities of retaining students (Eastman) (COMPLETE)
 - d. Space options outside of school, High School ideas, Long-term School Development, Online School (Fries & Gogerty)

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Executive Session (if needed)

An executive session is requested to address contract negotiation items per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e) and (f) on April 8, 2009.

Motion made by: Fries

Seconded: Cyr

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Bauer, Eastman, Fries, Cyr

Completed Executive Session (time): 6:37 p.m.

2. Future Business

- a) Next Board meeting
- b) Plus / Minus / Delta - Board Meeting Review

3. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: Fries

Seconded by: Bauer

Roll Call: Unanimous

-----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)
 - o Parent volunteer hours
 - o 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%
 - o Student Retention
 - o Parent Satisfaction
 - o Teacher (Staff) Retention